

# UNION PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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## Spring General Meeting

Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00 PM

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

The UPNA Spring General Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 13 at 7 pm at the newly remodeled Jay N. "Ding" Darling Shelter House in Birdland Park. One of the speakers we have planned is John Wenck, DNR water ways specialist, who will talk about the history of the Des Moines River along Union Park and Thompson's Bend.

Also on the agenda will be a briefing on the next phase of the Pillar Project (sidewalks and benches that lead into the park from the pillars at the SE corner of Union Park).

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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### Upcoming events:

Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Union Park Open Shelter. Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:10 AM. Come see the Easter Bunny!

National Night Out August 5<sup>th</sup> 2014 will be celebrated again at the Union Park United Methodist Church parking lot at 2305 E12<sup>th</sup>. National Night out encourages neighbors to get out of the house and meet other neighbors. It builds camaraderie among neighbors and discourages the criminal element. Last year over 200 Union Park neighbors participated.

### Sunday Schedule:

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service

10:10-10:50 AM - Sunday School for All Ages

11:00 a.m. UP Worship

Visit us on the web: [www.unionparkumc.org](http://www.unionparkumc.org)

## 2013 Lawn of the Week Awards

The 2013 Lawn of the Week Awards were presented during the Fall General Meeting at the Ding Darling Shelter on October 15, 2013. Yvonne McClure and Tom McDermott, Lawn of the Week Award Coordinators talked about the Lawn of the Week program. 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. Tom and Yvonne walked and drove through the area to identify outstanding front yards of neighbors whose lawns exemplified both neatness and beauty. As they found a "winner", Tom and Yvonne placed 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 were honored with a certificate of achievement

and a gift certificate. Congratulations to the following neighbors:

John and Becky Coulter  
817 Boyd ST

Betty and Joseph Graziano  
225 Sheridan AVE

Union Park United Methodist  
Church  
2305 E 12<sup>th</sup>

Chris Knudsen  
910 Thompson AVE

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Warren  
202 Arthur AVE

Jill Spradling  
2315 E 8<sup>th</sup> ST

Marilyn Arnold  
616 Morton AVE

Although there is not a nominations process for this award, suggestions are gratefully accepted. Please send your suggestions for a Lawn of the Week to [info@unionparkdsm.com](mailto:info@unionparkdsm.com)



## UPNA

### Meeting Invitation

The Union Park Neighborhood Association holds a Spring and Fall General Meeting. We also have bi-monthly steering committee meetings that are held the 2nd Tuesday of odd months (Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept. & Nov.) 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 University will convert part of the former AMF Des Moines Lanes bowling alley at 3839 E 14<sup>th</sup> ST into a wrestling practice facility. The conversion should be finished by the fall 2014 term. The other part of the building will continue to be used by the GVU bowling team as a practice facility.



**HAIL THE VIKINGS!** Congratulations to the Grand View University Vikings football team. The team was undefeated last fall and won the national NAIA championship title with a 35-23 victory over the University of Cumberland Patriots. Senator Dick Dearden (D-Des Moines) arranged for the GVU team to be honored this session in the Iowa House and Senate chambers where a resolution of congratulations was read and approved.

## Des Moines Historical Society Centennial Certificate Program

One hundred years is a long time. And in each passing day is a reminder that our history is growing and changing and, oftentimes, forgotten. The Des Moines Historical Society (DMHS) wants to make sure Des Moines' history isn't lost.

In response to a need for greater recognition and acknowledgement of Des Moines history, DMHS is starting the "Centennial Certificate" program.

Through Des Moines' 58 neighborhood associations, DMHS is working to document businesses, organizations, people, homes and buildings

that are 100 years old or older. Each honoree will receive a complimentary framed Centennial Certificate recognizing their contribution to the history of Des Moines during special public presentations throughout the year, many in conjunction with Neighborhood Association meetings. Homeowner honorees may also choose to purchase a bronze plaque in recognition of their home's historical significance to Des Moines.

If you have information on a business, organization, person, home or building that has surpassed the cen-

tury mark, please visit [www.desmoineshistoricalsociety.org](http://www.desmoineshistoricalsociety.org) for complete guidelines and submission form or contact DMHS Board Member Laurance Tovrea, [LTovrea@desmoineshistoricalsociety.org](mailto:LTovrea@desmoineshistoricalsociety.org), (515) 255-2705 (daytime).

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"The purpose of the Des Moines Historical Society is to promote the preservation and study of the history and heritage of Des Moines, Iowa."

# SCRUB (Spring Cleanup to Remove Urban Blight)

Each month from now through November, the City of Des Moines is offering residents a great opportunity to get rid of junk, appliances and yard debris. On specific Saturdays, Des Moines residents may take items to the Transfer Station at 4198 Delaware Ave and yard debris may go to the Compost Facility at 1601 Harriett Street, where convenient off-loading is offered. Additionally, residents may also go to one of five “Mega SCRUBs” on specific days where free shredding services are also available. (see schedule).

## SCRUB Guidelines:

Residents of Des Moines ONLY: Proof of Residency Required; Photo ID or current utility bill

No Commercial Haulers: Commercial Haulers MUST use landfill

Make sure your vehicle has plenty of gas. Disabled vehicles create delays

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. If you will not be able to unload by yourself in 15 minutes, bring additional help to assist you!

Place all items as directed. Clean up you own mess.

Scavenging/salvaging is NOT permitted at anytime.

**Repurposed & Recycled Items:** For a complete list of items for recycling, visit [www.WhereItShouldGo.com](http://www.WhereItShouldGo.com)

## Transfer Station Guidelines. Acceptable SCRUB Items:

Trash & Bulk Items: trash containers, general trash including furniture, lawn mowers with all fluids drained, televisions & tires (any size, on/off rim)

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

## Compost Site Guidelines. Compost Facility-Items Allowed:

Yard debris, yard waste, brush, tree limbs (24" diameter or less, maximum length 10 feet), pruning, loose leaves, grass clippings, straw, hay and garden waste.

More information may be found on the City website at

<http://www.dmgov.org/Departments/PublicWorks/Pages/SCRUBEvents.aspx>

The Transfer Station and the Compost Facility will be open to all Des Moines Residents for the following dates and times on the next page:



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.

## 2014 SCRUB Calendar

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

### Alice Rodine / Robert Mickle Award

Union Park Neighborhood has submitted three nominations for the Alice Rodine/Robert Mickle Recognition Award. The award is given in three categories for outstanding leadership and service to the community. The annual award recognition is sponsored by Des Moines Neighbors, a local umbrella neighborhood group. Dan Rogers, a resident in the

Union Park area, was nominated for the citizen volunteer award. Richard Brown, Parks Planner with the Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department was nominated for the public employee award. Union Park Methodist Church was nominated for the business award. The awards will be presented during a dinner on May 15.



**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

## New Names for the Streets in Union Park

In January 2013, UPNA proposed the naming of the roads in Union Park to the City Council. By October 2013, Parks and Recreation had placed temporary street signs in Union Park, identifying the formerly unnamed roadways in Union Park. These street names are now in the 911 system and will aid when help is needed in the Park.

Here are the street names that were approved:

**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. 9<sup>th</sup> 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. 8<sup>th</sup> Court** – the southeast entrance the park, between E. Jefferson and Union Park Circle.

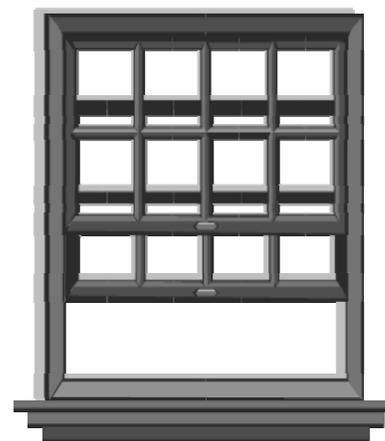
## Window Restoration Workshop - DSM Rehabbers Club

Window Restoration Workshop. The Des Moines Rehabbers Club invites you to a hands-on window restoration workshop. The Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> session will begin at Historic Hatton House, 1730 7<sup>th</sup> St., Des Moines (in the River Bend neighborhood) where we'll learn about the parts of a window and how to take it apart. The Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> session will begin at Silent Rivers Design & Build, 9205 Swanson Blvd., Clive, with instruction on removing paint and finishes, re-glazing the sashes, and more. Saturday afternoon we will be back at Hatton House for a demonstration on how to put a completed window

back together.

The workshop is limited to 20 people. It will feature restoration expert David Wadsworth. The cost per participant for this intensive two-day workshop will be \$150. Participants will work on salvaged window sashes under David's guidance, with tools and learning materials they'll get to take home with them. They'll learn skills they can use on their own homes and hopefully share with their neighbors. For more information contact Kelli Lydon, Vice President, [kelli.a.lydon@gmail.com](mailto:kelli.a.lydon@gmail.com) or 515-451-7559. The Des Moines Rehabbers Club is a non-profit group dedicated to neighborhood revitali-

zation in Des Moines through renovation, preservation, and maintenance of historic buildings. Learn more at [RenovateDSM.org](http://RenovateDSM.org).



## 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.

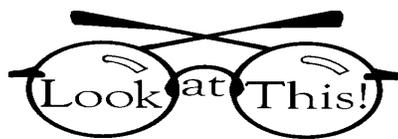
Also, please place your toter cart and other materials to be collected

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. The Toters have made a huge difference in vermin control since the program was started, especially in preventing crows from tearing into bags and scattering litter.

## 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.

Remember that Annual Membership Dues are 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.

Also we are trying to get a handle on how much of the Association area is homeowner occupied. This is important to us to track our progress in our master plan as well as determine our marketing strategy. Please let Paul Cole know about any properties around you that is currently being rented. His email address is [ColePW@crosspaths.net](mailto:ColePW@crosspaths.net)

**Open Street Event.** To help Iowa Lutheran Hospital celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2014, volunteers from the Union Park and Capitol Park neighborhoods have submitted a joint application to the Des Moines Bicycle Collective and DSMove.org for an Open Street event to be held some-

time in 2014. The plan is to temporarily close East 9th to automobile traffic from University to Hull Ave for a 4-hour period so people may use the street for walking, bicycling, dancing, playing, and socializing. DSMove is a public/private partnership that promotes physical activity, fosters local business, and promotes a sense of community, civility, and sustainability. The project is supported by sponsors and community grants. To volunteer, contact [angela.mcbride@mchsi.com](mailto:angela.mcbride@mchsi.com). If you want to see more about the concept, go to <http://dsmove.org/>.

UPNA has applied for a “Free Flicks” event in 2014. 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. Once the application is approved we will announce the details but we want to have it in Birdland Park near the shelter like we did last August. People brought chairs and blankets and enjoyed a fun movie. A food and drinks concessions stand was on-site.

UPNA has been responsible for obtaining \$38,423.84 in grants that benefited or improved Union Park. Last fall at the South East corner of the park near the Pillars, a walking path was completed and two benches were installed for patrons to rest and enjoy nature. The walking path has been getting a lot of usage since it was installed.

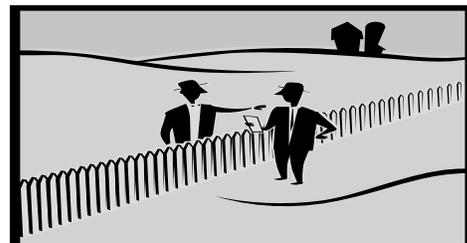
The two shelters in Union Park now have names. In February 2013, UPNA renewed efforts to name the

two shelters in Union Park after Margaret Swanson and Bill & Nellie Ritchie, three neighborhood volunteers who gave tirelessly to the Association and the City of Des Moines as a whole. In December 2013, that became a reality. The signs have not been placed on the buildings yet, but the new names are being used by Parks and Recreation when renting the shelters. Before, the shelters were simply referred to as the “West” and “East” shelters.

**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.

Mark your calendars for Clowns at the Carousel in Union Park on Sunday, August 3rd. All activities will be FREE and open to the public thanks to generous sponsors. For more information on this event go to [www.clownsatthecarousel.com](http://www.clownsatthecarousel.com). If you can volunteer for 2014 event, contact Debby Cooper at [debcoop1@msn.com](mailto:debcoop1@msn.com) or (515) 490-5205. They can always use volunteers.



# Union Park Neighborhood Association

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TIME VALUE

Spring General Meeting  
Tuesday, May 13 at 7 pm  
Jay N. "Ding" Darling Shelter House  
Birdland Park 2100 Saylor Road

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](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_