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Fall General Meeting

Tuesday, October 15th at 7:00 PM

**Jay N. "Ding" Darling Shelter House in
Birdland Park 2100 Saylor Road**

The UPNA Fall General Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 15th at 7:00 PM at the newly remodeled Jay N. "Ding" Darling Shelter House in Birdland Park. Our guest speaker will be Richard Brown, with Des Moines Park & Recreation Department who will speak for about 30 minutes on the restoration of the Shelter.

Also on the agenda will be an update on the year's accomplishments, Lawn of the Week Awards, a briefing on the next phase of the Pillar Project (sidewalks and benches that will lead into the park from the pillars at the SE corner of Union Park) and election of officers. As always, we will have cookies. The Ding Darling Shelter in Birdland Park is located near Guthrie and Saylor Road at 2100 Saylor Road. There is plenty of parking. For information about the Ding Darling Shelter go to <http://www.dmgov.org/Departments/Parks/Pages/Birdland.aspx>

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In Case You Missed It:

The Tree Doctors Are In! was presented by TREE DES MOINES, INC. on August 28th, at the Plymouth Congregational Church, Waveland Hall, two of Iowa's finest tree experts, **Tivon Feeley**, and **Ralph Conner**, presented information and answered questions about trees, diseases, and tree laws. For more information visit: www.treedesmoines.com

The 13th Annual Rollin' Relics – Cruise to the Carousel was Sunday, August 25th. The event was sponsored by the Rollin' Relics Car Club of Des Moines. This year, 220 cars participated, the most cars ever! The Heritage Carousel gave free rides during the event. Union Park Neighborhood Association sponsored a trophy for this event. A 1959 blue American Rambler was selected for the UPNA award. Rollin' Relics is the largest annual contributor to the Heritage Carousel. The contribution to the Heritage Carousel will be announced at a later date.

Northeast Neighbors INC. sponsored a City Council Town Hall for At-Large Council race at North side (Park Fair) Senior Center on Wednesday, October 9th.

Des Moines Neighbors and Northeast Neighbors INC co-sponsored a Des Moines Public School Board Forum on August 27th the North High School Auditorium during one of the hottest days of the year. Des Moines Neighbors is an "umbrella" coalition of 56 active neighborhood association leaders in Des Moines for over 15 years.

The Heritage Carousels closed for the season on Sunday, September 29th. It was a great season at the Carousel. Lots of riders this year visited the Carousel, despite the crazy rainy weather that started the summer and the hot weather that finished off the 2013 season! Don't forget it can be opened for your special event or private rentals through November! Please email information@heritagecarousel.org or CALL 515-323-8200. Keep up to date on announcements about special events at the Carousel and the official 2014 season opening in spring at: www.HeritageCarousel.org

National Night Out 2013 was celebrated at the Union Park United Methodist Church, 2305 E 12th. National Night Out is the first Tuesday in August to encourage neighbors to get out of the house and meet other neighbors. It builds camaraderie among neighbors and discourages the criminal element. This year, August 6th, the Methodists hosted the celebration in their parking lot complete with a cookout, games for the kids and representatives from the fire and police department were there again this year. It was a bigger and better event than ever as over 200 Union Park neighbors participated this year.

Clowns at the Carousel was August 4th at the Heritage Carousel in Union Park. All activities were FREE and open to the public thanks to generous sponsors. There were carousel rides, food, inflatable rides, stage and strolling entertainment, educational information for everyone, and of course clowns. For more information on this event the website is www.clownsatthecarousel.com. Mark your calendars for Clowns at the Carousel August 3, 2014 starting at 4:00 pm till 7:00 pm. If you can volunteer for 2014 event, contact Debbi "Clickette" Cooper at debcoop1@msn.com or (515) 490-5205. They can always use volunteers.

Parks Area Sweet Corn Day was Saturday, July 13 - 4:30 to 9:30 on 6th Ave, between Euclid and Douglas Avenues. All the sweet corn on the cob you could eat plus pulled pork sandwiches, watermelon, soft drinks, ice cream, slush cones, soda & beer were available. A live band played and there were activities for the kids. The yearly festival now includes the Parks Area of Highland, Oak and Union Park.

Free Flicks, a summer-long series of outdoor movie showings throughout the Des Moines area parks and facilities. Every movie is free to the public. This year, Oz: The Great and Powerful was shown at Birdland Park on August 15th. People brought chairs and blankets and enjoyed a fun movie. A food and drinks concessions stand was on-site.

2013 SCRUB DAYS: There are two more Scrub Days this year at both the MWA

Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave and MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St. Hours are 7 am to 2 pm.
October 19, 2013 & November 16, 2013

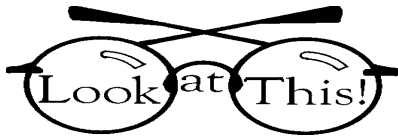
Annual Public Works Breakfast - On May 21st, Des Moines Neighbors honored the hard work and dedication of the City of Des Moines Public Works employees and staff. UPNA is provided a small contribution and Carolyn Rogers helped staff the breakfast line and mingled. Its one thing to be honored with a breakfast, but it's quite a bit more meaningful to be served by someone wearing a smile and a name tag that identifies the Neighborhood with a sincere "thank you".

The Des Moines Central Community of Christ at 1645 Penn AVE held a "Fall Children and Family Event" on September 28th on their south Lawn. They had food, games, prizes and fun for children ages 213 and their families and friends.

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. 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:



NOTICE: Beginning in January 2014, UPNA Steering Committee Meetings will be held every OTHER month (odd months). That means we will have six Steering Committee Meetings a year. A Spring and a Fall General Meeting will still be planned for the general membership.

Be sure to notice the annual flower beds in Union Park. They are looking very full and pretty, which means it's just about time for the city to remove them for the season. So get out there and appreciate their beauty.

The Parks Area Foundation meets monthly. The October meeting was the 14th, 6:30 p.m. at the Nature House on Oak Park Ave. At the meeting they discussed amendments to the foundation's bylaws. For more information about the PAF, contact Phyllis Wheeler at 515.331.7201 pwheeler@metabank.com

Trail Beautification Project - An effort has been underway for some time to beautify the bike trail where it veers off Penn Ave at the White House (AA House). Recently, a group that lives in the Union Park and Capitol Park area met with a Des Moines planner. The City plans to clear the area and provide mulch. A small (but mighty) crew of volunteers is needed to help the city workers (sometime in the near future on a weekday Monday-Friday 8-4:30). Then take the "wait and see" approach. The Tree of Heaven will need to be monitored until gone. A big concern is maintenance. A prairie takes a lot of time and work to get it established. There is a lot of square footage so there is room for a variety of plants and ideas. Maybe planting fruit trees, or turning it into a perennial plant orphanage, maybe someone will donate a great ground cover and maybe that can be done in combination with something else. Contact Angie and Todd

at 289-6169 if you can help with this project.

New sign at the Union Park Presbyterian Church was erected in front of their church on October 5th. Swing by and admire it. It echoes the style and color of signs the City Parks department uses in their parks.

Union Park United Methodist Church is hosting a "Safe Harvest Party" on October 30th from 6-8 pm, as an alternative to trick and treating. There will be cookies, drinks, games, prizes and lots of fun

Smoke Alarm Project in the Highland Park neighborhood area on Saturday, October 12, between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:00 pm. Approximately 3,000 single-family homes will have smoke alarms installed in their homes by teams of volunteers. This is a project of the Des Moines Fire Department.

Cavatelli Dinner at the Union Park United Methodist Church, 2305 E. 12th Street Des Moines. Don't miss it on Friday, October 18, 2013 5:00-7:00 PM. Adults-\$8.50 are Children 10 & Under are \$3.50. For tickets, see Kathy Hillman, Sandy Adams, or contact the church office. Phone: 515-262-2875; Email: union-parkumc@msn.com

Annual nut sale is happening now at the Union Park United Methodist Church, 2305 E. 12th Street, Des Moines.

The following items are available for order: (*Prices are per pound*)

- Shelled Pecans—Fancy Halves \$ 9.00
- California Walnuts— Halves/Pieces \$ 8.00
- Black Walnuts: Fancy Medium Pieces \$ 9.00
- Deluxe Mixed—No Peanuts \$ 9.00
- Cashews—Fancy Large Halves/Pieces \$ 9.00
- Chocolate Covered Amaretto Pecans \$ 7.00

Tail Gate Crunch-Sesame Sticks, Nuts, Mix \$ 5.00

Almonds—Roasted & Salted \$ 7.00

You can place your order by picking up an order form in Fellowship Hall or by calling in your order to:

Shirley at 265-8502

Kathy at 262-8567

Cindy at 564-0482

Please call ahead with your order and it will be ready for you to pick up!

Purchases go to the mission work of the Valkommen Class of Union Park United Methodist Church.

Street Light Out? To report an issue with a street light (not working or coming on and going off all the time, here is the link to report it: <http://www.dmgov.org/InteractiveForms/Pages/default.aspx?FormName=Report>

Remember we as tax payers pay for them whether they are working or not and no one goes around looking for malfunctioning streetlights. That is up to the citizens to report.

"Crime Mapping" Tool-An online crime mapping tool on the City of Des Moines Website allows residents 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 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.

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TIME VALUE

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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

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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 _____