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Spring General Meeting

Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 7:00 PM

The UPNA Spring General Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jay N. "Ding" Darling Shelter House in Birdland Park.

Our first guest speaker will be Stephanie Opel. She is Executive Director of ICON (Iowa Confluence Water Trails). She will give us an update on their projects along the Des Moines River, specifically how they will fit into the Birdland master plan.



We also welcome guest speakers Patrick Brown with Wastewater Reclamation Authority, Joe Frankel with HR Green and Jim Mayne with HR Green. They will talk about the sewer pumping station on Penn Avenue.

Other local elected officials have been invited to bring us up to date on county, city and neighborhood issues.

The Ding Darling Shelter in Birdland Park is located near Guthrie and Saylor Road at 2100 Saylor Road.

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Lawn of the Week Award 2024

The Lawn of the Week Awards program continues in 2024! 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 and Tom McDermott are the Lawn of the Week Award Coordinators. During the summer they 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”. Sometimes the sign is left in the yard for a little bit longer if the McDermott's get busy.

Although there is not a formal process for this award, nominations are appreciated and gratefully accepted. Yvonne says that they follow up on nominations that are submitted by friends and neighbors but sometimes the owner does not respond when contacted. The owner's approval is needed before a sign can be put in the yard. Contact with the home owner will be by phone, letter or email only. Please send your suggestions for a 2024 Lawn of the Week to info@unionparkdsm.com



Save the Date: National Night Out August 6, 2024

National Night Out (NNO) will be on the first Tuesday of August in 2024. We are happy to announce that NNO for the Union Park area will once again be hosted by the Union Park United Methodist Church, 2305 East 12th Street (corner of E 12 and Guthrie St) in their parking lot on August 6th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. They always do a great job and everyone is invited to enjoy food, beverages, fun, games and prizes and socializing with your neighbors. Meet city officials and representatives from the Des Moines Police and Fire Department. This event also doubles as the “Back to School Party”. Don't miss this fun event.



UPNA

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!

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.

CLOWNS AT THE CAROUSEL Save the Date

CLOWNS AT THE
CAROUSEL
Featuring the Korn Patch Klowns

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY AUGUST 4, 2024
4:00 to 6:30 p.m.
at **UNION PARK**

FREE
FAMILY FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT

- Carousel Rides • Music • Games
- Juggling • Inflatable Rides • Dancers
- Safety Street • Stage Entertainment

SCRUB—Spring Cleanup to Reduce Urban Blight

SCRUB stands for SPRING CLEANUP to REDUCE URBAN BLIGHT. It is the City's mission to enhance the City's neighborhoods by allowing residents an opportunity to remove yard waste and debris from homes and yards to reduce the blighted areas within the City.

What kind of SCRUB events does the City of Des Moines sponsor?

MEGA SCRUB: An event that is hosted by select neighborhoods within their section of the City. Any Des Moines Resident may participate.

Transfer Station SCRUB: An alternate drop-off location used for SCRUB events. The Metro Waste Transfer Station is located at 4198 Delaware Ave.

Compost Site SCRUB: A drop off site designated for yard and tree debris during SCRUB events. The Des Moines Compost Site is located at 1601 Harriett Street.

SCRUB Event Reminders Free Drop off - Delays Possible

Proof of Residency is required - Bring a photo id or current utility bill.

Before each event, please review the SCRUB guidelines.

MEGA SCRUB events now offer Household Hazardous Waste Disposal. (MEGA SCRUB sites only)

SCRUB events are free to Des Moines citizens, therefore you may experience longer wait times based on participation.

Questions - If you have questions about SCRUB events, please call at 515-283-4950.

City of Des Moines Department of Public Works 2024 SCRUB Calendar		
Date	Location	Hours
5/18/2024	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. City of Des Moines Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St. Polk County River Place, 2309 Euclid Ave. [MEGA SCRUB]	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 1 PM
6/15/2024	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. City of Des Moines Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St. Capitol Complex Lot #3, W. of E. 14th south of Court Ave. [MEGA SCRUB]	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 1 PM
7/20/2024	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. City of Des Moines Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM
8/17/2024	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. City of Des Moines Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM
9/21/2024	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. City of Des Moines Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St. Bell Avenue Business Park, 1901 Bell Ave. [MEGA SCRUB]	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 1 PM
10/19/2024	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. City of Des Moines Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM
11/16/2024	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. City of Des Moines Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM

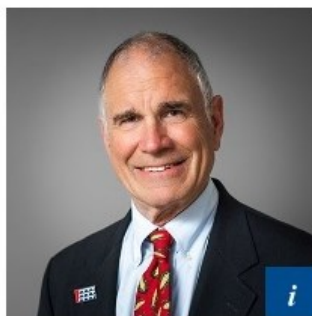
SIMONSON SWORN IN AS AT-LARGE COUNCIL MEMBER

At-Large Council Member Mike Simonson took the oath of office at the Monday, April 1 Council meeting to complete the City’s seven-member governing body. Council Member Simonson won a special election held on March 19 to fill the seat vacated when Connie Boesen was sworn in as mayor in January. He will serve the remainder of Boesen’s term which runs through December 2025, and joins the City Council’s other At-Large Council Member Carl Voss.

Des Moines City Council 2024



CONNIE BOESEN
MAYOR



CARL VOSS
AT LARGE



MIKE SIMONSON
AT LARGE



CHRIS COLEMAN
WARD I



LINDA WESTERGAARD
WARD II



JOSH MANDELBAUM
WARD III



JOE GATTO
WARD IV



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UPNA Spring Egg Hunt - March 30, 2024

Union Park Neighborhood Association teamed up with the Heritage Carousel of Des Moines, Captain Roy's and Chocolate Storybook for the Spring Egg Hunt in Union Park on March 30th. Over 500 free carousel rides were enjoyed and around 8,000 eggs were hoovered up quickly by the kids. Thanks to Polk County for sponsoring the event and thanks to "The Ed-Ster Bunny" for making an appearance.



SAVE THE DATE: Cruise to the Carousel

23rd ANNUAL CRUISE TO THE CAROUSEL CAR SHOW Sunday August 25, 2024

(Rain or Shine)

Heritage Carousel

UNION PARK

E 9th & Thompson
Des Moines, Iowa

Car Show Charity: Heritage Foundation

23rd Year of Support

by ROLLIN RELICS[®]
AND 26th Anniversary of
The Heritage Carousel

Registration:
9:00 a.m. - Noon

Voting:
Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Awards:
2:30 p.m.

Show Registration: \$20.00

Food – Door Prizes – Auction

Dash Plaques (first 150 only) – 50/50 Drawing

The Cruise to the Carousel
is presented by the



Club members
not in competition

TOP 20 IN EACH CLASS

Stock & Modified
~ Participant Vote ~

10 SPECIAL AWARDS

Hood and trunk must be
open to be judged
Special Low Rider Award!

STOCK CLASS

No More Than 3 Bolt-On
Modifications
(Mag wheels allowed as
one modification)

CAR SHOW INFORMATION:

Wendell Saunders : 515-988-6902
Tom Ladd : 515-321-9329
Michael Shearn : 515-490-0736

HERITAGE CAROUSEL INFORMATION:

www.heritagecarousel.org

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Website: www.rollinrelicsds.org

PORCHFEST 2024: SAVE THE DATE

PorchFest 2024: September 8, 2024. More bands playing on the porches of the Union Park area.

Here are some links you might like:

Follow on Facebook:

PorchFest DSM [PorchFest DSM | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/PorchFestDSM)

PorchFest Website:

<https://www.porchfestdsm.org/>



Design by Mollie Wallace

Law Enforcement Response Map



Here is a link to the new Law Enforcement Response Map (LERM) that you may use to find data for the police agencies in the Des Moines Metro area: Des Moines, Altoona, Ankeny, Johnston and Pleasant Hill.

[Law Enforcement Response Map](#)

Instructional videos regarding navigation and features can be found here:

[Basic Tutorial](#)

[Des Moines Neighborhood Tutorial](#)

[Advanced Navigation Tutorial](#)

Cases in LERM are updated in real time, but there may be a short delay between when a report is filed and when a case shows up on the map due to administrative processing. Cases that present a safety risk to the victim involved also may not appear on the map until the case is resolved.

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



Old Fashioned July 4th in Union Park

The Spark UP Committee is planning an “Old Fashioned Fourth of July” event in Union Park to celebrate the birth of our nation. This will be a family friendly event with fun and treats for everyone. Please watch for details.



InvestDSM



Union Park Neighborhood Association, North of Grand and Woodland Heights neighborhoods will join Des Moines' Active neighborhood as Special Investment Districts in 2025. These Districts will identify priority improvements to enhance the quality of life and economic vitality of their neighborhoods through a year-long planning process involving residents and business owners.

Areas currently eligible for Invest DSM's grants include McKinley School/Columbus Park Neighborhood, Drake Neighborhood Association, Franklin Area Neighbors and Highland/Oak Park Neighborhoods.

"We are excited to expand our geographic footprint to serve more of Des Moines" said Amber Lynch, Executive Director at Invest DSM. "While we get to know our new neighborhoods, we want to remind neighbors in our current areas that we're here to help with any property improvements they may need."

Invest DSM aims to empower residents and business owners in targeted areas to drive positive change in their neighborhoods. By providing financial assistance through various grant programs and community engagement, the organization seeks to create vibrant, healthy, and thriving neighborhoods.

Sign up for a FREE Home Energy Audit

Test your home's energy efficiency
Make your home more comfortable
Save \$ on your electrical bill

For residents of Polk, Dallas, & Jasper County

Request an appointment:
bit.ly/GIAudit

Home Energy Audit

Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity and GreenIowa AmeriCorps are offering FREE Home Energy Audits! A team will come to your home to perform inspections for safety and energy efficiency and a blower door test to measure and locate air leakage within your house. Learn more and apply at www.greeniowaamericorps.org/energyaudit

Heritage Carousel Prepares for Season 26!

The Heritage Carousel in Union Park will open on Saturday, May 25, 2024 at 11:00 am. Come out and help us kick off Season 26! The Carousel will be open Tuesday through Sunday from 11 am to 7 pm through August 19 and then on Saturdays and Sundays until September 29. The cost of a child's ride is still just 50 cents.

In addition to the single ride, the Carousel has several ride packages available for purchase. Ride packages include the Frequent Rider card, bulk tokens, hourly or daily wristbands, and the Season Pass. Season Passes are currently on sale on the Carousel online shop:
<https://heritagecarousel.org/shop>

The Carousel also has fun merchandise for sale. You can still get memorabilia from last year's 25th Anniversary Celebration as well as some fun new items. New this year are square Carousel figure magnets and new key chains. Proceeds from merchandise sales go directly into supporting your Heritage Carousel.



And don't forget to book that birthday party or family gathering at the Heritage Carousel this summer! The Carousel is a great place for family fun. Rentals include unlimited rides, use of the picnic tables and pavilion, and the best part is you don't have to decorate or clean your house! To check out rental rates, go to <https://heritagecarousel.org/rent-the-carousel> or send an email to information@heritagecarousel.org.



The Heritage Carousel could not continue to operate if not for the generosity of our community. Daily ticket sales make up only a small portion of the Carousel's operating budget. It is the rentals, the merchandise sales, and the generous donations that really keep the Carousel going around. If you would like to support the Carousel, please go to <https://heritagecarousel.org/donate>.

The Heritage Carousel is owned and operated by the Des Moines Carousel Foundation, a 501c3 not for profit.

SPARKLE **MANAGER**

Approximately 10 hours per week. The position is primarily May-August. Additional hours possible

September-October. Hours are flexible! Must be able to work before Carousel opens or after closing and/or on Monday when the Carousel is closed. Carousel public hours are Tuesday thru Sunday 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Open on Mondays for holidays, special events and private rentals.

Sparkle Manger is responsible for keeping the Carousel clean. Duties include:

- Dusting of surfaces and wiping down animals
- Sweeping and cleaning the platform
- Keeping mirrors clean and brass shiny
- Wiping down benches, fence, doors and displays
- Other duties as needed

For more information or to apply, please send an email to information@heritagecarousel.org





**LEAD HORSE (Row 5, Outside)
"McFarland"
Adopted by
Union Park
Neighborhood Association**

Captain Roy's

CONTRACTOR'S FAIR

Come see local contractors showcase themselves and/or their business!

September 15th
10AM - 4PM

Event is presented and sponsored by Union Park Neighborhood Association

CAPTAIN ROY'S
1900 Saylor Road
at Birdland Marina

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Closed Mondays

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Report Potholes with myDSMmobile



The **myDSMmobile** app provides residents the ability to attach a GPS location, photos and video to help City crews efficiently address problems and requests, including:

- Potholes
- Street Sweeper
- Tree Trimming
- Sewer Problem
- Tall Grass/Weeds
- Trash
- Graffiti
- And more...



To submit a report online, visit DSM.city/Report

Spring Cleanup to Reduce Urban Blight (SCRUB)

On the third Saturday of every month from March to November, our Public Works Department offers Des Moines residents a free place to dump yard waste and bulky garbage from their homes. MEGA SCRUB events also provide safe disposal of household hazardous waste.

For guidelines and restrictions, visit DSM.city/SCRUB or call (515) 283-4950.



Avoid a Parking Ticket 101

Did you know it's a violation of Des Moines Municipal Code to park a vehicle on a city street or on city property without the license plate displaying the current registration sticker? Registrations may be renewed during the month before and the month after the registration month (normally the birth month of the registered owner). To avoid a parking ticket, apply early, and immediately put the sticker on your plate when you receive it. Remember, the sticker shows the month and year it expires.



Grass Clippings in City Streets Create Problems



Grass clippings and other yard debris can clog the city's storm sewer intakes causing street flooding; therefore, the City is reminding residents and landscape companies that an administrative fine may be issued for blowing or raking grass clippings and leaves into a public street. The fine is \$50 for the first offense, \$75 for the second offense within the same year and the \$100 for the third offense.

Good Neighbor Tip: Parked Vehicles

Vehicles parked on city streets must be in working condition with current registration. No vehicle may remain parked in one spot longer than 24 hours.

On private property, vehicles in the front yard must be parked on a hard surface, not on your lawn. Any inoperable or unlicensed vehicles must be stored inside a garage or shed. To report nuisance vehicles, call Neighborhood Inspections at 515-283-4046.

Union Park Neighborhood Association

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Des Moines , IA 50316-9402

info@unionparkdsm.com

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

