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Jazz in July in Union Park

Mark your calendars....Union Park Neighborhood Association's Jazz in July is happening Sunday, July 10th. Bring the whole family plus lawn chairs and friendly pets to hear the jazz trio Workshop from 2 - 4pm on the lawn near the East Shelter on Thompson Avenue.

This is the fifth year of a jazz concert in or near the park! It's free thanks to a Community Betterment Grant from the Polk County Supervisors. Be sure to say thanks to Supervisor Angela Connolly the next time you see her. A special thanks also to Neighborhood Finance Corp. (NFC) and Holly Olson, Executive Director, for sponsoring the band. The Heritage Carousel will be giving free rides during the 2 hour concert thanks to the sponsorship of U.S. Bank.

Union Park Neighborhood Association will provide free drinks and cookies. Kaleidoscoops Ice Cream, cotton candy and candied apples will be available for purchase.

Come enjoy great music in our beautiful park. Meet your neighbors and take a nostalgic ride on the Carousel. We hope to see a huge crowd enjoy this fun afternoon in Union Park.

In the event of rain the concert will be cancelled.

By Marsha Steele, Co-Chair



Music Under the Stars opened its 65th season on Sunday, June 12th on the west Capitol grounds overlooking downtown. This is a free event that features great music by many of Des Moines finest musicians in a beautiful setting. The concerts are great family outings and they happen when other events are not taking place. Concessions are provided and groups often attend.

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June 12 - 6:30 - Veterans Jazz Band; 7:30 - Iowa Military Veterans Band

June 19 - 6:30 - The Charlson Trio with Heather MacLennan; 7:30 - Des Moines Metro

June 26 - 6:30 - The Rhythm Majors; 7:30 - 34th Army Band, Fairfield, Iowa

July 3 - 6:30 - Jazz in July in cooperation with Metro Arts: The Java Jews; 7:30 - Rob Lumbard

July 10 - 6:30 - Bruce Martin and Friends; 7:30 - Des Moines Metro Concert Band: Music of Stage and Screen

July 17 - 6:30 - Janey Hooper Trio; 7:30 - Des Moines Metro Concert Band: Sounds of Summer

July 24 - 6:30 - Fred Gazzo; 7:30 - Des Moines Metro Big Band

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Rendezvous on Riverview

Free concerts every Friday Night in June and July at 6th and Boston. Event runs 5:30PM - 9:30PM (or later...) Bring your own lawn chair. NO COOLERS! Rain venue is New York Events Center -just across the street from Gino's Restaurant parking lot. Thanks to Polk County for the grants to help bring these free concerts to you! More info at www.rordsm.com . Try to remember -- no smoking on city property.

The remaining schedule is:

June 24: Ben 2K

July 1: Spam

July 8: Matt Woods & the Thunderbolts

July 15: Out of the Blue

July 22: Route 66

July 29: The Lavender Lace Band

By Jack Daugherty, UPNA Co-Chair



National Night Out Aug 2nd



National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 2nd at the Union Park United Methodist Church, 2305 E. 12th Street (in the parking lot) from 6:00-8:00 PM. Come celebrate America's night out against crime! Fun, food, games, activities for kids and even a DJ! This event is **FREE** and everyone is invited! Games will include spin art, hoola hoops, a Plinko game, and we should have the train again this year. Nothing is too structured. The train is made up of 50 gallon drums that hook behind the garden tractor (the caboose is a little smaller than the rest). This is

great fun for kids and adults. Disc Jockey, Eric Reidinger, will play classic 60's and 70's rock. He knows how to keeps toes a'tapping and most people are pretty familiar with the music he offers. The cook-out fare will include burgers, hot dogs, chips, baked beans, and cookies, ice tea and lemonade. Last year a popcorn machine was rented and we will likely do that again, as well. Representatives from various City departments and other organizations will stop by to mingle.

By Julie Ervin, UPNA member

Eastgate

It was in the Des Moines Register but recently we heard of renewed efforts underway to locate an anchor store at the 27 acre former Eastgate Shopping center. A good anchor store would attract other businesses to the area and would revitalized the area. We on the North Side want a place to spend our money locally without having to go west or south or to Ankeny and Altoona. The lat-

est proposal is for Dahl's to build a new store at Eastgate. Many of us are excited about having a new and larger Dahl's! The current one is too small and does not have the depth and variety of merchandise of the larger stores. According to information provided to Bob Mahaffey, our City Councilman, Dahl's would sell their existing store on Euclid and build a 50,000 square foot building.

That would be larger than the Dahl's on East 33rd but smaller than the Ingersoll Dahl's. Dahl's has renewed the lease at East 33rd so it is not expected to close that store. Much work and negotiations must be done by our city and county leaders for this proposal to go through but we remain hopeful.

By Paul Sadler, Editor

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!

City of Des Moines 2011 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 <http://www.dmgov.org/Departments/PublicWorks/Pages/ScrubCalendar.aspx>.

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 AGAIN 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.

**July 16
October 15**

**August 20
November 19**

September 17

Union Park Methodist Church

Union Park Methodist Church – In addition to the National Night Out in August, the church sponsors many other events during the year.

Annual Dog Show at the U.P. United Methodist Church – Saturday, June 25, from 2:00-4:30 PM. Bring your dogs and show off their adorable or funny tricks! All dogs welcome, but **MUST** be on a leash. There will be door prizes, enjoy an ice cream treat at the Ice Cream Shoppe! This event is fun, **FREE**, and open to everyone! Come check out the parade of dogs and the

special dog related program of the day.

Back to School Party - August 13th, starting at Noon with a lunch of hot dogs, chips and cookies, will be a "Back to School Party" open to everyone. Free school supplies will be provided to students while supplies last.

Rummage Sale at the U.P. United Methodist Church — September 8th & 9th from 10 AM-5 PM and September 10th from 9 AM-12 PM. Lots of **GREAT** items! **MARK YOUR CALENDARS.**



Quik Trip Expansion

Located at the corner of East 14th and Guthrie, Quik Trip will soon be expanding. They have purchased the home directly to the north of their current parking lot. The new area will provide 9 additional parking spaces for shoppers as well as a grass and landscaped area in the back corner to reduce runoff. The project should be completed by November. Quik Trip is working with city staff now to complete the Site Plan.

Neighbors attended a meeting with a QT representative in early June to understand the planned expansion and give input. As a result of that discussion, QT hopes to be able to incorporate additional exterior lighting on the south and west store walls. Everyone agreed extra lighting would provide security for the busy alley and surrounding area.

Quik Trip does not plan to add more

gas pumps; this store serves as a true neighborhood convenience grocery store; gas sales are a secondary product line.

The neighbors all agreed that Quik Trip is a great neighbor, always responsive to their concerns. Everyone looks for that relationship to continue.

By Marsha Steele, UPNA Co-Chair

Loved Ones Safe and Together

The Des Moines Police Department, in collaboration with the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Iowa Chapter, is proud to announce the creation of a new law enforcement program aimed at helping reunite individuals suffering from Alzheimer's (or any other medical condition which affects memory) who becomes separated from their families. The program is called L.O.S.T. which stands for Loved Ones Safe and Together.

So often individuals who suffer from Alzheimer's or other medical condition which involves memory loss or confusion will wander away from their home and police officers are called to assist in locating them. In addition, officers occasionally come across individuals who are lost but for whatever reason, have not been reported as such. The L.O.S.T.

program consists of a computer database that is stored at the Police Department. It contains information about the person such as name, address, physical description, birth date, etc. It also contains information about the potential activities of the person, where they may be heading or where they have been found before when lost and what symptoms they may exhibit when located by the police officer. The database contains provisions for a photograph of the individual which can be sent directly to searching officers via in-car computer systems as well as the media, should they be notified to assist in finding the person. The database can be upgraded as new information or changes occur with the person.

There is no cost to participate in this program. For further information or to

enroll in the L.O.S.T. program simply contact the Des Moines Police Department Detective Bureau at 515-283-4864. An information form will be sent to you along with a stamped envelope for its return to the Police Department. In addition to the completed information form, we ask that you include a recent photograph of your loved one. If you do not have a photograph, arrangements will be made for an officer to come to your home to take a photograph for the database.

The L.O.S.T. Program is an innovative way to assist police in locating and identifying persons affected by medical conditions which could result in them becoming lost. We encourage you to participate in this pro-active program for the sake of your loved ones.

Snow Ordinance Street Program to be Expanded

The Department of Public Works is expanding its Snow Ordinance Street Program from 16 to 24 neighborhoods. Non-participating neighborhoods interested in being included in the program should submit a written letter of request by August 31, 2011. Neighborhoods turned down last year and those adjacent to the 16 included in the program will be given first consideration. If approved, streets entering the approved neighborhoods will be signed "Snow Ordinance Streets – No Parking Until

Plowed", and wing plows will be used to clear these streets this winter. Letters from the president of neighborhoods electing to participate should be sent to the following address:

William G. Stowe
Assistant City Manager—Public Works
Director
Department of Public Works
216 SE 5th St.
Des Moines, IA 50309

Questions regarding snow and ice control program improvements may be directed to Bruce Braun, Street Maintenance Administrator, at 237-1371.

Union Park Pillars

You will notice some improvements in the Southeast corner of Union Park this summer. Phase one of the project was completed two years ago. It consisted of restoration of the four brick pillars near East 9th and Jefferson that had fallen into disrepair. Phase two is a little more flashy. A circle of concrete paving will be added right in front of the pillars. It will be colored and stamped to look like brick pavers. The circle will be 40' in diameter. In the center of the circle, a raised concrete planter will be built. It will be circular,

with 2' tall walls and a cap on top of the wall which will be a handy bench.

There is a bus stop at that corner so this will become a much nicer place to wait for the bus. The inside of the planter will be planted with various flowers and plants. All of this has been funded from two sources: a Streetscape grant from the City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department and from a Community Development grant from the Polk County Board of supervisors. Angela Connolly is our Polk County Supervisor and she was instrumental in mak-

ing sure we received funding for this important project.

We hope to continue redeveloping this corner of the park. It was once a grand entrance and little by little, we are bringing it back to the beautiful spot it once was. Future plans include a walkway leading from the pillars into the park with an arbor above it. The arbor could be planted with ivy which would make a lovely walking path into the park.

By Jack Daugherty, UPNA Co-Chair

Paperless Newsletters

Starting with the January 2012 Issue, we will be asking UPNA members to provide us with a working e-mail address so we may e-mail the Newsletter to them. Those who do not have an e-mail address or still want paper newsletters will need to "opt-in for paper". The newsletter will continue to be available on our website.

The cost of printing and mailing is prohibitive and we do not have the volunteer base to assemble the newsletter. The cost to send to all 2300 households in the Union Park area is about \$650. It requires about 40 man-hours to assemble the newsletter to be ready to mail to the entire neighborhood.

Thanks to grants from Polk County which pays for the printing and distribution of our newsletters, we have been able to send out four newsletters a year for the past two years. That grant could shrink or dry up, leaving us no alternative but to cut back on the number of newsletters we issue each year. We feel that with the available technology, we can do so much more than we could even 5 years ago to keep in touch with our neighbors.

For some time now, we have been sending our newsletter to members by e-mail as well as sending a paper copy. If you are not already receiving an electronic copy of the newsletter, please drop us an e-mail at

info@unionparkdsm.com. You will receive a confirmation and be added to our electronic list.

Protecting your information: If you are reluctant to provide your e-mail address out of concern that it will be used by outsiders to send you unwanted solicitations, please be assured that we protect your contact information. When we send out mass e-mails, we use the "blind carbon copy" feature, which does not display your e-mail address. That prevents someone from "harvesting". UPNA has a long standing policy of protecting our neighborhood contact information.

By Paul Sadler, Editor

SPRING GENERAL MEETING

If you missed the UPNA Spring General Meeting on May 24th, you missed a lot of good information. About 30 people attended.

Friends of Des Moines Park's, Jane Hein, provided information about the mission of the Friends and also told of \$1500 that will be dedicated to Union Park for planning of flower gardens. That was followed up by Tom McDermott who told us of the current work of planting and maintaining the existing flower gardens in the Park and future formal walking gardens near the

"pillars". Mike Gaul, who supervises the activities in the Park, told of plans to open the wading pool, resurfacing and painting of the iconic Rocket Slide, and the challenges of the mowing schedule.

David Miller, who is the "Sewer Enterprise Administrator" with the City of Des Moines Public Works, discussed the current sewer separation work going on in the Union Park area, and update on the levee work and the work on Saylor Road. Marty Mauk gave a compelling discussion for a representative School

Board, and if enough signatures are obtained, it will be on the fall ballot.

Then Tom and Josh Colvin from the Animal Rescue League talked about the People Safe and Pet Friendly Program.

The UPNA Officers gave committee updates and participants were given an opportunity to ask questions and exchange information. After adjournment, attendees went home with free Union Park calendars.

By Paul Sadler, Editor

The Carousel's Regular Season Hours began May 28th:

Tuesday – Thursday Noon – 7 p.m.
Friday – Sunday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Rides are still just 50 cents per child (no charge for an adult to stand next to a child)
Adults ride for \$1.00



SEASON PASSES AVAILABLE: Unlimited Rides all Summer Long for Family OR Grandparent & Grandkids \$35

Childcare Provider Passes: 1-5 kids: \$40 6-15 kids: \$50 16 - 30 kids: \$60 31+ kids: \$70

Joint Pass - Up to 3 programs under the same parent company - \$135

Book your group now – unlimited rides parties for small & large groups!

SPECIAL EVENTS at the Carousel:

Wacky Wednesday

Starting June 1st – Wacky Wednesday!
Buy 1 ride, get 1 free (per person)! No coupon needed!

Saturday Art Class Started June 11th and will go until July 16th.

The Carousel provides “Art Classes at the Carousel” on Saturday mornings for two age groups. Ages 4 to 7 are in the first part of the morning and Ages 8 to 12 are in the later part of the morning. The activities of the art classes center on the subject of animals, since the Carousel is populated with a wide array of them. Children may draw and paint with colors and textures with the supplies that are provided. Cost is **\$15 per child - \$10 for Carousel Season Pass Holders - \$10 for 2011 Animal Adopters and include drink, snack and a 1 hour Carousel ride pass.** The class instructor is Lorrie Anderson, a veteran art teacher for 34 years. She has taught painting, drawing, design, ceramics, jewelry, sculpture, textiles & photography! Lorrie loves working with kids and art!
Call 515-323-8200 or go to: [www.heritagecarousel.org/art classes/](http://www.heritagecarousel.org/art_classes/) to learn more about all the classes and the instructor or to register. Registration also taken at the Carousel! Pre-registration is required.

ONLY 7 ANIMALS LEFT TO ADOPT!

For \$100 and a donation you may “adopt” one of seven remaining animals in the Carousel for the season. The sponsor’s name will be displayed along with the chosen name for the animal. Included with the naming rights are a season pass, one t-shirt, and a 10 percent discount on private rentals or bulk token purchases. For more information on this unique way to support the Carousel go to: http://heritagecarousel.org/adopt_animal.html

First Rider of the Year - THAT’S THE ONE!

A happy little guy, Bourne Hanson, was the “First Rider of the Year” and selected the Pirate Cat for his first ride of the Season! Despite the chilly morning, the “First Riders of the Year” kicked off the first round of the season. Bourne was selected as the recipient of a Heritage Carousel t-shirt and got to select his favorite animal to ride first. The other “First Riders” quickly filled up the rest of the Carousel. Thanks to all who entered and all who donned warm coats and hats to get the season started! For more “First Rider” photos go to http://heritagecarousel.org/photos_first rider2011.html

Construction Notice: There is construction signage at University & Penn Avenue stating that Penn Avenue is closed to through traffic. The closure is currently just north of the Union Park entrances and does not obstruct accessing the Carousel from Penn Ave.

This and That:

The 11th Annual Cruise to the Carousel Car Show - will be August 28th, 2011 (Rain or Shine) at the Heritage Carousel in Union Park (E 9th and Thompson in Des Moines). Registration will be 9:00 to noon; voting will be noon to 1:30 PM and Awards will be made at 3:30 PM. There will be door prizes, goodie bags, games, raffles, 50/50 drawing. The Car Show charity is the Des Moines Carousel Foundation. For Car Show information contact Pat Schmidt at 515-223-6037. Registration form is on the Heritage Carousel website.

AQUALAND RENOVATION - If you have not driven down Euclid Avenue recently and noticed the building on the corner of 6th Ave, there are changes going on at Aqualand Pets Plus. Renovation is going on inside and out. Aqualand is in the Highland Park Neighborhood Association. Improvements in Highland Park tend to rub off on us. They deserve our applause.

The Union Park Splash Pad - was closed for a few days in June out of safety concerns. The newly repainted pad needed more silicon to prevent slips and falls on the surface. Additional paint was ordered and the pad was quickly resurfaced and re-opened. While it was closed, wading pool attendants gave Union Park Splash Pad visitors free day passes to an aquatic center and a sprinkler system was set up on-site. Maps of alternative wading pool locations were distributed. Although this occurred during a hot spell, the city staff refused to compromise on citizen's safety and the free alternatives helped ease the inconvenience. A rose to the Parks Department!

A Thank You - With the help of neighbors in the 2300-2400 block of E 11th, police were able to help calm night-time problems in the area. One

rental house was designated as a Disorderly House and the landlord was sent a Specified Crime letter. It is a tribute to the residents who would not silently tolerate having their property and privacy violated by disrespectful young people and nighttime revelers. We should never hesitate to band together with our neighbors and call the police when we have concerns for our safety or property. Thanks to the proactive neighbors who partnered the police, that area remains a good place to live. And we should always say "Thank You" to our law enforcement officers when they do something good. Thank you!

The Parks Medical Center - We have been watching the work on the corner of East 14th and Guthrie with much anticipation and it appears the work continues to progress steadily. We don't have much information on when the new medical center will plan to have their open house, but work on the outside of the new "Prairie Style" building is in the completion phase - the roof is on, the windows are in, the brickwork and stucco is done and a lot of the cement work is finished. The landscaping has a ways to go yet, but the building already looks like it will be a nice addition to the corner.

Highland Park Farmer Market - The first Highland Park Farmers Market of the year was on June 2 and had 16 vendors and perfect weather. They offered garden produce, storable foods, potted plants, Norm's pies, rolls, and breads, and things they were not sure what they were. Mr. Bibb is back with all kinds of eats. Check it out every Thursday at 4:00PM until October 6th. The market is located 6th and Euclid to 6th and Douglas.

Sweet Corn Day - July 16 - This annual event will be held from 4:30-9 p.m. along 6th Avenue between Euclid and Douglas. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. Price includes all the sweet corn you can eat, iced tea, a BBQ pork sandwich and a slice of watermelon. Beer, pop and water will also be available for purchase. Central Iowa Blues Society will provide music. All profits go to the Parks Area Foundation to support community improvement projects. For more information, contact Bill Wheeler at Highland Park Hardware, 6th & Euclid, 244-0443.

Union Park Neighborhood Association

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TIME VALUE

Jazz in July
July 10th 2—4 pm
Union Park on the Lawn near the
East Shelter

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 _____