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Spring General Meeting

Tuesday, May 21 at 7:00 PM

Union Park Baptist Church 821 Arthur AVE

The UPNA Spring General Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 21, 7pm at Union Park Baptist Church located at 821 Arthur. One of the speakers we have planned is from the Metro Waste Authority. Our guest will speak to us about recycling and the operation of the landfill and how they turn garbage to gold.

City Councilman Bob Mahaffey for our Ward 2 will speak to various topics of interest to us. County Supervisor Tom Hockensmith has been invited to congratulate UPNA on our successful grant award which will be used for the next phase of our Pillar Project. David Jahn, the City Arborist, will provide information about the tree and forest program for our area. Lawn of the Week Award recipients will be honored. We will have cookies for refreshments.

The Union Park Baptist Church is located at the SW corner of East 8th and Arthur. The parking lot and entrance to the sanctuary are on the south side of the church. The door is at the top of the cement ramp. For maps & directions to the Union Park Baptist Church, go to <http://www.upbcdesmoines.com>

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Membership Dues

A reminder to everyone about the Annual Dues. Membership dues are now due the first of the year at **January**.

Dues are on a calendar basis. Dues are \$10 for individual membership, or \$25 if you want to be a Supporter and \$30 for a Business Membership. If you have any questions about your Dues, please feel free to contact Paul Cole—Membership Chair. A membership renewal form is on the back of this newsletter.

www.unionparkdsm.com - Visit our website for news and information.

Tree Des Moines, Inc.

Tree Des Moines, Inc. (TDM) is a newly formed non-profit organization in Des Moines. Concerned citizens have taken this action to address the need for maintaining and adding to the urban forest canopy in greater Des Moines. Their mission is to protect and enhance the local environment by engaging citizens in planting and conservation projects. The groups' organizers spent several years working with the Municipal Arborist and City government to advocate for a better tree ordinance to protect the city's trees.

Des Moines has approximately 100,000 trees along city streets and in developed areas of our parks --

with another 100,000+ estimated on undeveloped public land. The ongoing maintenance of this natural resource is more than the City can handle. Pests and diseases threaten to wipe out whole species of trees - we have all read or heard about the coming of the Ash borer and Oak leaf wilt. Ash trees make up more than 20% of the existing trees in Des Moines. Tree Des Moines intends to raise awareness about our trees and their environmental impact through educational and fundraising activities. By so engaging the public, the group will work to increase funding levels for the inventorying, planting and maintenance

of Des Moines' trees.

An immediate project of TDM will be a city wide census of existing trees, which will provide invaluable data about the number and types of existing trees and their health - a snap shot of Des Moines' tree "inventory". Stay tuned for the groups' upcoming fundraising and educational events and volunteer opportunities. Please watch for Tree Des Moines' website and get involved.

2012 Lawn of the Week Awards

We want to offer Tom McDermot and Yvonne McClure a big THANK YOU for coordinating the Lawn of the Week Award (LOWA) in 2012! Each week during the dry summer, they scouted the neighborhood looking for lawns that deserved the honor of the green and white signs that proclaims the "Union Park Neighborhood Lawn of the Week". Last year 7 neighbors were honored, whose outstanding front yards exemplified neatness, good landscape design and consistent quality of yard maintenance. This is a very important award and speaks well for your neighbors who receive this honor.

Congratulations to these 7 recipients of the 2012 Lawn of the Week Awards:

Charles and Candace Bloyer
744 Arthur AVE

Ron and Janne Backus
712 Guthrie AVE

James and Linda Jaquinta
2704 Cornell ST

Harold Morrow
2912 N Union ST

Carolyn & Dan Rogers
1710 E 9th ST

Union Park Presbyterian Church
1307 Thompson

Tony Moro Collision Center, Inc.
2321 2nd Avenue

We hope that all of the winners will attend the 2013 Spring General Meeting so that we may congratulate them in person. Tom and Yvonne took pictures of each lawn and will present a slide show of these examples of neighborhood stewardship. The winners will receive an award certificate and a gift certificate to Goode's Greenhouse. Those of us who have been in their shoes know how much work it is to keep the Lawn

of the Week

Award going and making it a success!

The UPNA Steering Committee has sponsored the Lawn of the Week Award since 1992.



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!

Grand View Students Shine at Iowa College Media Awards

Grand View University's KDPS radio station was named 2012 Radio Station of the Year and *The Grand Views* was named 2012 Newspaper of the Year at the Iowa College Media Association annual convention last week in Des Moines. The annual competition is judged by media professionals and features newspapers, radio stations, television stations and online outlets from colleges and universities across the state.

Grand View University's radio station won Radio Station of the Year for the fourth year in a row at the Iowa College Media Awards. Grand View's KDPS radio, at 88.1 FM, has been named best in the state every year the award has been handed out. Grand View students won 15 of the 29 honors given in the radio categories. *The Grand Views* has won three of the past four years.

Grand View communication students won more than 30 awards, including 13 first-place finishes. Among the first-place winners from Grand View were:

Best Sports Photo, Jodi Jurik

Best Page 1, Staff

Best Profile Story, Keely Shannon

Best Photographic Portfolio, Veronica Payne

Best Inside Page Design, Keely Shannon

Best Infographic, Nicole Barreca

Best Coverage of First Amendment Issues, Joey Aguirre

Best Opinion Writing, Devlin Hogans

Best Newscast, Susan Laielli

Best Public service announcement, Sarah Jacobs, David Thomas

Best Promo, Dollie Pinegar and Robbie Rissman

Best Air Personality, Michael Tallman

Best Corporate Video, Alex Alvarex, David Thomas

Crime Mapping Tool

Police officials said they hope an online crime mapping tool will allow residents to be able to easily access information about their own neighborhoods, areas where they spend time or even the areas around potential new homes. Crime Mapping is available for residents to search for crime statistics and compare other parts of the City of Des Moines. Crime Mapping allows users

to search an area near a specific address and inquire by type of crime and date. To use the program, go to www.crimemapping.com. Click on Iowa, then on Des Moines police. Use the tabs to specify the crime types, dates, address and radius you'd like to search. Click on individual symbols on the map for information on the incident or look at overall reports for your search. The

service is free for the public. An iPhone app is also available.

Neighborhood MEGA SCRUB Guidelines

SCRUB Site Hours of Operation: 7 AM to 1 PM

User Requirements: Residents of Des Moines only. Proof of residency is required: photo ID or current utility bill.

No commercial haulers. Commercial haulers MUST use landfill.

Vehicle Requirements: Cars, pickups and small trailers are preferred. Large trailers MUST be sponsored by neighborhoods.

Unloading Procedures: Ask where to unload. Plan to unload your own vehicle within 15 minutes (assistance is provided to elderly and disabled). Place all items in dumpsters or compactors as directed. Clean up your own mess.

Items of Interest: Scavenging/salvaging is NOT permitted at anytime.

Repurposed & recycled items – For a complete list of items for recycling, visit www.WhereItShouldGo.com or consult your local Yellow Pages.

Transfer Station Guidelines: Metro Waste Transfer Station Hours of Operation: 7 AM to 2 PM

Acceptable SCRUB Items: Trash and Bulk Items; Trash containers, General trash including furniture, Lawn mowers with all fluids drained, Televisions & Tires.

Appliances (no fee): Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, microwaves, dehumidifiers, furnaces, stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers, water heaters, etc.

Compost Site Guidelines: Metro Waste Compost Site Hours of Operation: 7 AM to 2 PM

Acceptable SCRUB Items for Compost Site: Yard Debris, Yard waste containers, Brush, tree limbs (24" diameter or less; maximum length 10'), prunings Loose leaves, Grass clippings, Straw, hay, and Garden waste.



Metro Waste Authority **Transfer Station**, 4198 Delaware Ave.

Directions: Enter from E 14th ST. to NE Broadway Ave. Turn East on Broadway Ave. to Delaware Ave. Turn south on Delaware Ave. & follow to MWA Transfer Station.



Metro Waste Authority **Compost Center**, 1601 Harriett St.

Directions: From I-235, go south on SE 14th ST. to Harriett Street. Turn east on Harriett ST. and follow back to MWA Compost Site.

2013 SCRUB Calendar

3/16/13	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM to 2 PM 7 AM to 2 PM
4/20/13	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St. Hoover High School, 4800 Aurora Ave	7 AM to 2 PM 7 AM to 2 PM 7 AM to 1 PM
5/18/13	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St. Bell Avenue Business Park, 1901 Bell Ave.	7 AM to 2 PM 7 AM to 2 PM 7 AM to 1 PM
6/15/13	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St. Capitol Complex Lot 3, W. of 14th & S. of Court Ave.	7 AM to 2 PM 7 AM to 2 PM 7 AM to 1 PM
7/20/13	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St. Polk County River Place, 2339 Euclid Ave.	7 AM to 2 PM 7 AM to 2 PM 7 AM to 1 PM
8/17/13	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St. Southridge Mall, 1111 E. Army Post Rd.	7 AM to 2 PM 7 AM to 2 PM 7 AM to 1 PM
9/21/13	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM to 2 PM 7 AM to 2 PM
10/19/13	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM to 2 PM 7 AM to 2 PM
11/16/13	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM to 2 PM 7 AM to 2 PM

2012 DSM Police Department Annual Report

You may find it at <http://www.dmgov.org/Departments/Police/PDF/2012%20DMPD%20Annual%20Report.pdf>. This report provides information about the department's activities for the year 2012, along with many pictures of important events in 2012, such as promotions and commendations.

Officer Scott Baker is Union Park area's designated NBSD (Neighborhood Based Service Delivery). He and Officer Tim

Fricke regularly attend UPNA Steering Committee meetings (2nd Tues of each month at 7:00 pm at Humphrey Hall, Grand View University Campus). Officer Baker says "Thank you for helping me, help you, make our neighborhood (and city) a better place to live!" Senior Police Officer D. Scott Baker may be contacted at work 515-237-1508 / Cell 515-205-2524 / Fax 515-283-4723 or dsbaker@dmgov.org.



Union Park Presbyterian Church

1307 Thompson Ave.

Rev. John W. Gilmore, Pastor

We invite you to join us for worship on each Sunday, at 10 a.m. Phone: 266-4700

Proposal to Name Streets in Union Park

Frustrated by the difficulty in describing locations in Union Park to police dispatchers, a Union Park Neighborhood resident wrote Councilman Bob Mahaffey, suggesting that the streets be named. The Parks and Recreation Department liked the idea, and asked for suggestions. Here are the proposed street names that are awaiting final approval:

Union Park Circle – the “circle drive” in the southern part of Union Park

Thompson Avenue – the major street bisecting Union Park (a continuation of Thompson Ave., between E. 9th St. and Saylor Rd.)

Carousel Drive – the curved road that begins at Union Park Circle, crosses Thompson, goes up to the parking lot near the Heritage Carousel, and back

down to Thompson, near Saylor Rd.

North Union St. – the southwest entrance to Union Park, near the intersection of E. Jefferson and Penn Ave.

E. 8th Court – the southeast entrance the park, between E. Jefferson and Union Park Circle.

Eagle Iron Works

Eagle Iron Works has been in operation since 1872. For over 140 years, they have served the aggregates industry and remain a leader in this market today.

Founded in 1872 by brothers George and Lawrence Aulmann, EIW was originally located on Court Avenue in Des Moines, Iowa. In the early 20th century, the company moved its operation to Holcomb Avenue and has operated there ever since.

Ted Aulmann, son of George Aulmann, managed the business through the great expansion in the 50's and 60's. In the early 1960s, Ruth Aulmann, daughter of Ted, married Andrew Krantz. Krantz began working at Eagle Iron Works and in 1972 took

over as company president. He continued to manage the business until 2011, when he retired at the age of 97 years old.

In November of 2012, McLanahan Corporation purchased the assets of Eagle Iron Works under EIW, LLC. McLanahan plans to continue the long history of excellent product durability and quality for which EIW has become known, while incorporating McLanahan's fine traditions that have sustained them since 1835. McLanahan is proud to have added Eagle Iron Works to its family of companies.

EIW can offer engineering design for the needs of each of their customers. Support is provided from point of sale

throughout the life of the machine, including readily available replacement parts. Engineers, application specialists and service technicians all have the experience necessary to solve your most difficult aggregate processing applications. The company offers prompt engineering and design service for specialized applications, customer-specific requirements and complete plants. EIW's application and service personnel offer straightforward advice for equipment troubleshooting and sizing, as well as recommendations for maximizing production.

They are planning to start manufacturing again in about a year. <http://www.eagleironworks.com/index.php>

Toter Carts and Solid Waste Time of Collection

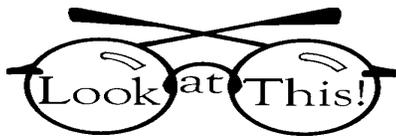
Residents are reminded solid waste containers (or Toters) may not remain on the parking or terrace of the street in front of a premise for more than 12 hours after the date designated for solid waste. Toter cart owners may be fined for carts that are left out after collection day. For habitual violators, the carts may be confiscated.

Also, please place your toter 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.

If the lid to your Toter cart has

gone bad, you can get a free replacement by calling the Des Moines Public Works Department at 283-4950. You will need to give them an address and arrange a time when you can leave the cart out where they can get to it to replace the lid. It doesn't matter if the lid was abused, or went bad from weather or whatever reason.

This and That:



The Union Park Neighborhood Steering Committee is working with the City Parks and Recreation Department to name two of the shelters in Union Park. We want the Department to agree to name one shelter after Bill and Nellie Ritchie and the other after Margaret Swanson. The project requires biographies and a letter of recommendation to be submitted to the Department for consideration.

Parks Area Sweet Corn Day – Des Moines Iowa - July 13. Formally known as the Highland Park Sweet Corn Day, the festival now includes the Parks area of Highland, Oak and Union Park. Watch for details to come.

Mark your calendars for the 2013 "Cruise to the Carousel" Sunday, August 25th!

The next phase of the Pillars Project at the south east corner of Union Park is in the works. We have applied for grants to extend the sidewalk northward into the Park from the circular planter, sweep by another planter and garden and connect walkers with Union Park Circle. Along the way, walkers will be able to stop and rest on benches that will be installed and enjoy the peace and quiet of the Neighborhood. Only a few years ago, all that stood on that corner were the four brick pillars. See how far we have come. We feel we have honored the spirit of the original plan.

David Jahn, Municipal Arborist with the City of Des Moines Public Works had a meeting held on March 27 at Hiatt Middle School regarding tree planting in the Lower Union Park

Sewer Separation Project area. The meeting announcement had been mailed out only to property owners in the area of the lower Union sewer project. The meeting informed property owners within the project area of the City's plan to plant street trees. The project does not involve the entire Union Park Neighborhood, but the City will replant over 213 new trees.

Union Park United Methodist Church, with the support of the Union Park Neighborhood Association is making plans to celebrate National Night Out once again this year. Planned for the hours of 5:00 - 7:00 pm on August 6, 2013, is a cookout for the neighbors, games for the kids, and the garden tractor "train" in the parking lot. Representatives from the fire and police department will be there again this year. As plans progress, we will keep you apprised.

Officer Scott Baker reminds all of our neighbors to please keep your garage doors shut and never leave out anything that you don't want to lose. He says If a bicycle is worth \$75.00, it is safe to assume you would not leave \$75.00 in cash laying in the yard, so please don't leave bikes in the yard as it only invites thefts.

The annual Police Week Bridge display will be May 18th 8:00 am to noon on the Court Avenue Bridge. DMPD will have on display many of their vehicles and equipment from not only Des Moines but from neighboring departments also. It is a perfect opportunity for families to come down and take pictures with their children and police officers and firefighters and all of their equipment.

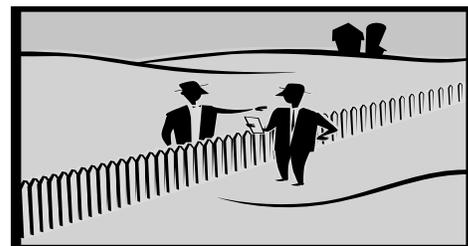
Des Moines Parks and Recreation is pleased to provide residents with "Report to the Community 2012." on

their home page at www.dmparks.org. This report provides a high level overview of many of the department's significant accomplishments over the past year. Recreational program participation, facility usage, project information, testimonials and financial data can be found in the extensive summary.

Once again, the outdoor movie program **Movies In The Park** will be offered. The date for the movie is August 15th and will be Birdland Park adjacent to the newly remodeled shelter (soon to be named after Ding Darling). A movie will be selected soon and announced here in a future newsletter.

Union Park Neighborhood nominated Grand View University for the Rodine/Mickle Award. The annual award recognition is sponsored by Des Moines Neighbors, a local umbrella neighborhood group. One sentence from the nomination says "Grand View is a valued partner in improving the quality of life in the Union Park neighborhood, and therefore deserving of this award." The award was accepted by Diane Schaefer. Jack Daugherty, Dan and Carolyn Rogers represented UPNA at the awards recognition dinner.

It is with great sorrow that we acknowledge the death of William F. Horstman on April 5, 2013. Bill was a long time resident in the UPNA area and member. In 1969 he started Horstman Realty and served this part of Des Moines with distinction.



Union Park Neighborhood Association

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Des Moines , IA 50316-9402

TIME VALUE

Spring General Meeting
Tuesday , May 21 at 7 pm
Union Park Baptist Church
821 Arthur 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, 2013 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 _____