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Fall General Meeting

Thursday, October 24 at 7:00 PM

The UPNA Fall General Meeting will be held Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jay N. "Ding" Darling Shelter House in Birdland Park. Guest Speakers include Senator Izaah Knox, Iowa Senate District 17, Linda Westergaard, Ward 2 City Council Member and other elected officials, Stephanie Oppel from Iowa Confluence Water Trails, and Victoria Moon, Community Development Manager, Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity.

The agenda includes a review of UPNA activities and events in 2024 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.



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Visit our website for news and information.

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



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!



Union Park United Methodist Church SAFE HARVEST PARTY



October 30th—6pm to 8pm
2305 E. 12th St

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

Candy !
Games !
& More !!



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.

CRUISE TO THE CAROUSEL - Neighborhood Award

It was a hot day on Sunday August 25, 2024 for the 23rd Annual Cruise to the Carousel Car Show at The Heritage Carousel in Union Park, Des Moines, IA. Thanks to Rollin Relics Car Club, who sponsored the car show. The proceeds will go to supporting the Heritage Carousel.

There were over 100 entries of beautiful and unique cars in the show. There were great cars, plus prizes, food, 50/50 drawing, auction, dash plaques and FREE Carousel Rides!

Cars competed for ten special awards. The Union Park Neighborhood Award went to a 1971 Chevy Blazer owned by Norm Voss of Altoona.

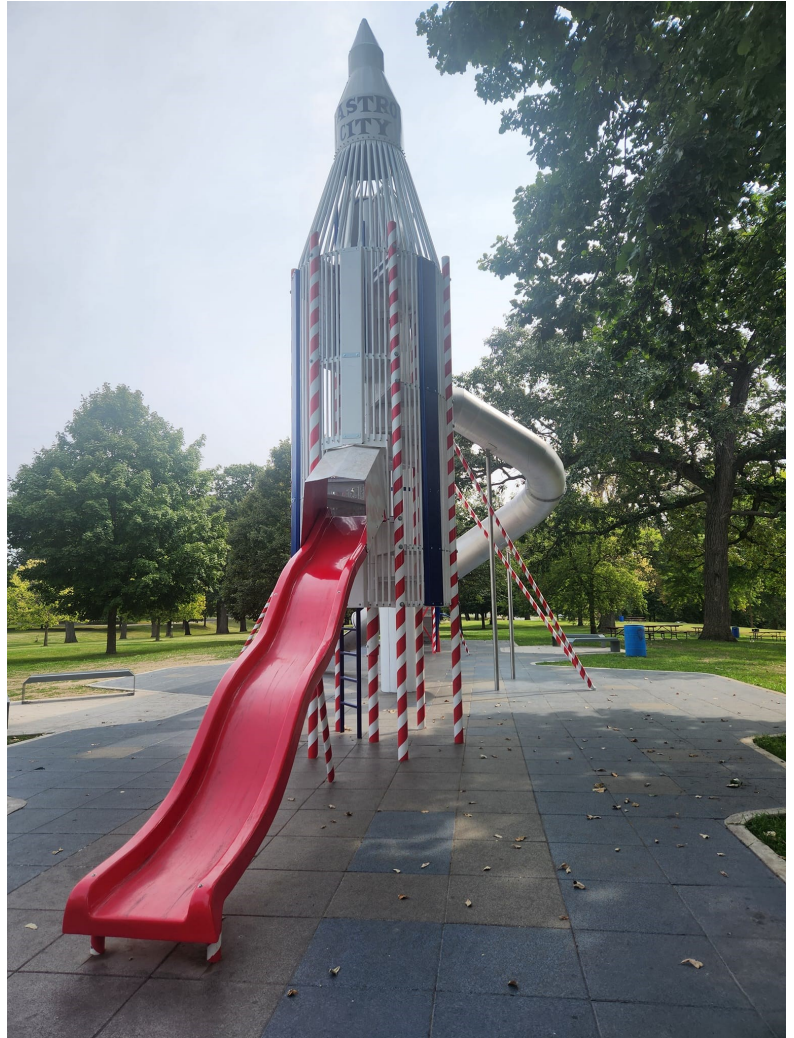
A special thank you to these Union Park Neighborhood Association members for staffing the 10:00 slot so club members could take a break:

- Jack Daugherty
- Meghan Daugherty
- Finn Daugherty
- Tess Daugherty
- Cass Daugherty
- Terri Moon



Thank you to TJ Roberts for taking the pictures

Rocket Slide is back in Union Park! Dedicated July 31, 2024



Birdland Park Awarded Grant

Birdland Park Master Plan | Phase 1



The City of Des Moines has received a grant totaling nearly \$5.3 million from the U.S. Department of the Interior as part of its announcement of \$46.7 million in funding through the [Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership \(ORLP\) program](#).

[Birdland Park and Marina Masterplan Improvements Phase 1](#) is one of 10 community-led park projects across the country that have been selected to receive grant funding for more equitable access to the outdoors. Des Moines joins other community recipients including Tucson, Arizona; Porterville, California; Kansas City, Missouri; New Brunswick, New Jersey, Garner and Raleigh, North Carolina; Cleveland, Ohio; and Houston, Texas.

The Birdland Park and Marina Master Plan Phase 1 is part of a larger initiative of construction improvements across five major project phases to implement the inclusive and visionary plan that was developed through the master planning process, then adopted by the Parks and Recreation Board - 2021, and City Council - 2021. Pending City Council approval, the western portion of the Phase 1 project is expected to commence in the spring of 2025.

Birdland Park Awarded Grant (Continued)

"This is a big and exciting step forward for this project," said Ward 2 City Council Member Linda Westergaard. "This grant recognizes the importance of providing more equitable access to Birdland Park and Marina, and our vision to transform it into a thriving recreational area that will drive greater engagement and more economic activity for this part of our community. We want to thank Congressman Zach Nunn and the Department of the Interior for their support."

Design of the first phase master plan improvements has been in progress since early 2023. Under the Parks and Recreation Department's plan, the existing 55-acre park will be reimagined with the addition of playgrounds, skating ribbon, ICON water trail, open-air shelters with river overlooks and a new deck. It also adds restrooms, facility rental and concessions, improved parking, stormwater management controls, landscaping, fishing areas, a power boat ramp, a pier and dock, lighting, benches, traffic garden and bike racks.

Added Mayor Connie Boesen, "The Birdland Park and Marina Master Plan is an iconic and game-changing project in our park system, and we're thrilled to have federal support. We have an outstanding plan to better serve residents and visitors with amenities along the Des Moines River that also will be a big boost to the ICON water trail system."

The plan included input from a broad cross-section of the community including the project Advisory Committee made up of 23 individuals representing 18 unique interest groups. [Des Moines Parks and Recreation](#) manages an award-winning program that features over 4,000 acres of land and 77 parks in Des Moines, as well as community gardens, cemeteries and 68 miles of paved trails. We offer numerous programs in sports, urban conservation, environmental education, sports instruction, equity initiatives, volunteerism, rentals, and special events.



1 in 3 pets go missing in their life. Finding them can be easy.

Register your pet on **Petco Love Lost** today, so we can help bring them home if they go missing tomorrow.

- 1 Scan the QR code to visit petcolovelost.org
- 2 Add a photo of your pet to create their profile
- 3 Finish by marking them *Safe at Home* – if possible, add a microchip ID number

A single click searches Petco Love Lost — the largest and only national lost and found pet database using photo-matching technology, and integrates with Neighbors by Ring, Nextdoor, and Facebook to help lost pets return home.



Views of Union Park



Photos by Larry Bailey. Thank you.

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. More information is available on the City website.

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

UNION PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

City of Des Moines Department of Public Works 2024 SCRUB Calendar



Date	Location	Hours
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

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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

