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News at the Heritage Carousel

Mother Nature provided a chilly start to the Carousel season but we are planning on sunshine for all the days ahead! The "First Rider of the Year" event held on May 14th gave us more than one "First Rider" – it also gave us the first time to see Carousel riders (and Operators) in winter jackets! We were happy to know that the chilly temps didn't keep away the faithful riders!

Thanks to many UPNA members who supported the Carousel by purchasing a season pass this year. Paid UPNA members were offered the perk of a \$5 discount on a Family Pass or Grandparent & Grandchildren pass. The offer continues through the season! We are happy to see you enjoying the Carousel and Union Park!



(photo by ericjhermann.com) **THAT 'S THE ONE!** Bourne selects the Pirate Cat for his first ride of the Season!



Bourne Hanson "2011 First Rider of the Year" picked out his Carousel shirt & the Pirate Cat for his first ride of the season!

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

4th of July – the Carousel will be open 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. Wear your red, white & blue – buy 1 ride, get 1 free!

Sunday, July 10th – Jazz In July in Union Park. Free Carousel rides from 2-4 p.m. sponsored by U.S. Bank and the Des Moines Carousel Foundation.

Sunday, August 7th – Clowns at the Carousel! 4 – 7 p.m. The 9th year for this ALL FREE family event! Free safety fair, Carousel rides, inflatable games, music and activities, hot-dogs, popcorn & lemonade!

Sunday, August 28th – The Cruise to the Carousel Car Show. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Free Carousel rides during the show! Come to enjoy the beautiful (Continued on next page)

News at the Heritage Carousel (cont)

cars or enter your car up to the day of the show. Registration information available at www.heritagecarousel.org or by calling 223-6037. All proceeds support the Heritage Carousel. Thanks – Rollin’ Relics Car Club!

Every other week at the Carousel it is either: Wacky Wednesday – Buy 1 ride, get 1 free! No coupon needed. (6/29, 7/13, 7,27, 8/10 & 8/24)

T-shirt Tuesday – Wear your Heritage Carousel shirt, buy 1 ride and get 1 free! (7/5, 7/19, 8/2, & 8/16)

The Carousel remains available for group gatherings and offers unlimited ride options for both private rentals and “Open Hours” rentals. Private rentals will continue after the regular season through November.

Cruise to the Carousel

The 11th annual “Cruise to the Carousel” car show will be held Sunday, August 28th from 11 – 4. Hosted by the Rollin’ Relics Car Club, the proceeds of the show go to support the Heritage Carousel. The car club puts in months of preparation and a very long day the day of the show. Their efforts are obvious, as this show seems to grow and grow! The 2010 show featured 225 beautiful vehicles for car lovers to view free of charge. For Carousel lovers there are free rides during the show (11 a.m. – 4 p.m.) and the proceeds from the past years have helped keep the Carousel pavilion in good working order and looking good (doors were recently painted), the animals have been undergoing painting also the past 3 years – only 6 animals left to have the initial maintenance painting done and the local artist will move to the “crown” of the Carousel. Thank you to the Rollin’ Relics for being the largest annual supporter of the Carousel! This year’s show will feature the top 25 stock cars, the top 25 modified cars and 10 specialty awards including the Carousel Choice Award. Prior to award time at 3:30 there will be the chance to purchase tickets for the 50/50 raffle, food and drinks for sale and lots of outstanding cars to view!



“Cruise to the Carousel” - Carousel Choice Award 2010
1956 Ford Victoria—Owned by Greg & Deb Wing

Half Century Residence Award / Neighborhood Star and Silver Star Awards

Awards programs sponsored by the Union Park Neighborhood Association recognize neighbors who have lived in the same house or in the neighborhood for fifty years or more.

The purpose of these programs is to call attention to and honor our neighborhood's long-time residents. The living memory and the presence of these individuals in our neighborhood contribute a distinct sense of place to Union Park and a source of stability within a quickly changing world.

Applications may be obtained from our website or by contacting any of the officers and may be submitted at any time. The Awards are presented at General Meetings of the Association.

Eligibility Requirements:

- For the **Half Century Residence Award**: The resident must have lived in one house continuously for 50 years in the Union Park Neighborhood.
- For the **Neighborhood Star Award**: The resident must have lived continuously for 50 years in several houses in the Union Park Neighborhood

For the **Silver Star Award**: The resident must have lived in the same house in the Union Park Neighborhood that was occupied by his/her parents, grandparents, children or grandchildren for 50 years straight. Applicant must reside at this house at the time of application.

The house must be within UPNA boundaries, which are: The south side of Hull Ave. on the north, the railroad tracks on

An Invitation to Serve—Broadlawns

Broadlawns Medical Center is looking for new volunteers for greeting and way finding at Broadlawns Medical Center. Broadlawns has entered into a new era as our hospital is under construction. We have expanded our Emergency Department and some patient access areas. Patients and their families and visitors have many questions when they enter the hospital. You can be the volunteer who welcomes and directs them to the services they need. We are looking for volunteers to assist our patients and visitors find their way. Those who may be interested in volunteering as the Helping Hands and Caring Hearts for Broadlawns Medical Center can download an application at www.broadlawns.org or contact me.

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MEDICAL CENTER

Iowans Urged to be On Guard for New Type of Meth Lab

The Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) today released a poster designed to alert Iowans to the relatively new and increasingly popular one-pot method of making methamphetamine.

A growing number of meth cooks are changing how they make the illegal drug, and we want Iowans to be aware of potential new dangers, said ODCP Director Mark Schouten. The new one-pot type of meth lab is smaller and involves a few different materials, but can be just as dangerous as the old versions.

Most Iowa meth labs still use anhydrous ammonia or red phosphorus as precursors. By contrast, one-pot meth labs use ammonium nitrate found in products such as fertilizer stakes or cold compresses. Another difference is that one-pot meth typically is cooked in plastic two-liter drink bottles.

As we've already seen in our state, the combination of flammable chemicals, plastic containers and pressurized cooking methods used in one-pot meth labs can cause flash fires and respiratory ailments, said Kevin Frampton, Director of the Iowa Department of Public Safety, Division of Narcotics Enforcement. After receiving only one report of a one-pot meth lab in 2009, law enforcement reported 56 of them in Iowa last year, and number of one-pot labs is on pace to increase significantly again this year.

When coming across suspicious materials left behind by others, we encourage Iowans particularly those participating in outdoor activities this summer to stay away and stay safe, said Schouten. We also urge Iowa retailers to use the new poster to educate clerks, and to report suspicious purchases of products used in one-pot meth labs.

Anyone suspecting meth lab activity should call 911 or local law enforcement. Iowa's One-Pot Meth Alert poster may be downloaded at www.iowa.gov/odcp. Requests for a limited number of printed copies may also be submitted to becky.bell@iowa.gov.

The One-Pot Meth Alert was produced in coordination with the Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program.

HOME Inc.

604 Arthur Open House
Wednesday, July 27, 2011
4:00 to 6:30 pm

HOME, Inc., invites the Union Park neighbors to an open house at 604 Arthur Avenue on Wednesday, July 27th from 4:00 to 6:30 PM. HOME, Inc. acquired and rehabilitated the formerly foreclosed property, utilizing the Neighborhood Stabilization Program through the City of Des Moines. Rehabilitation efforts concentrated on updating systems and energy efficiency while retaining the unique Craftsmen character of the home.



HOME, Inc.'s mission is to create opportunities for quality, affordable housing. We acquire, rehabilitate and construct housing to provide homeownership opportunities to low and moderate income households. For more information call 243-1277 or visit www.homeincdsm.org.

HALF OF CHILDREN KILLED IN FIRES ARE UNDER AGE 5.

USA Today (2/13, Sternberg) reports, "Children age 4 and younger, those least able to make their way to safety without help, account for roughly half of all childhood deaths and injuries suffered in fires," according to a FEMA report set for release today. "Children younger than 5 made up 52% of the deaths of children younger than 16 in fires in 2007," and "were 46% of the injuries that year." The absence of "a working smoke detector has been linked with nearly 25% of fatal residential fires, though just 3% of homes do not have smoke alarms installed, the report says." FEMA Administrator Fugate is quoted as saying that small children "need to be rescued. If the adults in the household don't know what's going on until it's too late, they're going to perish." Noting a statement from Mark Shriver, Chairman of the National Commission on Children and Disaster, that the numbers are getting worse, USA Today adds that to combat the problem, "Fugate says, FEMA, the commission and more than two-dozen other organizations will launch a national campaign today to promote fire safety. The federal agency will post safety tips and other information at www.ready.gov/kidsfiresafety. FEMA also is promoting a dialogue on Twitter, using the hashtag #kidsfiresafety."

Heating

The high cost of home heating fuels and utilities has caused many Americans to search for alternate sources of home heating. The use of wood burning stoves is growing and space heaters are selling rapidly. These heating sources are a major contributing factor in residential fires and may put children at risk. Many of these fires can be prevented.

What you can do:

Never use your oven to heat your home.

Never allow children to play near a fireplace, wood burning stove, space heater, or other heating sources. Establish a 3 foot safety zone around all heat sources.

Have your chimney or wood stove inspected and cleaned annually by a certified chimney specialist, and use a metal mesh screen when burning a fire in your fireplace.

Follow manufacturer instructions when alternative heat sources such as wood stoves and kerosene heaters are used. Kerosene heaters may be prohibited by local fire marshals.

Use fire-resistant materials on walls around wood stoves. Store fuels in proper containers, and keep them out of the reach of children and away from combustible materials.

Cooking

Many families gather in the kitchen to spend time together, but it can be one of the most hazardous rooms in the house if you don't practice safe cooking behaviors. Cooking is the leading cause of reported residential fires and fire injuries in the United States.

What you can do:

Young children are at high risk of being burned by hot food and liquids. Keep children away from cooking areas by enforcing a "child-free zone" of 3 feet (1 meter) around the stove and microwave.

When young children are present, use the stove's back burners whenever possible.

Never hold a child while cooking, drinking, or carrying hot foods or liquids.

Keep young children at least 3 feet (1 meter) away from any place where hot food or drink is being prepared or carried, such as around the microwave. Keep hot foods and liquids away from table and counter edges.

Teach children that hot things can burn them.

When children are old enough, teach them to cook safely. Supervise them closely.

Be Prepared

In at least 23 percent of all fatal residential fires, no smoke alarms were present. Keep your family safe, by installing a smoke and carbon monoxide alarm on every level of your home and inside and outside sleeping areas. Test smoke alarm batteries every month and change them at least once a year. In addition, make an escape plan with a common meeting place and call 911 once you are safely outside. Practice the escape plan with your family; plan a home fire drill on a regular basis.

Families can further reduce their risk of injury or death by also installing residential sprinkler systems.

Practice safe fire behaviors and know what to do in an emergency to give your family extra seconds to escape. For more information on fire-safe behaviors and activities, visit www.ready.gov/kidsfiresafety and

www.usfa.dhs.gov.



← **WHAT IS THIS?**

See the square thing with all the squiggles in it?

It is called a "QR" or "Quick Response" code and UPNA is the first neighborhood to have one! You can use your smart phone to read it. This one takes you the UPNA website at

<http://www.unionparkdsm.com/>. It is like the bar code on a can of peas at the grocery store. These codes appear in newspapers and magazines and on products. They are common in Japan but just catching on in the U.S.

Make a Splash at Des Moines' Aquatic Centers!

Teachout Aquatic Center will reopen on June 4th with the remaining aquatic facilities for the summer season.

Des Moines Park and Recreation operates five aquatic centers, listed with their locations below:

- Teachout** 2601 Hubbell Avenue
- Ashworth** 101 SW 45th Street
- Birdland** 300 Holcomb Avenue
- Nahas** 1101 Porter Avenue
- Northwest** 4915 Madison Avenue

Hours of operation are: Monday-Thursday 12:30-7:00pm
 Friday-Sunday and Holidays 12:30-6:30pm

Daily Admission:	2 and under	free
	3-20 years	\$2.00
	21 years and older	\$4.00

Half- price daily admission Monday-Thursday after 5:00pm

Season Passes:	Individual	\$45.00
	First two in family	\$80.00
	Each additional family member	\$30.00
	Family maximum	\$140.00
	Replacement tags	\$3.00

The 2011 Season runs through August 21. Northwest will remain open August 22-24 and weekends through Labor Day, September 5. For additional information please visit our website www.dmparks.org.



4th of July Ride Special

Carousel will be open 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.!

Wear red, white & blue

Buy 1 ride and get the 2nd free!

Tuesday, July 5th

T-shirt Tuesday!

Wear your favorite Heritage Carousel t-shirt

Buy 1 ride, get 1 ride free!

metro arts
jazz in july

Mark your calendars.....

FREE!

Union Park Neighborhood Association's Jazz in July
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.

Highland Park Farmers Market

Every Thursday
June 2 thru
October 6
4 to 7 pm
Sixth & Euclid
to
Sixth & Douglas



All You Can Eat Iowa Sweet Corn

\$8
\$8 Adult
\$4 Kids 5-12



Highland Park Sweet Corn Day
July 16, 4:30 to 9:30 pm

★ RENDEZVOUS on RIVERVIEW PARK ★

the classic ★ 8th & corning des moines, ia.

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.

The Rocket Slide is 40 years old this month! Happy Birthday!



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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 _____
