

# UNION PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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## Spring General Meeting Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 PM

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

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The UPNA Spring General Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jay N. "Ding" Darling Shelter House in Birdland Park. Our guest speakers will be Scott Sanders, City Manager and Jonathan Gano, Director of Public Works and Chief Dana Wingert of the Des Moines Police.

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>

## Improvements in Union Park.

You may have noticed some improvements in Union Park, most recently the sidewalk that continues from the steps at Mattern and East 9<sup>th</sup> into the park, with a flower bed and soon park benches will be installed there. These improvements were the result of the Union Park Neighborhood Association applying for Polk County Community Betterment grants. The next improvement project we will tackle is to install concrete steps and a landing and railing near the stone bridge in the Birdland Marina. This ambitious project will be done in phases over the next several years.



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# Clean Union Park! Volunteer! Celebrate Earth Day!

## April 25th 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

On Saturday April 25, we have the opportunity to help beautify Union Park. The Union Park Neighborhood Association is partnering with the Union Park United Methodist Church and the Des Moines Park and Recreation department to organize an effort to clean up the ravine south of Thompson Avenue in Union Park. Volunteers are needed to help pick up litter and pull brush, small branches, vines, etc. from the ravine and haul over to a close-by staging area so the city can haul the debris away later. It would be helpful if volunteers brought their own nippers and cutters. Be sure to wear appropriate clothing and shoes and gloves, hat, sunscreen, etc. Chain saws will not be needed. Water and treats will be available for workers. This will go on, rain or shine.

Originally UPNA proposed to clean out the area along Birdland Drive between the marina and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Years of neglect and dumping had caused that area to be an eyesore. In March, Marsha Steele approached the Park and Recreation Department with the idea of partnering with UPNA on a clean-up day along Birdland Drive. It turns out the City had purchased a huge grinding machine. Paul Strome and Mike Gaul with the Park and Recreation Department thought it was a great idea, assessed the area and told Marsha they would start on it right away. They brought in heavy equipment, the grinding machine and city manpower to accomplish the job. If you have driven down Birdland Drive recently, you will be amazed. You can actually see the Ding Darling Shelter from Birdland Drive now!



## Lawn of the Week Awards

The 2014 Lawn of the Week Awards were presented during the Fall General Meeting at the Ding Darling Shelter on **October 23, 2014**. 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. Yvonne McClure and Tom McDermott, Lawn of the Week Award Coordinators, 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 Neighbor-

hood Lawn of the Week”. The winners were honored with a certificate of achievement and a gift certificate to Goodes Greenhouse.

Congratulations to the following neighbors:

Bernice Bentz - 2805 E 13<sup>th</sup> ST (present to receive Award)

Clark Connell - 701 Morton

Jerry and Julie Bates - 1521 Guthrie

Eric Link - 1209 Morton

Joseph Seaman - 2405 Glenbrook Dr (present to receive Award)

Kevin Fangman - 909 Thompson Ave

Sandra Adams - 2220 York

Michael Schultz - 507 E Sheridan Ave

Unity Point Health - 2301 E 14<sup>th</sup> Matt

Kenny/ Marilyn Salter (Present to receive Award)

Although there is not a nominations process for this award, suggestions are gratefully accepted. Please send your suggestions for a 2015 Lawn of the Week to

[info@unionparkdsm.com](mailto:info@unionparkdsm.com)

Photos of the 2014 winning lawns are posted on our website.



# 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!

# UPNA

## Membership Dues

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.

# Lower Oak Park and Highland Park Sewer Separation Project

The City of Des Moines is initiating a new project for the Lower Oak Park and Highland Park neighborhood. This project is included in the City’s Long Term Control Plan, developed to eliminate combined sewer overflows. The Lower Oak Park and Highland Park Sewer Separation Project is located along the Des Moines River, north of downtown. Currently, storm water in this area is collected and conveyed by both separate storm sewer and combined sewer systems. The combined storm sewer and sanitary sewer flows are conveyed to the Birdland Pump Station on Saylor Drive, south of the marina.

The Lower Oak Park and Highland Park Sewer Separation Project will remove storm water inlets from the combined sewer system. Approximately 10,000 linear feet of new storm sewer is anticipated to be constructed. The anticipated cost of the Project is \$11.8 million.

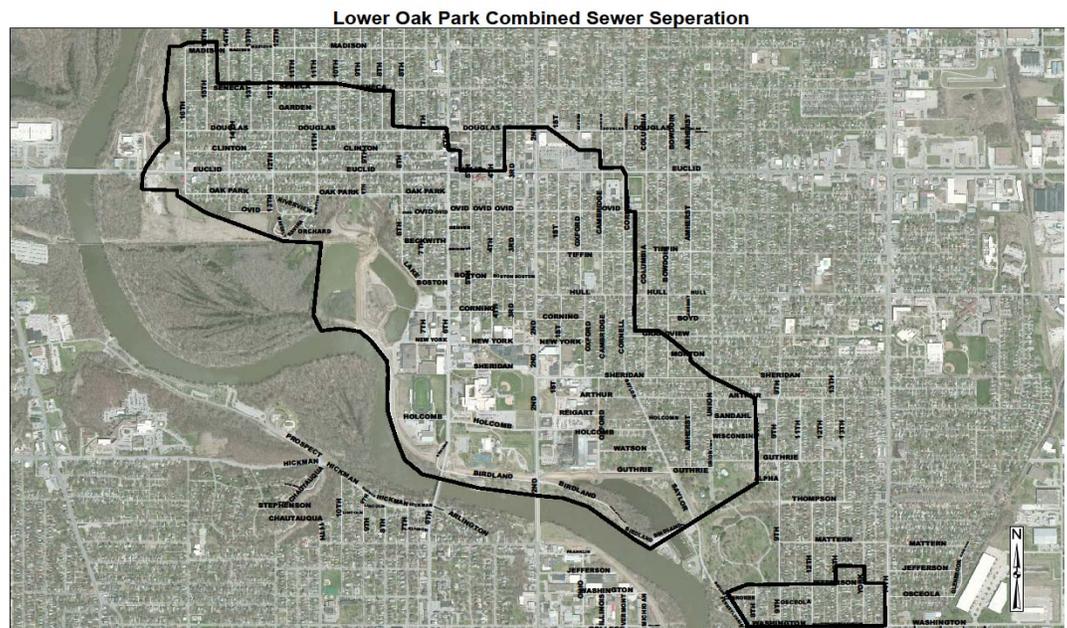
The Project is expected to be complete in 2018 and will help the City meet the nine minimum control requirements in the current City/Wastewater Reclamation Authority National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) permit.

To keep the public informed about the Project, the City of Des Moines has developed a Project website to help serve as a tool for current information about the Project, upcoming events and to provide opportunity to submit a comment to the Project team. For information go to: [www.loweroakcso.com](http://www.loweroakcso.com)

The first Public Meetings was March 24 at the Polk County North Senior Center in Park Fair Mall.

- Upcoming meetings are:
- May 2015 – Preliminary Design
- October 2015 – Final Design
- March 2016 - Construction
- December 2016 – Flow Metering & Decree Compliance

Project Point of Contact - Brian Bakke, P.E., HDR Engineering and Eugene Schmitt, P.E., Sewer Enterprise Division, Public Works Department. Comments/questions may addressed by going to the “Contact Us” section on the [www.loweroakcso.com](http://www.loweroakcso.com) website.



# 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.

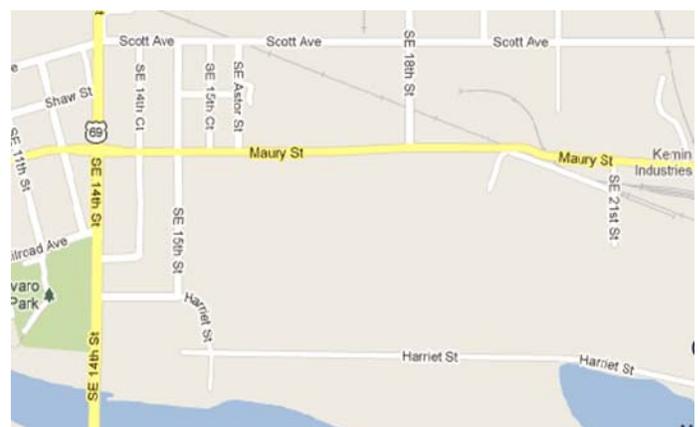
More information may be found on the City website at

<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.

# 2015 SCRUB Calendar

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

## Crime Mapping



**Crime Mapping - Building Safer Communities!**  
 crime mapping is dedicated to helping law enforcement agencies provide the public with valuable information about recent crime activity by neighborhood  
 CRIMEMAPPING.COM

get daily reports sent to you by email: <http://www.crimemapping.com/>

A map of the U.S.A will appear. Click on Iowa.

Then select “Des Moines Police” from the list.

A street map of Des Moines will appear with most of the crimes displayed. You may do a search for crimes near your

home by typing in your address in the Search box. Or you may subscribe to have Crime Mapping sent to your email.

At the top of the page is an orange box “Receive Crime Alerts”. Click on that. It will take you to a page that says “SIGN UP AND RECEIVE CRIME ALERTS”. Follow the directions.

You will receive an email that asks you to “Save My Subscription”. Do not ignore that one. After you save your subscription, you will receive an acknowledging “Thank You

Then you will receive Crime mapping information in your emails regularly. You may unsubscribe at any time you wish.

Do you want an easy way to know what kind of criminal activity is going on near your home? Here is a way to

# Rendezvous on Riverview

Rendezvous on Riverview started in 2009 as a free summer concert series that is a fun, family-oriented neighborhood festival open to the public. Funds raised have been directed to the renovation project planned at Riverview Park.

The first year, ROR was held at the former site of Riverview Amusement Park. Due to construction on Riverview Island, the free, summer concert series has been held on the former Clarkson School lot at 6<sup>th</sup> and Boston, just a few blocks north of North High School. Future plans are for ROR to return to the island.

Live Music from some of Central Iowa's best bands is featured. Lots of food and beverage options including beer, soft drinks, walking tacos, hot dogs and much more.

Rendezvous on Riverview will be held every Friday night in June and July from **5:30 to 9:30pm**, so please join us and bring your friends, or come and make some new ones at

Rendezvous on Riverview! Come and have a great time, but please, no coolers.

### 2015 Bands

- 6/6 - Standing Hampton
- 6/12- Brother Trucker
- 6/19 - Freestyle
- 6/26 – Decoy
- 7/3 - Backstage Boogie Band (Des Moines' Best Fireworks-10PM)
- 7/10 - Faculty Lounge
- 7/18 - Final Mix with Del 'The Saxman' Jones
- 7/24 - Riddle Me This
- 7/31 – The Sons of Gladys Kravitz

Riverview will be 100 years old this year. The doors opened to Riverview Amusement Park on June 15, 1915. The idea of an amusement park on the island sprang up from a visit to Coney Island by Abe Frankle. At first it had a roller coaster, swimming

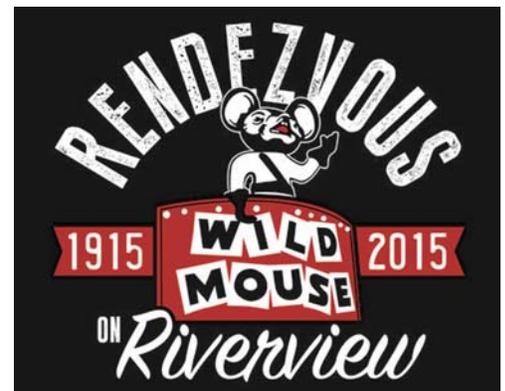
pool and a dance pavilion. Riverview Amusement Park was in operation from 1915-1978. After many, many years of stagnation, thanks to the Parks Area Foundation, plans are under way once and for all for a master revitalization project

The Parks Area Foundation ([www.parksareafoundation.org](http://www.parksareafoundation.org)) is leading a citizen initiative to redevelop Riverview Park into a new public space and entertainment venue. Their focus is neighborhood improvement, cultural preservation, educational opportunities and an attractive family space & entertainment venue. To see some of the design ideas and donate go to: <http://riverviewrising.com/> or can be sent to the Parks Area Foundation at P.O. Box 3323, Des Moines, Iowa, 50316. Donations are tax deductible.



Riviera Performance Stage

10-10-2014



# National Night Out

National Night Out will be August 4, 2015 and once again, the Union Park United Methodists at 2305 E 12th ST will open their hearts and their parking lot to Union Park neighbors to celebrate National

Night Out. Enjoy a cookout style supper, and some fellowship between friends and neighbors. Expect entertainment, music, games and prizes for the children. It is a terrific time to meet neighbors and to get to

know one another. National Night out is America's Celebration against crime!

## Free Flicks

Once again, Union Park Neighborhood Association is partnering with Des Moines Park and Recreation Department to provide an outdoor movie in our park. This year Free Flicks will be offered August 20<sup>th</sup> at the Ding Darling Shelter in Birdland Park. The title of the movie will be "Monsters". Free Flicks reconnects neighbors and provides a unique setting for something everyone enjoys...watching movies. Outdoor movies are shown on a 25 foot inflatable movie screen. Add theater



quality sound and a beautiful park setting and you have a great opportunity for a night of neighborhood fun. And best of all it is free to the public. The Ding Darling Shelter is easy to find – it is located near Guthrie and Saylor Road at 2100 Saylor Road. There is plenty of parking. The movie will start showing after sunset around 9:00 p.m. Blankets and lawn chairs are encouraged. People are free to bring their own snacks, however a concession stand is being considered to pro-

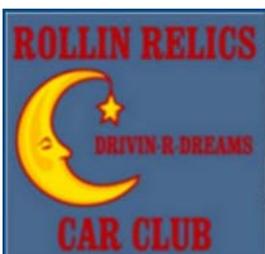
vide soft drinks and treats for purchase. In case of rain, Des Moines Parks and Recreation will make every attempt to reschedule.



## This and That:

### UPNA Calendars and T-shirts

2015 Union Park Calendars are still available. They are \$5.00 each plus shipping (we can hand deliver if in the metro area). Send requests to: Union Park Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 16113, Des Moines, Iowa 50316 or contact Paul Sadler at [info@UnionParkDSM.com](mailto:info@UnionParkDSM.com). We also have t-shirts in sizes small, large and extra large for \$15 each. For your convenience, an order form is available on the UPNA website.



### The 15th Annual Rollin' Relics

Cruise to the Carousel will be Sunday, August 30, 2015. Mark your calendars. The event is sponsored by the Rollin' Relics Car Club of Des Moines. Rollin' Relics is the largest annual contributor to the Heritage Carousel. They help keep the Carousel going 'round and keep the rides at 50 cents for children.



### Parks Area Sweet Corn Day

Parks Area Sweet Corn Day - Saturday, July 18 - 4:30 to 9:30. Enjoy all the sweet corn on the cob you can eat plus a pulled

pork sandwich, a slice of watermelon and a soft drink. Meal tickets are \$8 for adults (if purchased before the day of the event, the price is discounted to \$7). Kids are \$4. The event will be on 6th Ave, between Euclid and Douglas Avenues in Des Moines. Ice cream, slush cones, soda & beer is available for additional cost. There will be activities for the kids to enjoy, and a live band provided by Central IA Blues Society. This event was formally known as the Highland Park Sweet Corn Day, the festival now includes the Parks area of Highland, Oak and Union Park.



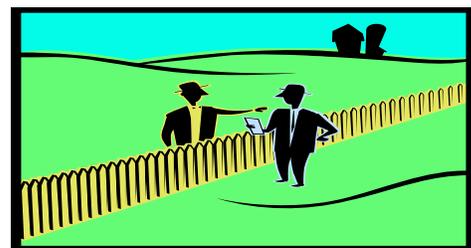
COMING SOON!! Be on the lookout for First Rider of the Year Contest information on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Go to <http://>

[www.heritagecarousel.org](http://www.heritagecarousel.org) to see the calendar of events.

The Heritage Carousel of Des Moines will be open for the Memorial Day weekend, May 23-25 from 11:00 to 8:00. Full Season hours begin Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday - Thursday: 12:00 p.m. - 7 p.m. Friday - Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - 8 p.m. Closed Mondays (available for private rentals) Cost: 50¢ for kids, \$1 for adults (No charge for an adult to stand next to a young child).

### Physical address: 1801 Pennsylvania Avenue, Des Moines

From I-235, take the E. 6th/ Pennsylvania exit and turn north on Pennsylvania Avenue. Continue on Pennsylvania Avenue past University Avenue until you reach Union Park. The river is across from the park. Take the 2nd Union Park entrance. The Carousel is at the top of the hill.



# Union Park Neighborhood Association

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TIME VALUE

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Birdland Park 2100 Saylor Road

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

9-digit zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Form is also available on our website at [www.unionparkdsm.com](http://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.

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