

# UNION PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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## Spring General Meeting Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 PM

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

The UPNA Spring General Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jay N. "Ding" Darling Shelter House in Birdland Park.



Our first guest speakers will be Pam Carmichael with Home INC. She will talk to us about the homes they are building in the Birdland area and opportunities for other home buyers. Rob Barron, with Grand View University will bring us up to date on the Views Forward Project. Senior Officer Scott Baker, our NBSD Police Officer, will give us an inside look on what goes on with the Des Moines Police Department. Also on the agenda is Jackie Cacciatore with the Heritage Carousel who will talk about plans for the Carousel's 20th birthday party.

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.

### Rollin' Relics Car Club donates \$7,000 to Heritage Carousel Foundation

On November 6, 2017, members of the Rollin' Relics Car Club presented a \$7,000 check to the Heritage Carousel Foundation. The money was all raised during their Cruise to the Carousel event in Union Park in August 2017. The Heritage Carousel will use the money for maintenance, updating equipment and keeping the costs of rides to 50 cents for children. The Rollin' Relics Car Club is a group of people that share a common interest in hot rods, street rods, classic cars, rat rods, and muscle cars. They are proud to announce the 18th Annual Cruise to the Carousel Car Show set for August 26, 2018 at the Heritage Carousel.



Pictured from left: Club President Reggie Crabbs, Activities Director Terry Kurth, Treasurer Julie Patten, Carousel personnel Suzy Coen, Susan Cory, Colleen Rogers Messenger and Jackie Cacciatore and Rollin' Relics Car Club Vice President Wendell Saunders and Secretary Dee Crane.

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# Housing and Home Repair Upgrade Assistance

## Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency

Polk County River Place, 2309 Euclid Ave, Des Moines  
50310 515-323-8950 / [https://  
dmmha.apply4housing.com](https://dmmha.apply4housing.com)

Any seniors 62 and older in need of affordable housing may be eligible for one bedroom units in the City of Des Moines, Public Housing Program. Complete the application on line or request an application to be mailed by calling 515-323-8950.

## Des Moines Public Works

515-283-4950 / [https://www.dmgov.org/Departments/  
PublicWorks/Pages/PrivatePropProtectProg.aspx](https://www.dmgov.org/Departments/PublicWorks/Pages/PrivatePropProtectProg.aspx)

**Private Property Protection Project - Get Paid to Improve Your Property** - This program can help property owners pay the cost of materials and labor for a variety of improvements including foundation drains, sump pump redirections, roof drain disconnections and back-water valve installation Applications to the Department of Public Works will be accepted until June 1, 2023. For more information, visit [dmgov.org](http://dmgov.org) or call the Public Works 24-Hour Customer Service Center.

## Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity

2200 E Euclid AVE, Des Moines, IA 50317

515-471-8686 / <https://www.gdmhabitat.org/>

Rock the Block assists low-income residents with needed repair, maintenance, weatherization, safety, accessibility, and beautification of homes. Homeownership program offers qualified families and individuals a 20-30 year mortgage.

## HOME INC.

1618 Sixth Ave. Des Moines, IA 50314

515-243-1277/ <http://homeincdsm.org>

Owner Occupied Repair

Housing counseling

Homeowner education

Mortgage assistance

Single family homes through lease/purchase and turn-key sales

Neighborhood Revitalization

## Neighborhood Finance Corporation

1912 6th Ave. Des Moines, IA 50314

515-246-0010 / [www.neighborhoodfinance.org/](http://www.neighborhoodfinance.org/)

Front Porch Program – repairs to the exterior of homes

Down Payment Assistance Loan

Home purchase loans

Forgivable loans for home repair

## Rebuilding Together Greater Des Moines

1111 Ninth Street, Suite 265, Des Moines, IA 50314-2527

515-284-7403/ <http://www.rebuildingdm.org>

Critical home repairs for low-income families

Safe and Healthy Housing Repairs

Veterans Housing

## Polk County Health Department Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

1907 Carpenter AVE, Des Moines, IA 50314

515-286-2115 / [http://apps.polkcountyiowa.gov/  
metroleadsafe/](http://apps.polkcountyiowa.gov/metroleadsafe/)

Lead abatement program for qualified applicants. Repair and removal of lead based paint both inside and exterior. Low interest loans and forgivable loans are available.

## Des Moines Rehabbers Club

The Des Moines Rehabbers Club mission is to promote neighborhood revitalization and restoration of Des Moines' unique building stock by informing, educating, inspiring, and supporting each other in all phases of renovation from purchase to occupancy.

Find the Rehabbers online at [http://](http://www.renovatedsm.org)

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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 Sup- porter 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

Since the launch of the View Forward Project in September 2017, Grand View University has generously made free tickets available to Union Park neighbors through its Viking Ticket Program. About 1900 tickets were made available to neighbors for sporting events, theater and music performances during the 2017-2018 school year. Tickets can be requested via the Grand View website, [www.grandview.edu/views-forward](http://www.grandview.edu/views-forward).

A Community Garden, located at 1322 Boyd Street, also is a part of the Views Forward project. It started May 1 and will go through November 30. A ribbon cutting ceremony was May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The community garden is on undeveloped land near the GVU campus so individuals living and working in the neighborhood will have a space to grow fresh food.

The Grand View Athletics held a special free event on March 25th for kids in the neighborhood. The Ultimate Fan Fest gave kids an opportunity to get autographs and their pictures taken with the athletes and take home a free Grand View t-shirt.

Grand View staff, faculty and students contribute more than 56,000 hours of community service each year. The Views Forward Project will focus the power of volunteer efforts within our neighborhood.

The Views Forward Project is a long-term commitment by Grand View to its neighborhood. A neighborhood advisory committee helps plan new initiatives, gather input and provide feedback on the Views Forward Project planning. New initiatives will be launched throughout the year as projects and initiatives are identified that meet the needs of our community.

For more information contact Rob Barron, Special Assistant to the President for Government & Community Relations 515-263-6195 / [viewsforward@grandview.edu](mailto:viewsforward@grandview.edu)



CAPTAIN ROY'S

1900 Saylor Road

at Birdland Marina

OPEN FOR  
LUNCH DAILY

Closed Mondays

## Rendezvous on Riverview 2018

NEW LOCATION for 2018 and 2019! Union Labor Park at 4640 Northwest Morningstar Drive, Des Moines, IA 50313. Parking is limited so please take advantage of the free shuttle from North High School provided by Polk County. About 200 parking spaces are available at the Union Labor Park and the Little League is allowing the use of their parking lot. This location is accessible from the bike trail.

Friday night in June and July 5:30 - 9:30 Happy Hour 5:30 - 6:30 pm

### ROR 2018 Lineup

6/1 - Brother Tucker  
6/8 - Standing Hampton  
6/15 - The Dick Danger Band  
6/22 - Fahrenheit  
6/29 - Backstage Boogie Band  
7/6 - Stark Raving Madge-fireworks at dusk  
7/13 - Sons of Gladys Kravitz  
7/20 - Final Mix  
7/27 - Devil's Deck

Coming in 2020, the new Prairie Meadows Riviera stage and Variety Star Playground. Thanks to all for the support to revitalize the Riverview Park for future generations. Because of the construction, the 2018 and 2019 ROR seasons will be moved to Union Labor Park - 4640 Northwest Morningstar Drive, before returning to the new Prairie Meadows Riviera stage. Visit [www.RORDSM.com](http://www.RORDSM.com) for more info.

## Habitat for Humanity 2018

Beginning in 2017, GDM Habitat began investing in the Birdland Area, which was devastated by flooding in 1993 and 2008. Prior to the floods there were 270 homes in the area, after only 54 remained. Habitat's efforts have included Rock the Block® repair projects in April 2017, a ten home blitz build on Watson Avenue, additional Rock the Block® projects in April 2018, and will soon include the creation of a one-of-a-kind pocket neighborhood. The pocket neighborhood will consist of 23 single-family

homes with a focus on connectivity and walkability. This unique and innovative neighborhood design contains a clustered group of neighboring houses that face towards a shared open space and trail. The infrastructure for the neighborhood is nearing completion with new construction homes beginning in June.

In 2018, GDM Habitat plans to create 29 affordable homeownership opportunities and assist more than 221 families through the Rock the Block®

repair program. In addition the organization will work with 50 families through the Financial Foundation for Success program, bringing the estimated total families served for the year to 300. Interested in getting involved? Visit [www.gdmhabitat.org](http://www.gdmhabitat.org) to learn more.

## Lawn of the Week Award

The Lawn of the Week Awards program continues. The LOWA program seeks to identify and honor front yards that exhibited both good landscape design and consistent quality of yard maintenance. Yvonne and Tom McDermott, Lawn of the Week Award Coordinators, walk and drive through the area to identify outstanding front yards of neighbors whose lawns exemplified both neatness and beauty. As they find a "winner", Tom and Yvonne place 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 are honored at the Fall General Meeting with a certificate of achievement and a gift certificate to Goodes Greenhouse. Although there is not a formal process for this award, nominations are appreciated and gratefully accepted. Yvonne says they follow up on nominations but sometimes there is no response when the owner was contacted. Approval of the owner is needed before a sign can be placed in the yard.

Please send your suggestions for a

2018 Lawn of the Week to [info@unionparkdsm.com](mailto:info@unionparkdsm.com)





## **What's Coming UP? Here is what is happening in the Union Park Neighborhood!**

**May 8:** Union Park Neighborhood Association Steering Committee and Member Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**May 14:** Streetcar Friends 9:00 a.m. at Iowa Machine Shed 11151 Hickman RD - Topic: "Ingersoll, Valley Junction/WDM"

**May 15:** UPNA Spring General Meeting at Ding Darling Shelter at 7:00 p.m.

**May 15, 16, 19:** Bike Ped – Bicycle and pedestrian counts and survey

**May 17:** DMOS Race team: Race Like a Squirrel in Union Park

**May 19:** Des Moines Police Department Open House 8-noon

**May 19:** Run with the Police 2018 5K Fun Run/Walk - 9:00. Pick up packets on Friday May 18<sup>th</sup>

**May 19:** SCRUB day at MWA Transfer Station and NWA Compost Center

**May 20:** Celebrate the Parks - noon to 4 p.m. Sixth Ave and Euclid. Games, activities, giveaways, items for sale, entertainment, vendors, area businesses and nonprofits booths/tables.

**May 22:** Public Works Appreciation Breakfast

**May 26:** Union Park Neighborhood-wide Garage Sale Day - clean up, clear out, and sell that stuff!

**May 28:** Memorial Day observed - **garbage and yard waste collections will be delayed one day the remainder of the week.**

**June 1:** First ROR Concert of the season (Brother Trucker) 5:30 to 9:30 pm. Due to construction on the Island, the 2018-19 ROR seasons will be held at 4640 Northwest Morningstar Drive in Union Labor Park. It will return to the new Riverview Park Riviera Stage in 2020!

**June 9:** Heritage Carousel Birthday Party 12 to 4 pm–1801 Penn Ave-Union Park

**June 17:** SCRUB day at MWA Transfer Station and NWA Compost Center

**June 21:** DMOS Race team: Race Like a Squirrel in Union Park

**June 25-29:** DM Police Youth Bike Camp

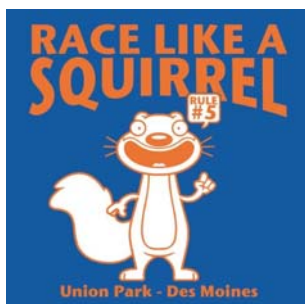
**July 9-13:** Safety City – a Pre-Kindergarten Safety Program

**July 17-18:** DMPD Youth Soccer Camp

**July 19:** DMOS Race team: Race Like a Squirrel in Union Park

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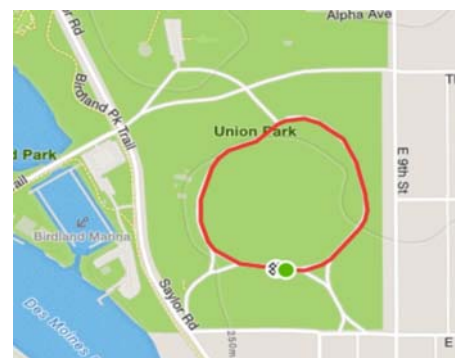
## Race Like a Squirrel Returns to Union Park for 2018



We welcome our DMOS Race Team friends to Union Park for "Race Like a Squirrel". Four race dates are planned in Union Park this year on the third Thursdays: **May 17, June 21, July 19 and August 16.** Registration opens at 5:00pm. Racing begins at 5:30 pm and goes until they run out of sunlight. Competition categories are A, B and C for experienced, intermediate and be-

ginning racers. A variety of racing formats, include the crowd pleasing A vs. B Pursuit and the popular and entertaining "Squirrel Race" event at the end of the night where everyone must use their easiest gear to get around the oval one time. Neighbors are welcome to come to watch and cheer and join in on the fun. The DMOS Race Team has all the necessary permits from Des Moines Park and Recreation Department to use the park for this great event. Barricades are set up to prevent vehicular traffic from entering the park during the races. For everyone's safety, please re-

spect the barricades. For more information: Team Director Derek Claussen at [bikefree67@gmail.com](mailto:bikefree67@gmail.com) or visit their website [dmccraceteam.com](http://dmccraceteam.com)



## The Heritage Carousel Celebrates its 20th Birthday on Saturday, June 9

The Heritage Carousel will mark its 20<sup>th</sup> birthday this year and to celebrate, they are inviting everyone to a party on Saturday, 9 from 12 to 4 pm. This free, family-friendly event is presented by Meredith Corporation and event features free food and snacks, free rides, a magician, face painting, super hero characters, balloon animals, and a community art project. The Carousel will also unveil a new display and transaction counter, constructed by a local woodworker and an information panel project by University of Northern Iowa describing the Carousel's history.

This hand-crafted icon is located at 1801 Pennsylvania Avenue on the north side of Union Park. It has been a part of the fabric of our neighborhood ever since it opened in 1998 and rides for children are still 50 cents, unchanged since it opened.

The vision and inspiration for the Carousel goes back to 1980 when J.C. "Buz" Brenton was in Hartford, Connecticut and walked through a city park, where he heard the music of a

band organ coming from a marvelous old wooden building. It housed a historic carousel with rows of beautifully painted, hand-carved horses. Through the dedication, determination, and partnership of Brenton and many Des Moines area community and business leaders, the Carousel opened in 1998. The first two years, it was under a big tent and had to be disassembled at the end of the season until a permanent pavilion was built to house it. By the second year, it clearly was a popular attraction.

The Carousel is a turn-of-the-century replica manufactured by Carousel Works, based in Mansfield, Ohio. It has an authentic band organ and the animals are hand carved and hand painted. There are hand painted artwork scenes of buildings and landscapes in Des Moines and nearby communities, depicting the heritage of the city and surrounding areas. The City of Des Moines maintains the area in the park and around the Carousel and the non-profit Des Moines Carousel Foundation owns and operates the ride.

"We are grateful to Meredith Corporation as our presenting sponsor, and have many local businesses and volunteers who are helping us host this festive birthday party," said Jackie Cacciatore, Executive Director. Nearly 500 guests and 1,500 riders are expected to enjoy the afternoon activities.

Ridership has grown steadily over the decades, and for the past several years, there have been over 50,000 riders throughout the season. This year the season opens on Saturday, May 19 with the Annual First Rider contest at 11 am.

For information on volunteering, supporting, and renting the Carousel, please visit [www.heritagecarousel.org](http://www.heritagecarousel.org) or contact Jackie Cacciatore at [information@heritagecarousel.org](mailto:information@heritagecarousel.org).



See you at the Carousel!

**MAKE A MEMORY • MAKE A SMILE**

# 2018 SCRUB Calendar

The Metro Waste Authority (MWA) Transfer Station and Compost Center are scheduled for the **THIRD SATURDAY** of each month from March through November.

**Mega Scrubs** will be at Hoover High School, Capitol Complex, Polk County River Place, and Bell Avenue Business Park where document shredding and e-waste collection will be available.

## City of Des Moines Department of Public Works 2018 SCRUB Calendar

Date	Location	Hours
3/17/2018	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM
4/21/2018	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St. Hoover High School, 4800 Aurora Ave. [MEGA SCRUB]	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 1 PM
5/19/2018	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St. Polk County River Place, 2339 Euclid Ave. [MEGA SCRUB]	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 1 PM
6/16/2018	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St. Capitol Complex Lot #3, west of E. 14th south of Court Ave. [MEGA SCRUB]	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 1 PM
7/21/2018	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM
8/18/2018	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM
9/15/2018	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St. Bell Avenue Business Park, 1901 Bell Ave. [MEGA SCRUB]	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM
10/20/2018	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM
11/17/2018	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM

## 2018 Rodine-Mickle Neighborhood Recognition Awards

Each year neighborhoods are asked to nominate one volunteer, one business, and one public servant that demonstrate outstanding leadership in the community for the Rodine-Mickle Neighborhood Recognition Award. The award is sponsored by the Des Moines Neighbors, a coalition of neighborhood associations, in memory of Alice Rodine, a long time Union Park area resident, leader and community activist and Robert W. Mickle, a noted community planner and neighborhood advocate. The award was started in 2001 and everyone who is nominated is recognized at the Annual Awards Dinner. Originally, recognition took place after a potluck dinner, but in recent years, it became a catered event at the Iowa Food Prize. This year the event returned to its roots as a potluck dinner at the Ding Darling Shelter, which allowed people who rarely get to see one another share food and happiness together and interact with one another. Alice Rodine would have approved of that.

This year, UPNA nominated Paul Cole for the Volunteer Award, Dan Adams for the Public Servant Award and the Heritage Carousel for the Business Award. The awards presentation took place during a potluck dinner at the Ding Darling Shelter House. We are proud that the Awards committee selected Dan Adams for the City-wide Overall Public Servant of the Year Award, and The Heritage Carousel was selected for the City-wide Overall Business of the Year Award. There was a great deal of competition for the Volunteer of the Year Award, which went to Eldon McAfee from the Drake Neighborhood Association.

**Volunteer Nomination:** Paul Cole, has been a member of the Union Park Neighborhood Association since 1993. In 2002, he became Membership Chair of UPNA and in 2006 he took on the duties of Treasurer, after the death of Nellie Ritchie. Since 2009, he has been the “Production Newsletter Editor” who formats, prints, assembles and mails the UPNA newsletters to members, as often as 4 or 5 times a year. He is the UPNA Representative to Des Moines Neighbors. In 2015, after the death of Marian Wynn, he took on the duties of Treasurer for Northeast Neighbors. He takes pride in his 1916 Craftsman home and has been awarded the UPNA Lawn of the Week Award. He is a humble volunteer who seeks no recognition or reward for the time and effort he puts in as a volunteer. He truly believes in Neighborhoods as a grassroots initiative and he is always available to help volunteer with special events. His honesty and consistency is valued by the UPNA officers.

**Public Servant Nomination:** Dan Adams served the Union Park area as the Neighborhood Based Delivery Service Inspector from June 2013 to December 2017. Every month he provided inspection reports to the UPNA Steering Committee and we enjoyed having him in attendance at the board meetings as often as he could be there. He was always responsive to our concerns. Like all neighborhood inspectors, he had dozens of types of code enforcements to handle, public nuisance actions, and rental inspections. At times he had to be part bad guy and other times he had to be part public relations. Dan was always a very patient with our

questions and an effective educator for the UPNA Steering Committee. He did a great job for UPNA and it is a better place to live because of him.

**Business Nomination:** The Heritage Carousel has played an active part in our community in Union Park since 1998 and this year it celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Remarkably, rides for children are still just 50 cents! The Heritage Carousel was the concept of J.C. ‘Buz’ Benton, who formed a non-profit foundation to build and maintain the Carousel and pavilion. The first two years, it was under a big tent and had to be disassembled at the end of the year until a permanent pavilion was built to house it. Each year, the Carousel hosts a staggering number of events such as Clowns at the Carousel, the Rollin Relics Car Show and last year, it hosted the Neighbors Night at the Carousel with free rides and food for neighbors in the Union Park area. UPNA wishes the Heritage Carousel a Happy 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday!



## This and That

**Grand View University Sports** - Congratulations to the Grand View Men's Volleyball team on their 2018 National Championship win in April and congratulations to the Grand View wrestling team on their seventh straight NAIA national team title in March.

**Des Moines Streetcar Friends** - will be meeting will be at the Machine Shed (at 11151 Hickman Rd) in the Mansion Room on May 14th at 9 a.m. Earl Short will give an update on two projects and a presentation on the Ingersoll, Valley Junction and West Des Moines line. Breakfast is on your own.

**My Property ID Registry** - This system replaces the Crime Prevention Identification program that was rolled out in the 1960-70's with a private sector version called My Property ID Registry. It has been vetted and recommended by Des Moines Police Department. It is a convenient, low-cost burglary deterrent, lost & found, and inventory system. You get a security kit with labels to put on your valuables, warning signs, plus your own secure property database. Go to [www.MyPropertyIDRegistry.com](http://www.MyPropertyIDRegistry.com)

**Rocket Slide and Union Park T-shirts** Sizes small through XXXL are \$30 each. Order on line at [www.twinforkstradingco.com/collections/des-moines-parks](http://www.twinforkstradingco.com/collections/des-moines-parks)

**Rental Housing Handbook for Landlords and Tenants from HOME Inc.** - Are you a landlord or a tenant and have questions? Download HOME Inc's handy 62 page general guide about landlord/tenant rights and responsibilities. Contact HOME, Inc.

at (515) 243-1277 for further assistance. <http://www.homeincdsm.org/support/upload/docs/2011%20Handbook%20-%202013%20Revision%20Pages%20Insert.pdf>

**2018-2019 Street Improvement and Maintenance Program** - is here. It includes work scheduled by the Engineering and Public Works Departments for the 2018-2019 construction season. This document is available on the City website: <http://www.dmgov.org/Pages/default.aspx>

**Sign up for Smart 911** - Create a safety profile for your household that will assist in the event of an emergency. Answer question about yourself, family and household that helps emergency personnel save valuable time during an emergency. You may opt-in for alerts. This is free, private and secure and has been endorsed by citizens, community groups and public safety. To sign up go to [www.smart911.com/](http://www.smart911.com/)

**MyDSMmobile** - Report a wide variety of issues ranging from potholes to street light outages with the free myDSMmobile app on your phone or visit online at myDSMmobile.dmgov.org. If you don't have a smart phone and cannot download the MyDSMmobile app, you can still report all kinds of problems from your computer at <http://www.dmgov.org/InteractiveForms/Pages/default.aspx?FormName=Report%20a%20Pothole>. Simply locate the problem on the map and provide some personal contact info. For pot holes and other problems that relate to the Public Works Department, you can still call the Public Works 24 hour customer service center at (515) 283-

4950. It is available 24-hours a day, seven days a week and is answered by a real person.

**Graffiti!** - If you get hit with graffiti on your property, it is considered vandalism and may be a gang sign. You do not want it to stay there very long. It should be reported immediately to Sharon K. Neff at 515-248-6350. Or even better, take a picture and send it to her at [SKNeff@dmgov.org](mailto:SKNeff@dmgov.org) She will locate the graffiti, take a picture and send to contacts in the Police Department. After that, the tag will be covered up, typically with white paint. The owner may opt to provide the matching paint to cover the affected area. If it is on an unpainted structure, siding, etc., it will be power washed to remove it.



**Union Park Neighborhood-wide Garage Sale May 26<sup>th</sup>** - The Union Park Neighborhood-wide Garage Sale traditionally has been held on the fourth Saturday in May. This is not an organized event so you are on your own. Plan a garage sale and put up a sign on Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup>. Clean up, clear out, and sell that stuff! If you've been thinking of having a sale, so why not have it anyway and be a part of a larger effort?

# Union Park Neighborhood Association

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Des Moines , IA 50316-9402

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Spring General Meeting  
Tuesday, May 15 at 7 pm  
Jay N. "Ding" Darling Shelter House  
Birdland Park 2100 Saylor Road

## 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.

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 \_\_\_\_\_