

# UNION PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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## Fall General Meeting Tuesday, October 17 at 7:00 PM

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

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The UPNA Fall General Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Jay N. "Ding" Darling Shelter House in Birdland Park. Our guest speakers will include Polk County Supervisor Tom Hocken-smith. We also will hear from the Parks Area Foundation about the efforts at Riverview, Grand View University will talk to us about their new initiative called "Views Forward" and the Heritage Carousel will talk to us about their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary planned activities.



Also on the agenda is Lawn of the Week Awards, election of officers, a report on UPNA's accomplishments this year and 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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## 17th Annual Cruise to the Carousel

This year, a 1950 Mercury owned by Gary and Sandy Pullen of Des Moines, was chosen for the Union Park Neighborhood Association Award at the August 27<sup>th</sup> Cruise to the Carousel. This beautiful car has custom green and cream paint with a detailed and artistic stripe separating these colors. Gary says he has “completely redone the entire car”. The interior is all new, and it is powered by a new and updated Chevy motor, new drive train and “all the modern conveniences” Gary says. These updates are for the comfort and safety of the Pullens who drive this car to weekend shows from late spring through mid-autumn. The Pullens have deep roots on the East side and continue to live here. In addition, Gary is a founding member of the Concrete Cruisers car club, a popular club in the Des Moines area.



1950 Mercury owned by Gary and Sandy Pullen of Des Moines

Each year, the Rollin’ Relics Car Club sponsors the Cruise to the Carousel car show. It is an important annual fund raiser for the Heritage Carousel at Union Park, which helps keep the rides for children at 50 cents each. UPNA provided a trophy recognizing our neighborhood choice for one of the outstanding cars at the show. Enthusiasm at this year’s show was not diminished in the least by a light morning drizzle and heavy overcast sky. A very diverse group of about 180 carefully and lovingly restored cars were displayed in the park near the Carousel. The show raised a significant donation to support the Carousel again this year, which will be announced at a later date. We hope to see another large group of cars, owners, and car enthusiasts at the show again next year!

*By Drew Cannon*

## My DSM Mobile

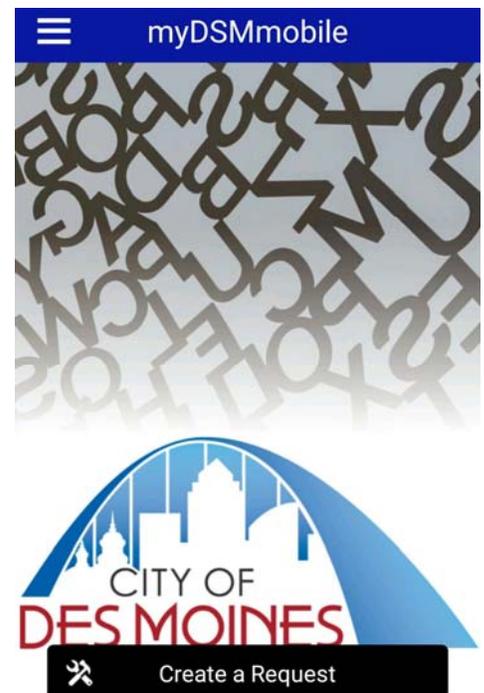
City of Des Moines has launched a new smart phone app to help citizens report concerns of garbage pickup, urban blight, vandalism, pot holes and more. The information goes directly to necessary city staff. This new feature will assist the 24 hour public works call center (283-4950) in responding to its nearly 57,000 annual calls requests/ per year. “My DSM Mobile” allows for a more efficient process- aiding residents in a higher quality of life.

Website for more info - <https://desmoinesia.citysourced.com/mobile>

See link on City of Des Moines Facebook page here to share:  
<https://www.facebook.com/DesMoinesGov/photos/a.376856179026934.81812.198320120213875/1158881654157712/?type=3&theater>

Or post:  
 #MyDSMmobile. City's new mobile app to report issues.  
<http://www.dmgov.org/pages/mydsmmobile.aspx>

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## 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.

## The Views Forward Project

Grand View University has been a proud and committed resident of the east side of Des Moines since its founding in 1896. Campus improvements in the last decade have enhanced the University's footprint along East 14th Street and surrounding streets. THE VIEWS FORWARD PROJECT recognizes the impact the University has had on the neighborhood and aims to bring continued positive change through genuine and sustainable projects, programs and events that involve residents and businesses.

THE VIEWS FORWARD PROJECT will work with neighborhood leaders representing Highland Park, Union Park, Capitol Park and Martin Luther King, Jr. Park Neighborhood Associations to identify and develop initiatives that meet community needs and expand opportunities for Grand View students to serve, learn, and build ties to the east side of Des Moines.

THE VIEWS FORWARD PROJECT inaugural activities:

**Viking Ticket Program:** Grand View will give away 1896 tickets to sporting events, theater and music performances during the 2017-2018 school year to neighbors. Tickets can be requested via the Grand View website, [www.grandview.edu/views-forward](http://www.grandview.edu/views-forward).

**Neighborhood Advisory Committee:** THE VIEWS FORWARD PROJECT will bring neighborhood leaders together for planning sessions to gather input and provide feedback on VIEWS FORWARD project planning. The Neighborhood Advisory Committee will also serve as a forum for local leaders to share news and discuss common concerns.

**Neighborhood volunteerism:** Grand View staff, faculty and students contribute more than 56,000 hours of community service each year. THE VIEWS FORWARD PROJECT will begin to focus the power of our volunteer efforts within our neighborhood.

**Taking it to the streets:** Grand View staff and faculty held dozens of neighborhood meetings earlier this year as we crafted the VIEWS FORWARD PROJECT. Those meetings highlighted needs and opportunities. To keep the lines of communication open, President Kent Henning will go door-to-door this fall to meet with students living off-campus and their neighbors to learn more about our impact in the community.

THE VIEWS FORWARD PROJECT is a long-term commitment by Grand View to its neighborhood. New initiatives will be launched throughout the year as we work to identify projects and initiatives that meet the needs of our community.



Beggar's Night  
in Des Moines

Monday October 30  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

## JUST 2 More SCRUB Days For This Year

The last SCRUB Day events for residents to get rid of junk, appliances, and yard debris are October 21 and November 18<sup>th</sup>. SCRUB events are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each Month and are free to the citizens of Des Moines. You may experience longer wait times based on participation.

Take junk/appliances to: MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave - 7 AM - 2 PM

Take yard waste to: MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett - 7 AM - 2 PM

### SCRUB (Spring Cleanup to Remove Urban Blight) Guidelines:

Residents of Des Moines ONLY: Proof of residency is 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.

More information may be found on the City website at

<http://www.dm.gov/Departments/PublicWorks/Pages/SCRUBEvents.aspx>

## Lawn of the Week Awards

The 2017 Lawn of the Week Awards will be presented during the Fall General Meeting at the Ding Darling Shelter on October 17<sup>th</sup>. 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. This summer, Yvonne 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 Neighborhood Lawn of the Week”. The win-

ners will be honored with a certificate of achievement and a gift certificate to Goodes Greenhouse.

Congratulations to the following neighbors:

Martha & John Jessen - 1904 E 13th

Joanna & Christopher deMaria - 2814 Bowdoin

Andrew Self - 2415 E 9th

Michael & Leah Voss - 1712 Penn Ave

Ron & Karen Miklus - 828 E Sheridan Ave

Katie Leader - 1540 Thompson

Although there is not a formal process for this award, nominations are appreciated and gratefully accepted. Yvonne said that they followed up on nominations that were submitted

by friends and neighbors but sometimes there was no response when the owner was contacted. They need the approval of the owner before they can put the sign in the yard.

Please send your suggestions for a 2017 Lawn of the Week to [in-fo@unionparkdsm.com](mailto:info@unionparkdsm.com)



## Clowns At The Carousel

What a fun day we all had August 6<sup>th</sup> at the Heritage Carousel with The Korn Patch Klowns. This is an annual event at the Carousel and kids and their families enjoyed carousel rides, music, games, Safety Street and watched clowns entertain with dancing, juggling and funny antics. Twenty pounds of lemonade were consumed along with 700 bags of popcorn, and 2500 slices of pizza! There were a lot of people! Additionally, 400 free bicycle helmets were given away and there were 950 free carousel rides! On the stage, the Urbandale Community Band gave a special tribute to active military, veterans, police, firefighters & first responders. Also, Charlene's Dance Studio and the Korn Patch Klowns performed.

Mark your calendars for 2018: Sunday, August 5, from 4-7pm! We invite you to join us for a night of

laughter, fun & entertainment at The Heritage Carousel located in Union Park one of Des Moines, Iowa's greatest parks!!! Come Join the Fun!!!



## 2017 Heritage Carousel Season a Great Success!

Thanks to everyone who supported the Heritage Carousel in Union Park this season. We had a spectacular year at the Carousel. The Carousel closed for the season on October 1 with over 54,000 riders this year. We hosted over 90 special events and parties including Union Park Neighbor's Night in May, the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Cruise to the Carousel, and many birthday parties and special gatherings. There was also a music video filmed at the Carousel and a Von Maur fashion shoot!

The Band Organ is in the middle of an overhaul. Some of you may have experienced the Carousel this year

without the wonderful band organ. We are outfitting it with a MIDI sound system to make it less susceptible to break downs but in the process, have been dealing with wear and tear issues common on a 20 year old piece of equipment that is exposed to the elements! We hope to unveil our improved band organ next year.

We will celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> year in Union Park in 2018. The Foundation board is busy planning some exciting events. If you would like to be updated on Carousel events and activities, please go to our website and join our email list or follow us on Facebook.

The Heritage Carousel is owned and operated by the Des Moines Carousel Foundation and is a not for profit organization. One of our main objectives is to keep the Carousel accessible to all by keeping the cost to ride at just 50 cents for children. This is only possible, however, with the help of our generous donors and sponsors. If you would like to donate to the Carousel, please go to our website or contact us at [information@heritagecarousel.org](mailto:information@heritagecarousel.org).

*By Jackie Cattiatore, Heritage Carousel Executive Director*



# Front Porch Program

## HOME IMPROVEMENT LOANS

Loans through NFC's Front Porch Program are available to homeowners in NFC lending areas seeking repairs to the exterior of their homes. The program was designed to assist borrowers with lower credit scores and less equity than NFC is able to approve through NFC's Advantage home improvement loan program. The low interest rate loans are for exterior repairs only, such as, but not limited to, roof repair or replacement, foundation repair, siding repair or replacement and paint, window and door repair or replacement. And now, the Front Porch Loan Program includes a forgivable loan of up to \$10,000! The forgivable amount will be based on total amount of renovations and the household income at time of loan.

Learn More Here: <http://neighborhoodfinance.org/loan-programs/front-porch-loan/>

### MORTGAGE APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!

NFC offers unique loans for home renovations, refinance and purchase of a new home. To see if your home qualifies for one of these loans, visit [NeighborhoodFinance.org](http://NeighborhoodFinance.org).

**NEW! APPLY ONLINE!**

NFC is excited to announce the addition of an online application for all of our loan programs. Not only is our new online loan application safe and secure, in most instances, it will help to expedite the loan process. Visit our website to view our loan programs and qualifications and then follow the instructions to complete our new on-line application!

View the On-Line Application here: <http://neighborhoodfinance.org/loan-process-application/>



## UNION PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*"A Century Church"*

**Founded June 27, 1917**

1307 Thompson Avenue

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



1900 Saylor Road

- Located on the bike trail
- At Birdland Marina
- Deck overlooking Thompsons Bend on the Des Moines River
- 1 mile north of downtown on Neal Smith Trail
- Hub for the bike trail - will have biking events
- Across the street from Union Park and Heritage carousel
- Selling supplies for bikers
- Selling ice
- Plenty of bike racks
- Bike friendly



## Some DO'S and DON'TS For Fall and Winter

**DO!** Report street lights that are not working. Call **1-888-427-5632**. or here is the link to report it:

<http://www.dmgov.org/InteractiveForms/Pages/default.aspx?FormName=Report+a+Street+Light+Issue>

**DO!** Clear your sidewalks of snow and ice within 48 hours following the end of snowfall. Property owners who do not comply are subject to a civil citation. Clear your sidewalk after the snowplows have finished plowing to the curb. Private property owners may be fined a municipal infraction that carries a fine up to \$250 for the first offence. Subsequent violations can be up to \$500.

**DO!** Report sidewalks that are not cleared of snow and ice accumulations. You may call 283-4950 and report the address of the sidewalk. You are not asked to identify yourself.

**DO!** License all dogs and cats. Six months old and over must be licensed and are due January 1st of each year. Additional penalty fee is added after March 31. Unlicensed cats and dogs may be ticketed. There is a limit of six (6) dogs/cats per household; with not more than 3 being dogs, however, you may request a waiver for a fourth dog if it meets certain requirements. For additional information, please email [CityClerk@dmgov.org](mailto:CityClerk@dmgov.org) or call (515) 283-4209. A printable license Application form is available on line at <http://www.dmgov.org/Departments/CityClerk/PDF/AnimalLicenseApplication.pdf>

**DO!** Report Potholes. The city of Des Moines prides themselves on quick response to potholes that have been reported. Just call Public Works at 283-4950 or report them on-line at <http://www.dmgov.org/InteractiveForms/>.

**DO!** Renew your UPNA membership on January 1st

**DO!** Replace the lid on your Solid Waste Toter carts if it is missing or damaged. It is free. Call DM Public Works at 283-4950 to give them your address. You will need to leave the cart out where they can get to it to replace the lid. It doesn't matter if it was abused or went bad from the weather or whatever reason.

**DO!** Keep your garage doors closed and never leave anything out you don't want to lose. It only invites thefts.

**DO NOT!** Park on residential streets after snowfalls of 2 inches or more. Snow removal on residential streets citywide begins when the snow ends. Parking will be restricted until residential streets are plowed curb to curb. The cost of a ticket for parking during restrictions is \$35.

You can access up-to-date information on snow removal by the following methods:

**Email:** Subscribe to email alerts at [www.dmgov.org](http://www.dmgov.org) in the link "sign up for email subscriptions"

**Texting:** Subscribe to text message alerts by texting DMSNOW to 96362.

**Facebook:** like us 'Des Moines Public Works'

**Twitter:** Follow us @dmdpw.

**Call:** the Department of Public Works 24-Hour Customer Service Center at 283-4950.

**DO NOT!** Blow leaves, grass clippings or debris of any kind into the street. Grass clipping and other yard debris can clog the city's storm sewer intakes causing street flooding. An administrative fine may be issued. \$50 the first offense, \$75 for the second and \$100 for the third.

**DO NOT!** Leave your Solid Waste Toter Carts out for more than 12 hours after the date designated for collection. They may be placed out for pick-up no earlier than 5:00 p.m. on the day before but no later than 6:30 a.m. on the day of your scheduled collection.

**DO NOT!** Put snow into the street. When shoveling out the mouth of your driveway, throw the snow to the right or left, but NOT in the street. Please remember that City ordinance prohibits placing snow on any public street, sidewalk, or right-of-way.

# Union Park Neighborhood Association

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TIME VALUE

Fall General Meeting  
Tuesday, October 17 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)

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

Please send me information about \_\_\_\_\_