

UNION PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Spring General Meeting

Tuesday, May 20th, 2008 at 7:00 PM
Union Park Baptist Church 821 Arthur Ave

The UPNA Spring General Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 20th, 7pm at Union Park Baptist Church located at 821 Arthur. In the past our general meetings have been held in the auditorium of the Krumm Business Center on the Grand View College Campus. The Union Park Baptist Church has a large parking lot and easy access. Please use the handicap ramp that leads to the South Entrance into the sanctuary. For maps and directions to <http://www.upbcdesmoines.com/>.

Our agenda includes guest speaker Jerri Scott who is a Money Management, Credit and Home Ownership counselor. She will be talking to us about the topic: *Home Ownership in tough financial times, Avoid being a foreclosure statistic*. Jerri has twelve years money management and home ownership education experience including residential mortgage lending and refinancing, low-to-moderate income rental housing, basic money management, credit building and home ownership counseling and classroom education. We will also have an update on the construction going on at E. 14th and Hull Ave. Hope to see you there!



Neighborhood Garage Sale

Yes, it's time to clean up, clear out, and sell that stuff! The 3rd Annual Union Park Neighborhood Garage Sale will be Saturday May 17th.

If you've been thinking of having a sale, why not have

it then? UPNA will advertise it for you in the Des Moines Register and you can just put out your own sign. Lists of other sales will be available at all the houses participating. To get on the list, call Meghan Daugherty at

558-3501 and let her know. Our two previous sales have been very successful. Let's make this an even bigger event this year.

2008 Public Safety Recognition Day

In Conjunction with National Police Week, the Des Moines Police Department will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, May 17th from 8am to Noon.

Police equipment from DMPD, other area agencies, as well as the Des Moines Fire Department and the Des Moines International Airport Fire Department will be displayed on the

Court Ave. River Bridge.

Some of the displays and demonstrations include:

DMPD K-9's and Horse Patrol

Tours of DMPD including the Hall of History

Iowa Army National Guard Blackhawk Helicopter on display

Iowa Army National Guard

"The Gauntlet" Inflatable Obstacle Course For Kids

McGruff the Crime Dog will also be on Patrol

Come and Enjoy the nearby Farmer's Market and get to know people who make our community a safer place to work and live!

For more information contact Lt. Todd Dykstra at 237-1583.

The Heritage Carousel will be open soon for the regular season!

Opening Weekend May 17th and 18th, 11am to 8pm

Regular Season hours begin on Memorial Day Weekend. The Carousel will be open from 11am to 8pm May 24th, 25th and Memorial Day May 26th

Regular Hours:

Tuesday through Thursday: Noon to 7 PM

Friday, Saturday & Sunday: 11AM to 8 PM

Closed Mondays: Open Mondays only for holidays, Private parties and special events.



2008 Home Tour

The Neighborhood Home Tour is now open to the public. So invite your friends and visit some of the grand old houses in Union Park.

One of the greatest advantages of living in an established neighborhood is the variety of homes. This year we will have very different houses open for the UPNA Home Tour on Saturday, June 21 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Tickets can be purchased in advance by mailing the form included in this newsletter. They can also be purchased the day of the tour.

The cost of tickets are \$10.00. This includes admittance to all the house tours and gardens. Proceeds from the Home Tour will benefit The Union Park Neighborhood Association. Please look for more

info to follow on our website at www.unionparkdsm.com and in the Des Moines Register.

Home Tour Order Form

Please send check or money order to:

UPNA Treasurer

PO Box 16113

Des Moines, IA 50316-9402

Name: _____

Address: _____

of tickets @ \$10 each _____

Total: _____

You will be able to pick up your tickets at home locations the day of the tour.

Monthly Meetings

The Union Park Neighborhood Association holds a Spring and Fall General Meeting.

We also have monthly steering committee meetings that are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Meetings start at 7:00 pm at Grand View college in the Humphrey Center ("Old Main") on the 2nd floor.

These are all open meetings and any neighborhood resident is welcome to attend. The more of us that can get involved the better, so consider this your invitation to attend any meeting. If you can't make it to every meeting that's ok, but we would love to have you come whenever you can.

Everyone's input is welcome, whether you would like to help with a special event or project or just come to meet your neighbors.

DMPD Workshop

On March 27th, Chief of Police Judy Bradshaw and the various majors from different divisions within the department hosted a Des Moines Police Department Workshop for neighborhood leaders. The Chief stressed that she and the department value the importance of neighborhood associations, they treated us to lunch and told us about the services they offer. They also wanted us to know they welcome and respect the suggestions and comments of neighborhood and community leaders. I got the clear impression that Chief Bradshaw believes in being as open and honest with the community as possible. The Department's policy is to make information available to the community to interpret and use however they feel is appropriate. Some highlights of the presentation include:

Crime View Community— a new website was launched in March that gives the public the ability to view all crimes that have been reported in Des Moines within the last 90 days. This is very user-friendly because you can search by address, landmark or date. The site address is <http://mapping.dmgov.org/crimeview>.

L.O.S.T. Program— a new law enforcement program aimed at helping reunite individuals suffering from Alzheimer's (or any other medical condition which affects memory) who become separated from their families. The program is called L.O.S.T., which stands for Loved Ones Safe and Together. The program consists of a computer database that is stored at the police department. There is no cost to participate, to enroll call the Des Moines Police Department Detective Bureau at 283-4864.

Graffiti Camera Program— this has been a great success and effective in reducing vandalism.

Crime Free Multi Housing Program— a new crime prevention program that focuses on apartments and duplexes. Des Moines Police will be working with landlords and tenants to reduce crime by utilizing crime prevention techniques specific to multi-family dwellings.

-Jack Daugherty

City of Des Moines 2008 SCRUB DAYS

The Public Works Department, in cooperation with the Des Moines Neighbors and the Neighborhood Revitalization Board, has worked to schedule a number of SCRUB'S (Spring Cleanup to Remove Urban Blight) . This year, the Public Works Department will continue the use of the Metro Waste Authority (MWA) Transfer Station at 4198 Delaware Avenue and Metro Waste Authority (MWA) Compost Park at 1601 Harriett Street on eight Saturdays. Also see the following guide-lines and complete SCRUB calendar or call the Public Works Department 24-hour Customer Service Center at 283-4950.

Scrub Guidelines

Residents of Des Moines ONLY: Proof of Residency required; Photo ID or current utility bill.

Hours: Neighborhood SCRUB: 7 AM to Noon

MWA's Metro Transfer Station/Metro Compost Center : 7 AM to 2 PM

Note: Metro Waste Authority's Metro Transfer Station and the Metro Compost Center are NOT open to the public, Except on Saturday SCRUB day events.

SCRUB Items Allowed: Trash containers, general trash including furniture, lawn mowers without fluids, TV's, computers, tires (any size, on or off rim), Appliances (no charge this year PILOT program), air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, microwaves, dehumidifiers, furnaces, stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers, water heaters, etc.

All yard waste will need to be hauled to the MWA Metro Compost Center at 1601 Harriett ST. No yard waste accepted at neighborhood SCRUB sites.

Yard waste: Brush, tree limbs 24" diameter or less, maximum length 10 feet, prunings, loose leaves, loose grass clippings.

SCRUB Items Not Allowed: Car batteries, propane tanks, oil, paint or other toxic or hazardous chemicals. Call Metro Waste Authority's Regional Collection Center for Household Hazardous Waste at 967-5512 to dispose of these items.

Saturday Dates Both Sites are Open

MWA Transfer Station at 4198 Delaware Ave and the Compost Center at 1601 Harriett ST

May 17, 2008

June 7, 2008

June 14, 2008

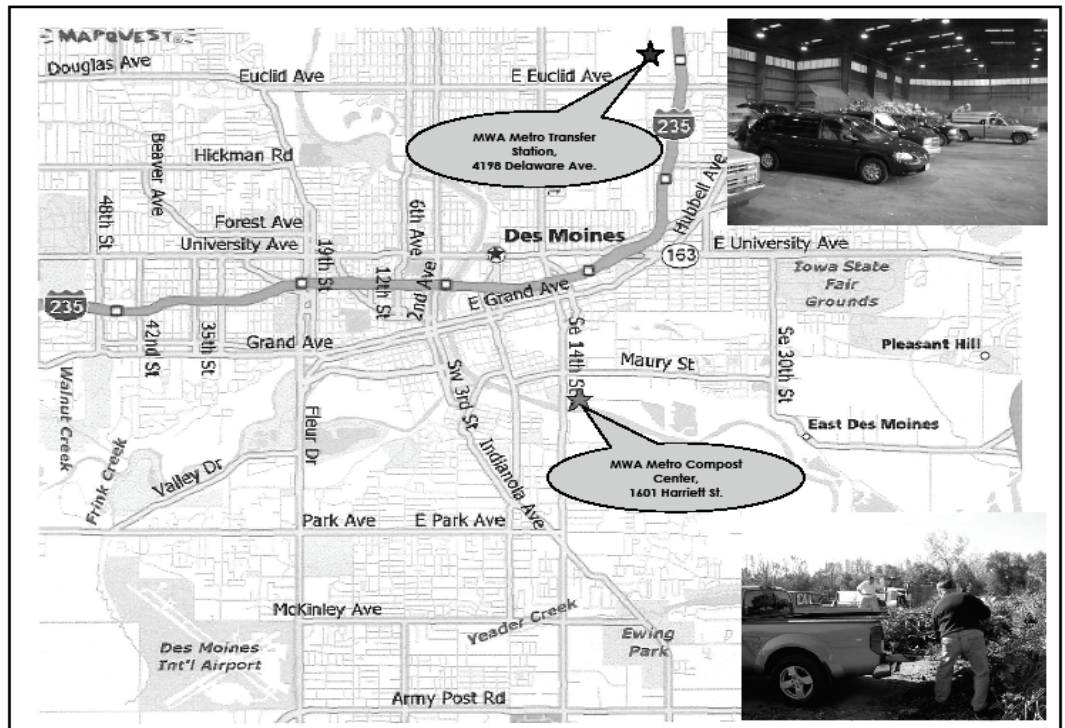
July 19, 2008

August 23, 2008

September 13, 2008

October 11, 2008

October 25, 2008



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PO BOX 16113

Des Moines , IA 50316-9402



Spring General Meeting
May 20, 7PM

Union Park Baptist Church

Membership Dues

Name _____

Address _____

9-digit zip code _____

(Please include the last 4 digits, check utility bills if you don't know yours. THANK YOU!)

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Yearly Dues: \$10.00 Family membership for one year, please mail to UPNA Treasurer,
PO BOX 16113, Des Moines, IA 50316-9402

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Paul Cole at 263-1885. If you are a member and are unsure when your membership expires,
please call Paul.

I am interested in:

- Helping with the Lawn of the Week Program
- Serving on the Steering Committee
- Assisting with the Newsletter
- Helping plant trees
- Helping on UPNA's Home Tour

More information on _____
