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Fall General Meeting

Tuesday, October 17 at 7:00 PM

The UPNA Fall General Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jay N. "Ding" Darling Shelter House in Birdland Park. Our first guest speaker will be Polk County Supervisor Angela Connolly. Ward 2 City Council member Linda Westergaard will bring us up to date on city and neighborhood issues. The agenda includes review of UPNA activities and events in 2023 and election of officers. The Ding Darling Shelter is located near Guthrie and Saylor Road at 2100 Saylor Road.

Union Park Neighborhood Association has a long-standing policy that our meetings are business meetings. Candidates for elected office may not campaign at our meetings.



Beggars Night in Des Moines is October 30 from 6 to 8

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Thompson Treat!



October 30

6:00 to 8:00 pm

**Thompson Avenue
(between E. 14th and Glenbrook)**

**Porch lights will be on or
"ambassadors" will be in
the driveways.**

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Meeting Invitation

The Union Park Neighborhood Association holds a Spring and Fall General Meeting. We also have bi-monthly board/member 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!

CLOWNS AT THE CAROUSEL

The 20thth annual Clowns at the Carousel was August 6th. It was a success in spite of the soggy and threatening weather! It is always held during the International Clowns Week.

"Attendance was a little less than last year but still a good turn out" said Debbi Cooper (AKA Clickette), organizer of the event. Jackie Cacciatore, Director of the Heritage Carousel, said 530 rides were given this year.

There was plenty of food and drink for everyone.

Thank you to the Korn Patch Klowns, their sponsors and all the volunteers for this annual event. Kids have been enjoying this feature since 2003. The Clowns at the Carousel will continue again next year on August 4, 2024.



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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.



CRUISE TO THE CAROUSEL - Neighborhood Award

The 22th Annual "Cruise to the Carousel" sponsored by the Des Moines Rollin' Relics Car Club was Sunday, August 29th at the Heritage Carousel in Union Park. It was a beautiful day for a car show. The event was well attended and the auction and food sales were fantastic.

Union Park Neighborhood Association sponsored the coveted "Neighborhood Association Award" this year which was awarded to Bob and Sue Gantz and their 1960 Pontiac Catalina.

A special thanks to Jack Daugherty and T.J. Roberts for choosing this entry for the Neighborhood Award. They chose this entry based on the pristine condition inside and out and it stood out from the others as the best representation for the neighborhood. It was a tough decision to make.

Proceeds from the show support The Heritage Carousel and help keep the rides for children at 50 cents each. Rollin Relics will present the Heritage Carousel with at check at their Fall meeting. A big "Thank you" to all who supported the show by organizing, entering, donating to the event and/or attending. The Rollin' Relics is the largest annual contributor to the Heritage Carousel.



1960 Pontiac Catalina owned by Bob & Sue Gantz. 2023 Neighborhood Award

PorchFest 2023

The Second Annual Union Park PorchFest 2023 was held on an unusually pleasant Sunday on September 10th from noon to 5pm.

The day started out near the Heritage Carousel in Union Park with student singers from Findley Elementary School followed by 23 acts, featured on the front porches, patios, stoops and front walks scattered around the Union Park neighborhood. Attendees brought lawn chairs, pushed strollers and rode bicycles as they went from one performance to another during the 5-hour music festival.

Musical genres were wide and varied, including jazz, blues, zydeco, Cajun/Creole, Tex Mex, Irish tunes, pop-rock, Americana, soul, folk, rock, gospel and original music. Musicians sang, and performed on a variety of musical instruments including keyboards, stringed instruments, accordions.

Merchandise and food & beverages tents and portable toilets were staged in Union Park at the corner of Mattern and East 9th Street.

Everyone was invited to wrap up and wind down at an after party at Captain Roy's, where the fun, food, and music continued long after 5:00.

PorchFest 2023 was sponsored by the Union Park Neighborhood Association and supported by Polk County, Captain Roy's, Iowa State Bank and Capital Landscaping.

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Findley Elementary
11:30 AM | Heritage Carousel

Bill Matykowski
12:00 PM | 602 Guthrie Ave

Abby Sawyer
12:00 PM | 2423 E 9th St

Jeff Kane NOLA
12:30 PM | 2221 E. 9th St

Tommy Doggett
12:30 PM | 907 Thompson Ave

D. Milree
12:30 PM | 2001 E. 9th St

Nathan Basinger Zydeco
1:00 PM | 2119 E. 9th

James Tutson
1:00 PM | 2021 York St

Matt Terronez
1:30 PM | 1820 E 12th St

Matt Woods
1:30 PM | 2007 E 9th St

Brian Herrin
1:30 PM | 1920 E 13th

Ducharme-Jones
2:00 PM | 1704 E 13th St

Leradee Fomsi & The Positives
2:00 PM | 1701 Pennsylvania Ave

Adam Bruce
2:00 PM | 1820 E 13th St

Josh & Nick Sinclair
- The Sinclairs
2:30 PM | 1811 E 12th St

Tina Haase & Brandon Findlay
2:30 PM | 1707 E. 8th St

Girls Rock Stage
2:30 PM | 1815 E 9th St

Casey Joe Collins
3:00 PM | 2001 E. 9th St

Joel Sires
3:00 PM | 1706 Pennsylvania Ave

Malcolm Wells & Rob Lumbard
3:30 PM | 1920 E. 13th St

Patresa Hartman
3:30 PM | 1808 E. 12th St

Nella Thomas
3:30 PM | 801 E. Jefferson Ave

Dickie
4:00 PM | 1704 E. 13th St

D. Smith
4:00 PM | 1712 Pennsylvania Ave

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT/BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY

August 1st, 2023 was National Night Out/Back to School Party in the Union Park Neighborhood, **hosted by the Union Park United Methodist Church** and supported by UPNA. It was a big event again this year. The 80 school back packs were gone in approximately 15 minutes. The line started forming by 4:00 and it stretch from the Church door to the end of the parking lot. Thank you to the generous donors for both supplies and money, to support this.

The Union Park Neighborhood National Night Out drew about 250 people. Everyone enjoyed a meal of hotdogs or hamburgers, baked beans, chips, watermelon, popcorn and cookies as lively music was played in the background. The train was a big hit with the kids, in spite of a brief malfunction of the "engine". Games were set up in the parking lot and prizes of candy and stuffed toys were given as prizes. Kids made crafts they could take home. Every year the City and County elected officials come to mingle with the crowds. Des Moines Police and Fire Departments were there to display vehicles and apparatus. We were fortunate to have an overcast and slightly cooler day for August 1, which helped attendance.

The Spark UP Committee volunteered to assist HP\OP with their NNO on Riverview Island.





Gun Safety Saves Lives

The City of Des Moines, Polk County Health Department and community partners would like to remind you about the importance of gun safety. Gun injuries are one of the leading causes of death for youth in Polk County, but safe gun storage can help prevent gun-related injuries.

Talk to your family and friends about safe gun storage. Visit this site to learn more about gun safety, tips for parents, and locations where you can get free gun locks in Polk County: <https://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/health-department/gun-safety/>

Talk it Up. Lock it Up. Gun safety saves lives.

 **Talk it Up, Lock it Up** 



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Learn how to talk to family and friends about safe gun storage and pick up a free gun lock! Scan the QR Code.








City of Des Moines Department of Public Works 2023 SCRUB Calendar



10/21/2023	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM
11/18/2023	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM

2023 CAROUSEL SEASON ENDED OCTOBER 1st

The Carousel is closed for the season. Thank you to everyone who supported us this season. The Carousel could not continue to operate without the financial support of the community.

This season marked the 25th year of operation for the Carousel, which was celebrated on June 25th with a spectacular event. We had over 1,200 guests, an amazing lineup of entertainment and exhibitors and of course, tons of free Carousel rides all day long! We are proud to be a part of the Union Park neighborhood and this vibrant community. Thank you to all our volunteers, sponsors, and donors. The event would not have happened if it weren't for YOU.

We also hosted the 22nd Annual Cruise to the Carousel on August 27. It was a beautiful day and well attended. Among the 225 registered cars were many beautiful and unique vehicles. Proceeds from the show support The Heritage Carousel and help keep the rides for children at 50 cents each. Rollin Relics will present the Heritage Carousel with a check at one of their future meetings. A big "Thank you" to all who supported the show by organizing, entering, donating to the event and/or attending. The Rollin' Relics is the largest annual contributor to the Heritage Carousel. Thanks to everyone who helped make these events a success!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 3rd from 5:30 to 7:30 when we host the Light Up The Carousel Christmas event! Lights go on at 5:30! We will have cookies, cocoa and candy canes, Santa and Mrs. Clause, Holiday Music and Free Carousel Rides.

The Carousel is still available for private rentals through November, weather permitting.

The Heritage Carousel is owned and operated by the Des Moines Carousel Foundation, a 501 c 3 not for profit. For more information about the Heritage Carousel or to make a donation, go to <https://heritagecarousel.org/> Email: information@HeritageCarousel.org Phone: [515-323-8200](tel:515-323-8200) Follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Jackie Cacciatore, Executive Director, who pours her heart and soul into this Carousel. We appreciate everything you do.



CHRISTMAS AT THE CAROUSEL

HERITAGE CAROUSEL OF DES MOINES

JOIN US ON
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd
TO LIGHT UP
THE CAROUSEL FOR
THE HOLIDAYS!

5:30-7:30pm
Lighting at 5:30pm

Hot Chocolate
 Cookies
 Candy Canes
 Holiday Music
 Carousel Rides and a
 Visit from Santa!!!

www.heritagecarousel.org

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There will be spin art, crafts, cookies, lemonade, candy and games to play as well as prizes and surprises. Stop in any time between 6 to 8 pm.

Union Park United Methodist Church SAFE HARVEST PARTY



Monday, October 30th—6pm to 8pm

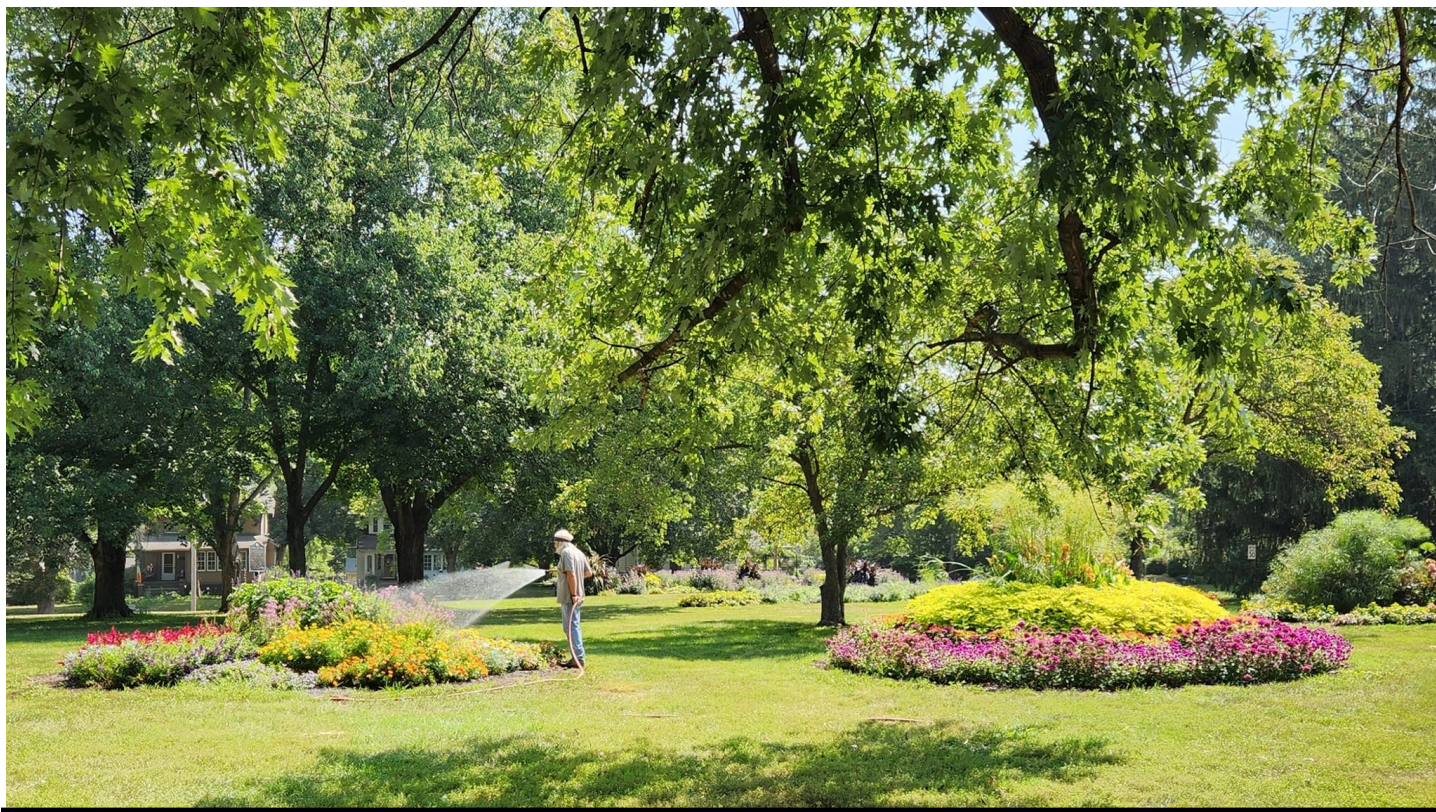
2305 E. 12th St, Des Moines IA
On the corner of E12th and Guthrie

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN !!
EVERYONE IS WELCOME !!
GAMES & TREATS

Candy ! Games !
Crafts !
& Much, Much More !!



A local resident, Larry Bailey, was out bicycling on August 29th and shared some pictures of the beautiful flowers in Union Park.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023 | 9 A.M. - NOON

NORTH HIGH SCHOOL
501 HOLCOMB AVE, DSM, IA 50313

8TH PRE-WINTER COMMUNITY CAR CHECK UP

- **Free Services Provided:**
 - Exterior Lights Changed Out
 - Windshield Wiper Blades Replaced
 - Fluids Topped Off
 - Tires Checked and Filled
 - Overall Safety & Car Seat Check, and More

EACH CAR WILL RECEIVE 1 SWAG BAG
GUESTS WILL NEED TO STAY IN THEIR CAR DURING ALL SERVICES

CALL US AT 515-288-4742 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Confused about holiday garbage collection?

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

When the holiday listed below falls on a weekday, the garbage and yard waste collections will be delayed one day for the rest of that week.

New Years Day

Memorial Day

4th of July

Labor Day

Thanksgiving Day

Christmas Day

Holidays not listed will not cause collection delays.

Example: Thanksgiving falls on Thursday, so Thursday collection moves to Friday, and Friday will move to Saturday

For questions, contact Public Works 24/7 at 515-283-4950



Flower bed in Union Park

Photo by Larry Bailey

Iowa Department of Transportation

Do you know where to stick it? When you get your annual registration sticker, it can go right over last year's sticker on your vehicle's rear license plate. If you want, you can remove last year's sticker and replace it with the new one.



Union Park Neighborhood Association

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Des Moines , IA 50316-9402

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BECOME A MEMBER

Name _____

Address _____

9-digit zip code _____

Form is also available on our website at www.unionparkdsm.com

Phone (optional) _____ E-mail _____

Yearly Dues: Three levels of Membership: \$10.00 Family membership, \$25 Supporter, \$30 Business

We accept cash or checks only

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/Colepw2005@gmail.com

All memberships are due on January 1st of each year.

If you do not have a printer, that is ok. Just write your contact information on a piece of paper and enclose it with your check or cash and mail to

UPNA Treasurer, PO BOX 16113, Des Moines, IA 50316-9402

Your information is always kept private.

We do not sell or give your information to ANYONE.

NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARIES:
The Union Park Neighborhood Association consists of the neighborhood from Hull Avenue on the north, the railroad tracks (Glenbrook Drive) on the east, Washington Avenue on the south and the Des Moines River and Second Avenue on the west.

UNION PARK NEIGHBORHOOD

