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Union Park Neighborhood Association's Jazz in July concert is Sunday, July 8th. This is part of the Metro Arts Alliance' month long series of jazz concerts throughout greater Des Moines. Bring the family, lawn chairs and friendly pets to hear Betsy Hickok and the Standards from 2 - 4pm on the lawn near the East Shelter on Thompson Avenue. We are pleased to host this live jazz in the Union Park neighborhood and the greater East Side!

Members of the Betsy Hickok and the Standards group include Betsy Hickok (Vocals), Dave Rezek (Trumpet), Ron Roberts (Guitar), and Scott Barnum (Bass). Betsy Hickok has performed as a solo jazz vocalist, and as a member of the Iowa City-based group "Too Much Yang." In 2006, she released her first solo jazz album featuring jazz standards, and the Iowa City Press-Citizen said in its review, "Betsy Hickok boasts a cool, clear water delivery, impeccable timing, and the knowing gift for phrasing that can only come from a long, loving immersion in classic jazz." Hickok has appeared several times in the Iowa City Jazz Festival, the Jazz from Riverside Theatre series, and in numerous local and regional venues. Betsy Hickok has been a part of the Iowa City jazz scene for 20 years, and recently moved to Ames, Iowa.

This is the sixth year of a jazz concert in or near the park! The Heritage Carousel will be open; kids can also enjoy the Rocket Slide and other playground equipment as well as the wading pool.

Union Park Neighborhood Association will provide free drinks and cookies. Ice cream from Kaleidoscoops and other treats will be available for purchase.

Even if you are not a jazz aficionado, come relax to the music in beautiful Union Park and meet your neighbors; take a nostalgic ride on the Carousel; support this event sponsored by the Union Park Neighborhood Association. We hope to see lots of our neighbors at this fun afternoon in Union Park. In the event of rain the concert will be cancelled.

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Help Keep Union Park Beautiful

Have you noticed the beautiful flower beds in the park? Be sure to check them out! They are planted and tended by Des Moines Park and Rec staff for the enjoyment of all the visitors who come to our park.

Sadly some of the plants have recently been stolen. This makes extra work for lots of people and the City may not have coordinating plants to replace those stolen.

If you see anything suspicious, get the license plate number of the vehicle and call the Police Non-Emergency phone 515-283-4811. If you feel it is an emergency, dial 911.

Please Help Keep Union Park Beautiful!

by Marsha Steele, on behalf of Union Park Neighborhood Association Steering Committee



Union Park Lawn of the Week Awards

Tom McDermott and Yvonne McClure have volunteered to coordinate the Union Park Lawn of the Week Awards.

The Lawn of the Week Awards program started in 1992 by the UPNA Steering Committee, to identify and honor front yards that exhibited both good landscape design and consistent quality of yard maintenance. For many years, Teresa Smith coordinated the awards and then Marilyn Fors-Roby carried on the tradition until 2009. Since then, the Lawn of the Week program has been suspended until Tom and Yvonne stepped this year up to volunteer to walk and drive through the area to identify outstanding front yards of neighbors whose lawns exemplified both neatness and beauty.

As they find a “winner”, Tom and Yvonne place a green and white sign in the yard for one week to proclaim the yard as the “Union Park Neighborhood Lawn of the Week”. The winners will be honored at this year’s Fall General Meeting, with a slide show that features the winning lawns, and the recipients will receive a certificate of achievement and a gift certificate.

Yvonne said “This will be fun!! Kind of like a scavenger hunt! We have been scoping out probable yards. I appreciate this opportunity to do this.” She said she grew up in Highland Park area, but moved away for a long time and then returned to Des Moines a few years ago. She said she is glad to have landed back on the North side (or East side) of Des Moines. “This is where my heart

and soul is”, she said.

Tom and Yvonne will consider “nominations” but they make the final decision on who gets the Lawn of the Week awards. If you have a lawn you would like to suggest, please send an e-mail to info@UnionParkDSM.com or call any of the officers on the first page of this newsletter.



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 University 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

Looking for a relaxing way to unwind on Friday nights? You might find the answer to that on the corner of Boston and Sixth Avenue, just north of the river. The Park Neighborhoods sponsor some terrific music every Friday night through June and July. Rendezvous on Riverview is a free admission all ages concert held this year in the open lot at 6th and Boston, starting at 5:30 pm. Parking is free as well. They serve up some great reasonably priced food and drinks.

June kicked off with the Beau Nystrom band, a country rock group. Crowds were a little thin but everyone enjoyed the terrific country covers and the Beau-iginals that were thrown in. Kids ran and played with hula hoops and beach balls in the fenced in grassy lot.

The second week drew a few more folks to hear Boomerang, a HOT 70's band. Drew Cannon said he and his wife came in off the bike trails to join in. It was a gorgeous Friday night and the music enjoyable.

Unfortunately the much needed rain drowned out the Backstage Boogie Band on June 15. Lead by Harlan Thomas, a Blues Hall of Fame member, which would have been a terrific concert. I'm only sorry it didn't happen.

Plan your Friday evening around good company and good entertainment. Bring a lawn chair, or a blanket, the kids and the pets (on leash). You can spend time getting to know your neighbors, listening to some great tunes, and just relaxing. This is a family-friendly evening event featuring live music, food, and beverages. Limited edition t-shirts and Riverview Amusement Park memorabilia items will be for sale each evening. Here are the remaining FREE summer outdoor concerts:

- June 22 Brother Trucker
- June 29 The Abby Normal Band
- July 6 BEN2K Fireworks Afterward
- July 13 Final Mix with Del "the Saxman" Jones
- July 20 Cellar Dwellers
- July 27 Hold On

By Julie Ervin

Birdland Redevelopment Committee

The Birdland Redevelopment committee met with Mary Neiderbach from the City of Des Moines Community Development on May 10th. Members of the Committee includes Jerry Niffenegger, Le Ann Folkers, Brandon Cikanek, Leane Hartney, Kent Newman and Jack Daugherty

(Chair). They discussed the history and purpose of the committee, possible used of the spaces in the Birdland area, timeframes and items for future meetings. The next meeting dates were not announced but please contact Jack Daugherty for more information.

Union Park Presbyterian Church

Rev. John W. Gilmore, Pastor

**Worship Service -
10 a.m. Sunday**

**followed by coffee,
treats and conver-
sation**

Come join us!

**1307 Thompson Ave.
Phone: 266-4700**



Rollin Relic's Car Show Comes to Union Park on August 26th

Union Park will welcome the 12th annual classic car show on Sunday, August 26th near the East Shelter on Thompson Avenue. The event is open to the public from 9am to 3pm, with the cars arriving to register between 9 and noon. Food and drink will be available for purchase at the show. The awards ceremony will take place at 3pm. Union Park

Neighborhood Association is again sponsoring a \$50 trophy.

The car club organizes and hosts the event to raise money for the Heritage Carousel with the goal of maintaining the 50 cents ticket price for children. Funds are also used for the upkeep of the carousel animals. Rollin Relics has raised over \$23,000 the past 11 years. Contact Bob

Lehrkamp, Show Chair, at 515-280-7350 for more information.

Come join the fun in Union Park; see the cool cars and visit with their owners. Help support the Heritage Carousel and Rolling Relic's classic car show.

by *Marsha Steele*

Community Betterment Grant

In May, the Union Park Neighborhood Association received a Community Betterment Grant in the amount of \$4,500.00 from the Polk County Board of Supervisors. Community Betterment Grants are funded from Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino profits. Angela Connolly, 5th District Supervisor, said that these grants provide the Board of Supervisors an opportunity to return casino profits to our community.

The grant will help fund the distribution of UPNA newsletters, continue progress on the work on the Pillars Restoration Project at the southwest corner of Union Park and the continuation of Rendezvous on Riverview.



Free Movies in Union Park

Movies in the park will be back for two shows this year! City Budgets have been cut but UPNA feels this is such a great event for our neighborhood, we have donated funds to keep it going. We are going "old school" this year and chose some classics that the whole family can

enjoy! August 25th The Goonies will be shown and September 8th will be Back to the Future! The movie will start at sundown so bring those chairs and blankets. Parks and Rec will have a snack vender wagon on-site to purchase sodas, snacks and popcorn but as always please re-

member to pick up your trash and keep our park clean. Volunteers will be needed to help with setup and tear down, please contact Meghan Daugherty at meghaned@hotmail.com or 515-491-1953 if you would like to help!

National Night Out

National Night Out is celebrated on Tuesday, August 7th to encourage neighbors to get out of the house and meet other neighbors. It builds camaraderie among neighbors and discourages the criminal element. Union Park Neighborhood is invited to celebrate National Night Out

again this year at the Union Park United Methodist Church at 2305 E 12th ST (on the corner of E 12 and Guthrie) will be hosting the celebration in our parking lot. There will be a cookout with plenty of delicious food and drinks. We will have games for the kids and a train to

provide rides for kids (of all ages) around the parking lot. We also have a great D.J. spinning the tunes. Please join us from 6:00 – 8:00 pm for National Night Out 2012.

By *Julie Ervin*

Portable Weather Radios

Now Iowans can protect themselves from Iowa's most dangerous season for great low price. Weather radios are available at all Fareway locations in Iowa for the low price of \$29.99. These NOAA Weather Radios can be programmed to trigger for specific counties. WHO-HD Channel 13 announced that it is again partnering with central Iowa Fareway Stores to sell life-saving NOAA Weather Radios just in time for Iowa's most dangerous season. The state-of-the-art Oregon Scientific NOAA weather radios, programmable to the county level, regularly retail for \$59.95 but are on sale now at the Fareway Stores for just \$29.99 while supplies last.

"This is a small price to pay for a lot of protection," says Channel 13 Chief Meteorologist Ed Wilson. "We can keep you safe once you're watching TV. But what we can't do is wake you up when a warn-

ing is issued. This weather radio will. Plus, it's completely portable and small enough to slip right into a purse or boat bag."

Jeff Stearns, Vice President of Marketing and Promotions for Fareway says, "Fareway is excited to partner with WHO-HD Channel 13 to bring our shoppers an affordable and convenient way to purchase weather radios in our stores to help keep their families safe during severe weather."

In central Iowa, the state-of-the-art weather radios are available at the 41 Fareway stores located in all Des Moines metro stores.

These Oregon Scientific weather radios have the National Weather Service's (NWS) SAME (Specific Area Message Encoding) technology to alert you only of weather and other emergencies for the

county(s) the user has programmed into them. Weather radios without this technology would receive an alert for emergencies anywhere within the coverage area of the National Weather Service transmitter, typically several counties, even though the emergency could be well away from the listener.



"N11" Codes

"N11" codes - N11 is a three-digit shortcut to reach special community resources. These phone numbers are set aside by the Federal Communications Commission and operated by the community service provider. A website has been created containing the information. It is found here: <http://www.iowa.gov/pages/n11>

The following N11 codes are available for Iowans to use:

211 – Community information and referral services, including food, shelters, clothes, health insurance programs, support groups, counseling, financial assistance, meal services, child care, legal services, etc. There are 2-1-1 call centers serving all 99 counties in Iowa.

311 – Nonemergency police, fire and

municipal business. Local and municipal governments administer 311 calls.

411 – Local telephone directory assistance. Landline 4-1-1 service is provided by local telephone companies. Wireless services are provided by your wireless phone carrier. Some telephone companies and wireless carriers **charge** for this service.

511 – Travel information, including the status of roadway construction, accidents, detours and winter road conditions. Iowa information is provided by the Iowa DOT. 511 services are available in most other states. The information you receive is based on the location from where you are calling. 511 is the abbreviated number for 800-288-1047 (available nationwide).

611 – For customers of some telephone companies, 611 is used to report a problem with telephone service. Many wireless phone providers also use 611 as a general customer service access number.

711 – The Telecommunications Relay Service that allows people who are deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech-disabled to place calls to standard telephone users via a keyboard or other assistive device.

811 – This "Call before You Dig" number arranges for utilities to be located and marked, preventing damage that can interrupt service and place the public at risk.

911 – Emergency response.

Dart Riders Prepare for Major Service Changes

Major changes to the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) took effect Sunday, June 10. The changes affected Express Routes, On Call services and the D-Line Downtown Shuttle. Most local bus routes will be unaffected in June. The recent changes that affected riders were:

Express Routes: Express Routes are limited-stop commuter trips between the suburbs and downtown. Several routes are significantly rerouted, including Routes 91 and 92. Riders along Lower Beaver Road will now be served by Route 6. One route, Route 90, is being discontinued; riders to the Airport South Business Park will now be served by Route 8. The downtown routing is changing for all Express Routes, which will travel predominantly on Grand Avenue and Locust Street and no longer on Walnut Street.

Capitol Hill Employees: Express Routes will no longer provide direct service between downtown and the Capitol Complex. That connection will now be made by the D-Line Downtown Shuttle, a free-to-ride downtown shuttle that will operate on Grand Avenue

and Locust Street between 17th Street in the Western Gateway to East 12th Street on the east side of the Capitol. A third bus is being added to the shuttle service all day to help meet the increased demand.

Suburban On Call Riders: On Call services in Clive, Urbandale and West Des Moines are all changing significantly. The Clive On Call is being replaced with the Route 92

Hickman Express. The Urbandale On Call (Zones 1-4) is being replaced with the new Urbandale / Windsor Heights Flex Route 73. The West Des Moines On Call is being replaced with the new West Des Moines / Clive Flex Route 72.

The June service change is the first of two phases of implementing the Year 1 recommendations of the DART Forward Services Plan, which is a plan for expanding service throughout Greater Des Moines, including a 13 percent increase in overall service in 2012. A second phase of service changes affecting local routes will occur in November to coincide with the opening of DART Central Station, which is under construction at 620 Cherry Street in downtown Des Moines.

Riders are encouraged to research these changes. Detailed information including new schedules with route maps is available online at www.ridedart.com/june-2012-service-changes.cfm. Printed schedules will be available at DART's pass sales outlets, including Dahl's, HyVee and Walmart locations. Riders with any questions about the service changes are encouraged to call DART Customer Service at 515-283-8100.

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority is the public transportation provider that serves Polk County. DART operates a family of transportation services that makes getting around the Greater Des Moines area easier and more convenient. For more information about DART services, schedules, route changes, or directions to the nearest DART stop, visit our website at www.ridedart.com or call 515.283.8100. The D-Line is funded in part by the Downtown Community Alliance

Des Moines Water Works Seeks Stop Box Input

Des Moines Water Works (DMWW) strives to deliver programs and options that are valued by our customers. Two of the biggest concerns we hear from residential customers relate to leaks in service lines and inoperable stop boxes. Customers are responsible for maintaining their water service line, including the stop box, and when a service line or stop box needs repaired, the cost to repair is often significant and unexpected. For many customers, this can be devastating to the family budget.

To provide customers an option, Des

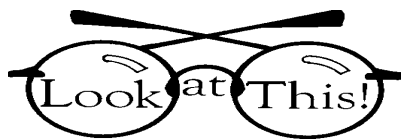
Moines Water Works has recently requested proposals from service providers to offer a service line warranty program to our customers. DMWW has committed to performing all the due diligence to ensure the program is cost-effective, offers full coverage without "small print exclusions," and is overall, in our customers' best interests.

We would like to invite residential customers to participate in a Customer Advisory Council to review DMWW's recommended provider and program and provide feedback.

The time commitment is approximately one hour. If interested, please email Amy Kahler, Director of Customer Service and Marketing at kahler@dmww.com.

Take this opportunity to help shape an important program for the customers of Des Moines Water Works.

This and That:



Here is the link for the 2012 Street Improvement and Maintenance Program which includes work scheduled by the Public Works and Engineering Departments for the 2012 construction season. This document is available on the City of Des Moines' web site:

<http://www.dmgov.org/Departments/Engineering/PDF/2012%20Street%20Programs.pdf>

On Saturday, August 18, at 12:00 noon, Union Park United Methodist Church will be hosting a Back to School Party. We will provide school supplies to all children in accordance with the lists provided by the school district and a lunch is provided for all in attendance. For any students who could use a little help getting the basics for school, please stop by.

Jolynn Reigeluth and Mimi Solum are two artists who invite you to an art exhibit of their new work. The exhibit is called Artifact: That Which Remains and will be on display until August 3rd in the Rasmussen Center Gallery on Grand View University's Campus. This exhibit showcases new works that include drawings, prints, sculpture, hand-made artist's books, installation and more.

Here is a Facebook link for the event: <http://www.facebook.com/events/337780799591110/>

Dog Show Time! If you have a 4 legged friend, or just love (even like!) dogs – then you won't want to miss the Annual Dog Show and Ice Cream Parlor. **Saturday, June 30** will be the parade of pooches at Union Park United Methodist Church, 2305 E 12th St. The annual Dog Show will be held at 2:00 pm on the lawn of the church. Please feel free to bring your puppy out to the show. You will be asked a little about your dog and

if he/she performs any special tricks. After the Dog Show, ice cream and cookies will be available for all participants and prizes will be awarded.

The Voice of the Vikings: KGVC is on the air at 94.1 on the FM dial every weekday from 4 a.m. to 4 p.m. playing the Flashback hits of the 1980's and 1990's. On Sundays KGVC plays Latino music hits all day. The FCC awarded Grand View University the non-commercial license on a shared frequency with Drake University. At 4:00 pm weekdays the 94.1 FM becomes the Drake University's KDRA - "The Dog" and airs rock music 4 p.m. to 4 a.m. weekdays and all day Saturday. KGVC's signal at 94.1 FM is 100 watts strong and reaches most of the city of Des Moines and some of the surrounding suburbs. The station can also be heard online from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays during the school year and 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. during the summer.

UPNA is still selling **UPNA Logo T-Shirt** - \$15.00 each. There is a limited supply in sizes large and X-Large only. Inquire at info@unionparkdsm.com. We are not selling calendars this year.

Be advised that newsworthy items between newsletters issues are posted on our Face Book page. If you aren't checking that every now and then, you are missing out on some current news that affects the neighborhood. Past issues of our newsletters are posted on our website <http://www.unionparkdsm.com/>

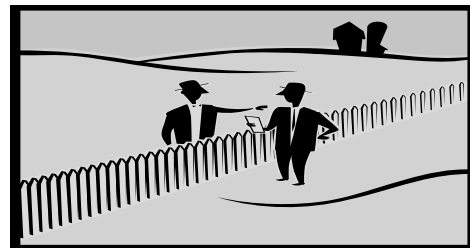
Solid Waste Time of Collection- Please place your cart and other materials to be collected such as yard wastes and recyclables at your designated collection location no later than 6:30 a.m. on your scheduled collection day and no earlier than 5:00 p.m. on the day before your scheduled collection. No person shall allow solid waste containers to remain on the parking or terrace of the street in front of that person's premises for more

than 12 hours after the date designated for solid waste. Cart owners may be fined for carts that are left out after collection day. For habitual violators, the carts may be confiscated.

Reporting street lights – If you see a streetlight that is out, stays on during the day or blinks on and off. Call 800-799-4443 if you see a streetlight that is out, stays on during the day or blinks on and off. Or report on line at http://www.midamericanenergy.com/streetlight_outage.aspx

Provide the location, address or intersection and any specifics that will help repair the light. It is real easy. It just takes a little time to write down the address and a few minutes to call them.

The Food Pantry at 1618 6th Avenue is open to all residents of the City of Des Moines. Des Moines Community Action Agency (Community Services) works with low-income residents to provide crisis assistance and provide some tools to help low-income residents gain personal and economic self-sufficiency. Most low-income programs are available to households with annual gross income meeting 150% of federal poverty guidelines. Food Pantry hours are Monday—Friday: 11:00 am—12:45 pm; Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 3:00 pm—4:45 pm; Tuesday & Thursday: 3:00 pm—6:45 pm. Phone: 515.248.6216 or email: caa@dmgov.org.



Union Park Neighborhood Association

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Des Moines , IA 50316-9402

TIME VALUE

Jazz in July
July 8th 2PM
East Shelter on Thompson Ave.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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.

Beginning January 1, 2012 newsletters will be emailed to members

I want to have my newsletter e-mailed to the e-mail address above.

I do not have an e-mail address. Please send my newsletter to my home.

Please send me information about _____