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Jazz in July in Union Park

July 11th: 2 to 4:30 pm - Union Park East Shelter

Union Park Neighborhood Association is again hosting another Jazz in July in Union Park this summer. Come hear the jazz of World Port on Sunday afternoon, July 11th, from 2 – 4:30pm near the East Shelter at 725 Thompson Ave. The group CJC Youth Combo will open for World Port.

metro arts
jazz in july



World Port often plays at the Downtown Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings so you may be familiar with their electric horn and overall great sound. Free treats will be provided during the concert.

Additionally the Heritage Carousel will offer free rides from 2:00 to 4:30

**THE HERITAGE
CAROUSEL**

pm, sponsored by Incredible Pizza Company.

For more information, go to <http://www.heritagecarousel.org>. So bring your lawn chairs or blankets, the kids and dogs for a lovely afternoon under the shade trees in our park.

Heritage Carousel Free Rides Sponsored by



www.unionparkdsm.com - Visit our website for news, information, agendas, past newsletters, calendars and t-shirts.

NFC Recognition

Union Park Neighborhood Association was recognized with a plaque for its significant support of the Neighborhood Finance Corporation (NFC) at a standing room only reception during its 20th Anniversary Celebration on May 4th at the Pappajohn Education Center. For 20 years, the NFC has worked with Des Moines area neighborhoods in their missions to revitalize and strengthen their neighborhood by providing funding.

The award was presented by Holly Olson, Executive Director of NFC. She noted that the Union Park Neighborhood is one of the top neighborhoods in the amount NFC has loaned for the past 20 years. Through April 30,

2010, NFC has originated \$18,959,785 in loans and grants in Union Park. (\$16,122,333 is loans for repayment and \$2,837,452 are forgivable loans). The \$18,959,785 translates to approximately 9.5% of all NFC loans. She said that Union Park's award was very well-deserved. She continued to say "Your neighborhood's ability to get the word out on the program has really contributed to the success we have seen there. The City and County are very excited about neighborhoods who take advantage of the NFC program, as with every loan, there is neighborhood revitalization. We look forward to working with Union Park for many years to come."

In 20 years, NFC has loaned \$200 million to 3600 housing units in 27 neighborhoods. Loans are two-part. A mortgage and a forgivable portion.

NFC now allows properties to utilize \$10,000 of forgivable money every 10 years. Therefore, if someone got a NFC loan more than 10 years ago, they can return for the opportunity to utilize more forgivable funds.



NFC Tool Lending Library

The Neighborhood Finance Corporation has a Tool Lending Library which has re-opened this month for residence living in the City of Des Moines. The fee structure has changed, but NFC strives to keep it affordable for everyone.

NFC offers its Tool Lending Library to eligible individual home owners and groups with home repair and maintenance needs. For a modest fee, members can borrow tools and receive technical assistance for a variety of projects.

They have an extensive variety of tools available for checkout with your Tool Lending Library Membership. The membership fee and includes unlimited use of any tools, equipment, books or videos in the

Tool Lending Library, and tool use consultations to ensure your safety.

Various membership categories are available to individuals and non-profit organizations who own and work on property in NFC neighborhoods. Obtaining a membership is simple. Please call John Baker, Tool Lending Library Staff at 288-5626 ext. 228 to discuss membership, or review our guidelines.

Applications are available at the Neighborhood Finance Corporation's street address is 1912 Sixth Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50314. The closest major intersection to our office is Sixth Avenue and Hickman. Our office is just one block south of Hickman on the west side of Sixth Avenue. Hours for the Tool Lending Library

are 4:30PM to 7:00PM Monday thru Friday and 9:00AM to 12:00PM on Saturdays. The Tool Lending Library is closed on Sunday and most Federal holidays. For more information go to: <http://www.neighborhoodfinance.org/index.aspx>

How To Become A Member of the NFC Tool Lending Library:

Pick up an application, complete it and return to NFC with:

Photo ID

Current Utility Bill

Copy of last year's Income Tax Filings

Membership fee depends on income:

Non-profit organization memberships are available

City of Des Moines 2010 SCRUB

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 seven Saturdays. Also see the following guidelines and complete SCRUB calendar or call the Public Works Department 24-hour Customer Service Center at 283-4950 or for more information go to www.dmgov.org.

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 and the Metro Compost Center : 7 AM to 1 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**, air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, microwaves, dehumidifiers, furnaces, stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers, water heaters, etc.

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.

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.

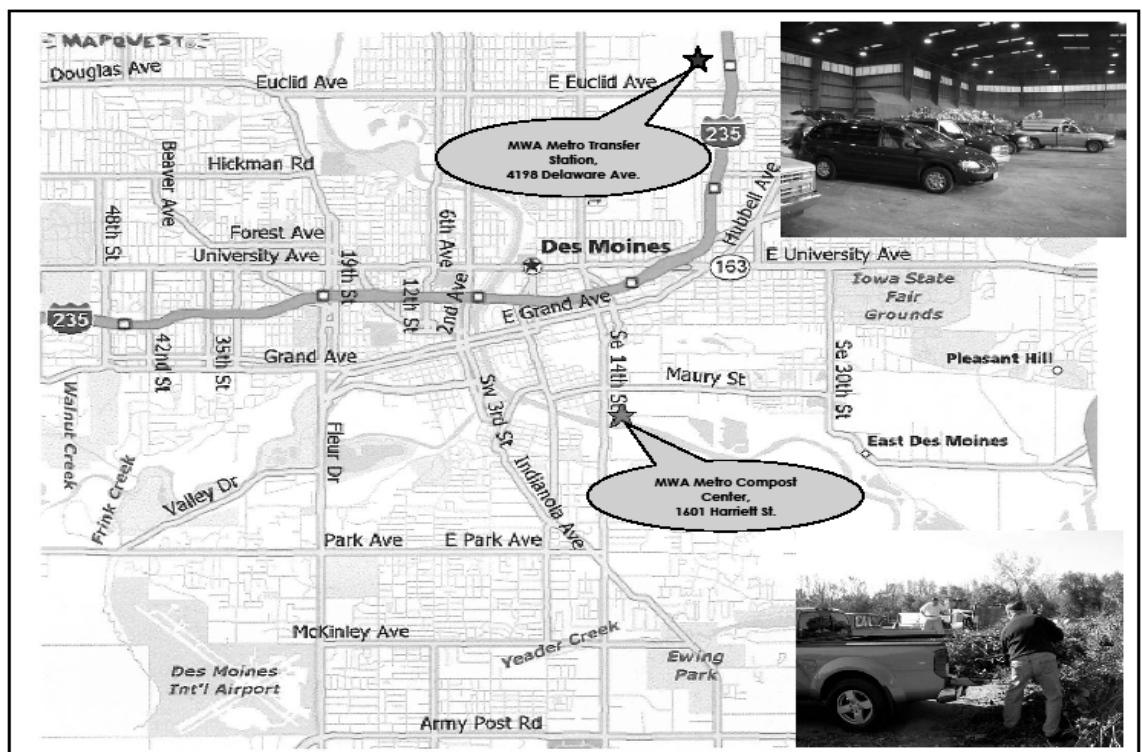
Saturday Dates Both Sites are Open

July 17

August 21

September 18

November 20



UPNA

Meeting Invitation

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. UPNA is accomplishing more each year so the more people that are involved the more good we can do!

Rendezvous on Riverview (ROR) Concerts 2010



On each Friday in June and July come enjoy our FREE concert series: Rendezvous on Riverview. This is the second year we have put on this series and we have expanded it from 5 Fridays last year to 9 Fridays this year.

Rendezvous on Riverview is a weekly summer social event beginning at 4:30pm and ending at 9pm. Each week will feature a different live band. Food (hot dogs, hamburgers, walking tacos), pop, beer and wine will be available.

Due to the construction of the new levee (which is expected to begin this summer) we are not able to hold the events on Riverview Island. Instead, our events are next to the island at 3010 6th Avenue (at the corner of 6th Avenue and Boston Avenue just North of Ginos restaurant).

This is an event brought to you by TPAN (The Parks Area Neighborhoods) which consists of Union, Highland and Oak Park Neighborhood Associations as well as Riverview Nature Island.

Pets on leashes and children are welcome but outside food and drink are not allowed. Ample parking is available adjacent to the site.

ROR Concert Schedule – Admission is Free:

Friday July 9thThe Melody Profitt Band
 Friday July 16thFlipside
 Friday July 23rdHold On
 Friday July 30thBrother Trucker



Public Works Breakfast

During National Public Works week, the Des Moines Neighborhood Resource Office helped all of the Des Moines neighborhoods say "Thank you" to the hundreds of Public Works employees who work so hard to keep our streets passable during the winter and provide flood protection among the many things they do for us.

Juice, coffee and pastries were offered during the Public Works Appreciation Breakfast on May 18th at the Public Works Building. The Public Works employees look forward to this event so they can meet the people they work with to make this city a great place to live.

Marsha Steele and Carolyn Rogers were there to person-

ally thank as many of these unsung heroes as possible and show UPNA's support and appreciation for the hard work and extreme dedication the men and women of the Des Moines Public Works demonstrate on a daily basis. Sometimes, just a simple "Thank You" goes a long ways.

Clowns At The Carousel

Clowns at the Carousel will be on August 1st, 2010 starting at 4:00 pm till 7:00 pm at the Heritage Carousel located in Union Park. Don't miss out on this Free & Exiting event!

Clowns at the Carousel began in 2003 when Korn Patch Klowns and Des Moines Parks & Recreation teamed up in recognition of International Clown Week and National Night Out.

Each year, thousands of children & adults have enjoyed family fun activities. All activities are FREE and

open to the public thanks to generous sponsors.

Throughout the evenings, there will be balloons, carousel rides, face painting, food, inflatable rides, mounted police, strolling entertainment, and educational information for families.

You are invited to join The Clowns at the Carousel for a night of laughter and entertainment at one of Des Moines best parks and help them celebrate international clown week!



GRANTS

UPNA's Correspondence Secretary, Beth Govoni has successfully written several grants for UPNA again this year. UPNA has been awarded a total of \$17,100 in grants! Angela Connolly, our representative on the Polk County Board of Supervisors has provided great support for our area.

Polk County Board of Supervisors provided the following grants: \$4,900 for Rendezvous on River-view, \$1,500 to pay for the mailing of the spring and summer newsletters and \$1,700 for the Jazz in July

event.

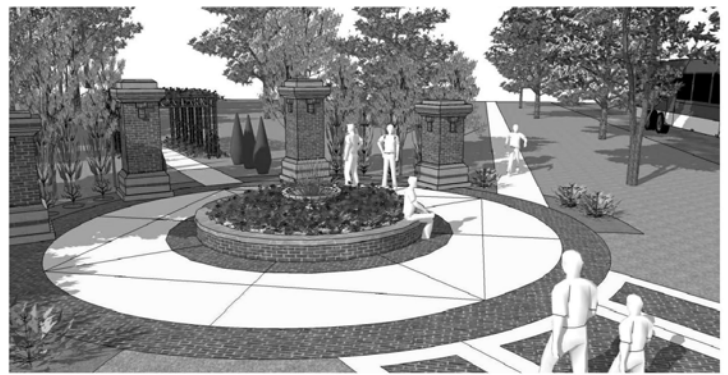
UPNA was also awarded a \$9,000 Streetscape grant from Des Moines Parks and Recreation. This will pay for the continuing restoration and improvement of the Union Park entrance at E 9th and Jefferson. You may remember that last year we were awarded grant funding to restore the existing pillars at the E 9th and Jefferson entrance as well as hire Confluence, a landscape architecture firm, to complete a design for future improvements to the entrance. The Final design is below.

We have also submitted a Community Development Grant application to Polk County Board of Supervisors for some additional work at the Union Park entrance. This one is for \$19,800 and would allow us to complete a major portion of the work depicted in the Confluence design. We expect to know whether we receive this grant by the end of July. Expect to see some construction activity in that corner of the park by this fall.



Union Park Monument Sign

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Sewer Separation Update

In the last UPNA newsletter, the next phase of the sewer separation project was announced, called the Lower Union Park Sewer Separation project. This project takes in parts of Capitol Park, Highland Park and Union Park neighborhoods. You may remember a few years ago, the Upper Union Park project was completed, which cost about \$8.5 million to complete.

The Lower Union Park phase will cost about \$5.4 million, which is covered by grant money. It is expected to take two years to complete all the work in this projects. Bids will be let soon and work will start yet this summer. Work started this year must be completed in time to insure the streets, driveway approaches and sidewalks are in good shape for the winter.

On June 22, city staff met with neighbors who will be affected by

the project at Amos Hyatt Middle School for an information meeting. Those who are directly impacted by the project received a mailing with a map and an invitation to attend the meeting.

City Staff showed residents large aerial photo maps on easels of the project and gave an overview of the project. They answered all question to the groups satisfaction and were available to discussed individual questions and concerns.

In the older parts of Des Moines, it was standard to have one big pipe for both sanitary and storm sewers and it all dumped into the river. Later those pipes were routed to the water treatment plants and all the water has to be treated before it can be released into the river. The Union Park area was developed later, in a transition period where most places installed sepa-

rate storm and sewer pipes, but a few places did not. This project will fix that problem, take the extra load from the water treatment plant, prevent ponding in the streets and relive back-ups in basements during extremely heavy rains.

It was noted that the downtown area still needs to have this separation work done sometime in the future.

For information on latest update of Projects with bidding documents, go to the City's website at: http://www.dmgov.org/Departments/Engineering/PDF/current_schedule.pdf

For Bid & Contract Information: <http://www.dmgov.org/Departments/Engineering/Pages/ProjectBidInformation.aspx>



Outdoor Siren Warning System - Big Change

In case you haven't heard, Polk County and Des Moines Metro Area have adopted new guidelines for sirens (outdoor warning systems). Sirens have always been intended to alert people who are outside that something is going on and to seek shelter and find out what is going on. The sirens never were intended to be heard indoors. Those who are indoors should have access to warning information on TV, radios, NOAA Weather Alert Radios or computers.

Briefly, here are the facts:

- Outdoor warning sirens will be sounded for tornadoes and for severe thunderstorms with straight line winds occurring/forecast to be 70 mph or greater.
- The sirens may be sounded multiple times during the threat.
- There will be no "all clear" signal for the sirens because people would be inside and unable to hear it. Citizens will be notified when it is safe to go outside again based on information from radio, television or their computers.
- Do not call 911 dispatch centers when the sirens are being sounded, unless you have a real emergency. Dispatchers are busy handling other calls.
- The sirens may be sounded multiple times during the threat. There will be no "all clear" signal for the sirens.
- Sirens are tested on the first Saturday of each month at noon. If actual severe weather threatens that day, the test will be delayed until the next monthly scheduled test. A "growl" test may be conducted on the third Saturday of the month. A "growl" test activates the system without a full audible alert of the system. Sirens may not be tested from December through February when ice and cold temperatures may damage the system.

The outdoor warning siren guidance document and other information are available on the Polk County Emergency Management Agency web site at: www.polkcountyiowa.gov/emergencymanagement/.

10th Annual Cruise to the Carousel

The Rollin' Relics Car Club has set their date for 10th Annual "Cruise to the Carousel Car Show" for Sunday August 29, 2010 from 11 am to 4 pm. Because it is their tenth anniversary, they are planning to do some special things. To register for the show or for more information about the 2010 event contact (515) 282-1447 or 515-323-8200.

This event is free to all residents and benefits not only the Carousel but also the park and the neighborhood. People who show their cars come from all over and they get to see what a great area this is. Bring your family and reminisce about similar cars you owned.



Union Park Neighborhood Association

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BECOME A MEMBER / SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

Name_____

Address_____

9-digit zip code_____

Form is also available on our website at www.unionparkdsm.com

Phone_____ E-mail_____

Yearly Dues: Three levels of Membership: \$10.00 Family membership, \$25 Supporter, \$30 Business
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.

All memberships renew on January 1st.

I am interested in:

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

- ☐ Having my house on the Home Tour
- ☐ Helping with Jazz in July
- ☐ Helping with Rendezvous on Riverview
- ☐ Helping with_____

More information on_____
