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Porch Fest

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DES MOINES - IOWA

2025

SEPTEMBER 7

11:30 TO 5:00

19 BANDS PLAYING ON UNION PARK PORCHES

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| <p>Cedar County Cobras Luke Fox Corbett Reeves Bonne Finken Dogtown Rhythm Band Robert Deitch Zachary Freedom Ducharme-Jones Band Bluff Street Lauren Vilmain Featuring Sean Veeder</p> | <p>Dewey Cantrell Stutterin' Jimmy & the Goosebumps Evander Ellsbury Juliano Dock Zane Gedler Trio w/Tanner Taylor & Jack Curtis Evan Pratt Mike V & The Rats Dan Tedesco The Findley Elementary Students Mango Soul</p> |
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August 5 Welcome Back to School/ National Night Out

Hey Kids, Welcome back to school with a new backpack and supplies. National Night Out (NNO) will be on the first Tuesday of August in 2025. 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 Street) in their parking lot on August 5th 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 train rides. Meet and socialize with your neighbors, city officials and representatives from the Des Moines Police and Fire Department. Des Moines Public Works will demonstrate a sanitation truck. This event also doubles as the "Back to School Party" with free back packs. Don't miss this fun event!



What is National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 5, 2025 residents of Des Moines are being invited to join millions of citizens and law enforcement agencies across the nation in supporting a unique crime and drug prevention event called "National Night Out". This is a long-time nationwide event and the City of Des Moines has participated for many years.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for and participation in local anticrime programs; strengthen community spirit and police neighborhood cooperation; and most importantly, to send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are fighting back against crime.

Nationally, the National Association of Town Watch (www.natw.org) sponsors this event. In Des Moines, the Des Moines Police Department as well as the various Neighborhood Associations and local businesses sponsor and support these activities.

Residents are asked to turn on their porch lights, as well as get outside and enjoy their neighborhood.

Several activities are planned throughout Des Moines. We will be celebrating the greatest resource of Des Moines – its neighborhoods. We hope you will join us at the neighborhood events. Many groups in Des Moines are hosting activities for their neighbors and members. A variety of special events including cookouts, games, block parties, and ice cream socials are scheduled.

The Des Moines Police Neighborhood Based Delivery Team explains that national Night Out is an extension of our community policing efforts. We encourage interaction and cooperation between citizens, police, neighborhood groups, drug treatment, education, and prevention programs. This collaboration is critical to effectively deal with problems related to drugs, gangs, and other quality of life issues for neighborhoods.

Special Thanks goes out to our neighborhood associations, Des Moines Parks and Recreation, the Des Moines Fire Department, and many other local businesses for their continued support of National Night Out!

Hosted by the
Union Park United Methodist Church,
with the support of the
Union Park Neighborhood Association
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2025



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

WELCOME BACK
Tuesday August 5th
5:00 – 7:00 PM

Union Park United Methodist Church
2305 E 12 St - E 12 and Guthrie - Parking Lot

Cookout

Beverages

Music, Games and Prizes

Train Rides

All activities and entertainment in the parking lot

Des Moines Public Works will demonstrate a sanitation truck

Members of the Des Moines

**Police Department and Fire Department will stop by
and spend some time with you,
our neighbors.**

Meet your neighbors and have some fun!!

PorchFest 2025 Line-Up

Check out the lineup for PorchFest 2025! This year the music genres range from Americana, Country, Jazz, Rap, Punk, Indie, Bluegrass, Roots, Christian, and more. Porches will feature individual artists and full bands. For more information, check out our website: www.porchfestdsm.org

We can't wait for you to meet:

- Bluff Street Band
- Bonne Finken
- Cedar County Cobras
- Corbett Reeves
- Dan Tedesco
- Dewey Cantrell & Jodi Bodley
- Dogtown Rhythm Band
- Ducharme-Jones Band
- Evan Pratt
- Evander Ellsbury
- Findley Elementary School Singers
- Juliano Dock
- Lauren Vilmain with Sean Veeder
- Luke Fox
- Mango Soul
- Mike V & The Rats
- Robert Deitch
- Stutterin' Jimmy & The Goosebumps
- Zachary Freedom
- Zane Gedler, Tanner Taylor, & Jack Curtis



PorchFest DSM 2025: A Free, Walking Music Festival on our Front Porches in Union Park Come join us on September 7th for our fourth annual PorchFest DSM, a strolling music festival held on the welcoming front porches of the Union Park neighborhood in Des Moines, Iowa, on the Sunday after Labor Day. This family friendly, free event will feature 20 musical acts from a variety of genres performing throughout the neighborhood surrounding beautiful Union Park. Festival attendees can migrate from one performance to the next and sit a spell on front lawns and sidewalks to enjoy 1-hour sets of live music, starting every half-hour all afternoon.

Maps and the Band Schedule will be available at the event, and as we move through summer, we'll feature more about our bands, food + drinks + merch for sale, and our final schedule and walking map **here at** porchfestdsm.org, and on [Facebook](#).

Street parking is available in Union Park, Birdland Marina, and the surrounding neighborhoods, or you can bike just up the hill from the [Neal Smith bike trail](#).

Wear **walking shoes** and feel free to bring a **lawn chair**, **sunscreen**, and **cash to tip your favorite musicians**



Cruise to the Carousel
is presented by the



CRUISE TO THE CAROUSEL CAR SHOW

Sunday, August 24, 2025

(Rain or Shine)

The Heritage Carousel of Des Moines

UNION PARK • E 9th & Thompson Des Moines, Iowa

Car Show Charity: The Heritage Carousel
of Des Moines



25th Anniversary

*Drivin' R Dreams
to the Carousel*

Registration:

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Voting:

Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Awards:

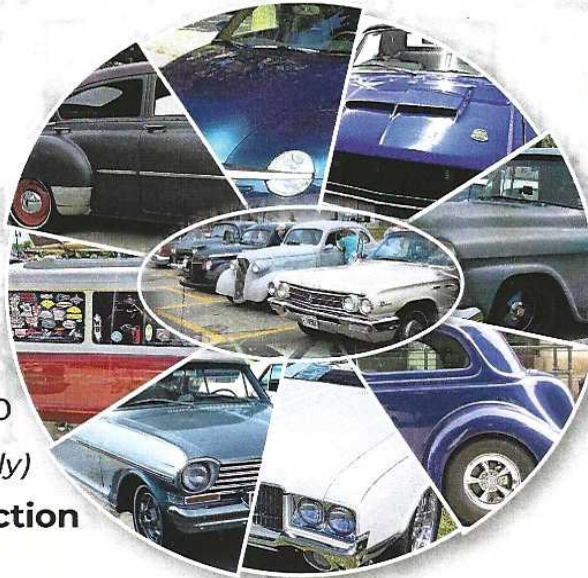
2:30 p.m.

Show Registration: \$20.00

Dash Plaques (first 150 only)

Food – Door Prizes – Auction

50/50 Drawing



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

STOCK CLASS

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

CAR SHOW INFORMATION:

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Wendell Saunders: 515-988-6902

Tom Ladd: 515-321-9329

HERITAGE CAROUSEL INFORMATION:

www.heritagecarousel.org

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Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Vehicle: Make/Model _____ Engine _____ Year _____

In consideration of the right to participate, the entrants and their guests, by the execution of this form, releases and discharges the Rollin Relics Car Club, Inc., the City of Des Moines, and anyone connected with the presentation of the Car Show from any and all known and unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgement, and/or claims whatsoever that may be suffered by any entrant to his/her person or property.

NO Alcoholic Beverages are allowed in the park by City Ordinance

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return the completed form
along with a check payable to:

Rollin Relics® Car Club, Inc.
PO Box 8061
Des Moines, Iowa 50301-8061

Club completed at show:

Vehicle # _____ Stock _____ Modified _____

CLOWNS AT THE CAROUSEL Sunday August 3rd



Don't miss this Free Family Fun and Entertainment. Clowns at the Carousel will be Sunday, August 3rd at the Heritage Carousel in Union Park. There will be free food and refreshments (pizza, popcorn, lemonade) and free rides on the Carousel. The Urbandale Community Band will perform as well as the Ankeny School of Rock, DSM Breakerz and those lovable clowns the Korn Patch Klowns. Once again, Safety Street will be there. Thank you to the sponsors: Blank Children's Hospital, Des Moines Metro Credit Union, Korn Patch Klowns, Safe Kids Iowa and Unity Point.

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.

What is Porch Fest?

PorchFest is a national grass-roots movement connecting local musicians with a porch where they can perform for an hour while attendees stop to listen, all the while connecting with neighbors and friends. Bikers, runners, skaters, scooters, strollers, packs of friends, or just come on your own, all are welcome to participate!

Local homeowners have an opportunity to host a solo artist or ensemble, needing only to be able to provide a porch and a connection to an electrical outlet for the event.

PorchFest DSM highlights the breadth of musical talent in Central Iowa and brings important attention to historic Union Park. It is our vision that this event becomes an annual experience that will highlight different historical districts throughout the Des Moines Metroplex.

Have questions? Want to volunteer? Please get in touch!

Contact Us:

info@porchfestdsm.org

PorchFest Returns To Union Park September 7th

Mark your calendars for Union Park's 4th Annual PorchFest featuring 19 bands with music to match everyone's favorite genre. PorchFest DSM is an organic, walking music festival that takes place on the porches around Union Park in Des Moines featuring talent from around Iowa.

This year the music genres range from Americana, Country, Jazz, Rap, Punk, Indie, Bluegrass, Roots, Christian, and more. Porches will feature individual artists and full bands. The Findley Elementary Music Program will kick things off at 11:30am at the Union Park Carousel and then multiple acts will be performing around the neighborhood from 12pm-5pm. Following the event there will be a wrap-up party at Captain Roy's.

Wear your walking shoes and get your steps in, ride a bike, or bring a skateboard and follow a map of the live music events. There is no charge for the event, but we encourage you to be sure and tip the bands with cash or Venmo. You might want to buy a T-shirt specially designed by a different local artist every year at the Merch Tent off 9th street in Union Park.

This year we welcome Lachele's Fine Foods for their infamous smash burgers throughout the afternoon. You are welcome to bring your own picnic items as well. We thank you for being part of the 4th Annual Union Park PorchFest DSM 2025. We have our fingers crossed once again for incredible weather and a beautiful afternoon of community, live music, and fun!!

Our website listed below will continue to be updated with artist's bios and music throughout the summer. On the day of the event it will feature a map you can reference. You can also drop a "like" and a "share" on our Facebook page 'PorchFestDSM' for ongoing updates.

For more information contact: Anne Ducharme-Jones (512)576-1699 or Michelle DeLong (515)250-0014

www.porchfestdsm.org

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.



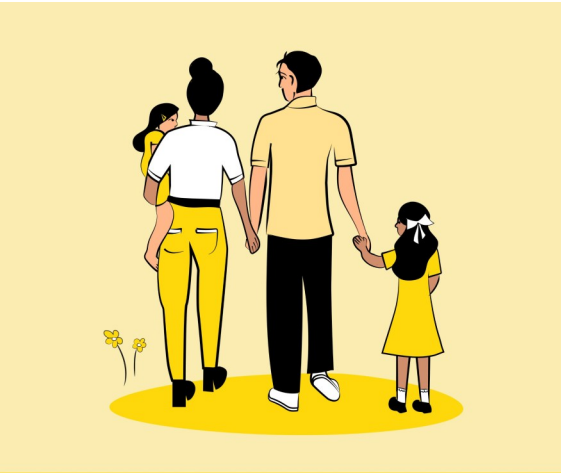
City of Des Moines Department of Public Works 2025 SCRUB Calendar



| Date | Location | Hours |
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| 8/16/2025 | MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. City of Des Moines Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St. | 7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM |
| 9/20/2025 | 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 |
| 10/18/2025 | MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. City of Des Moines Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St. | 7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM |
| 11/15/2025 | MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. City of Des Moines Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St. | 7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM |

*Good Neighbor Tip:
Be Kind!*

Say "Hello!" to your neighbors. Get to know the people on your street. Look after them and they'll look after you.



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Thank you for being a PorchFest DSM sponsor!



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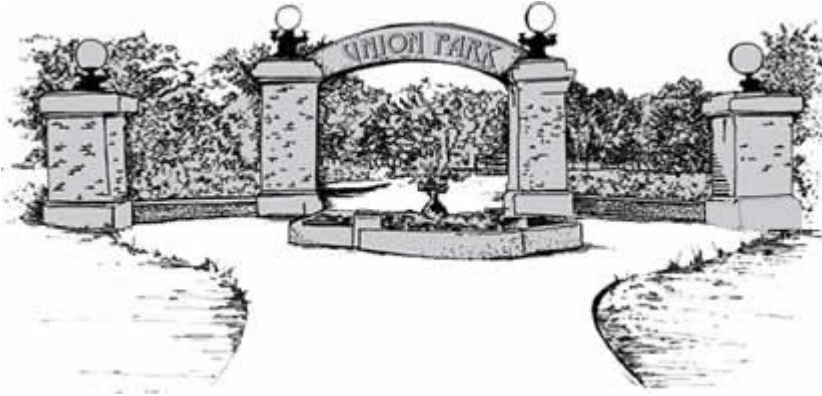
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CAPTAIN ROY'S

1900 Saylor Road

at Birdland Marina



Union Park Neighborhood Association

PO BOX 16113

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, checks or Venmo 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

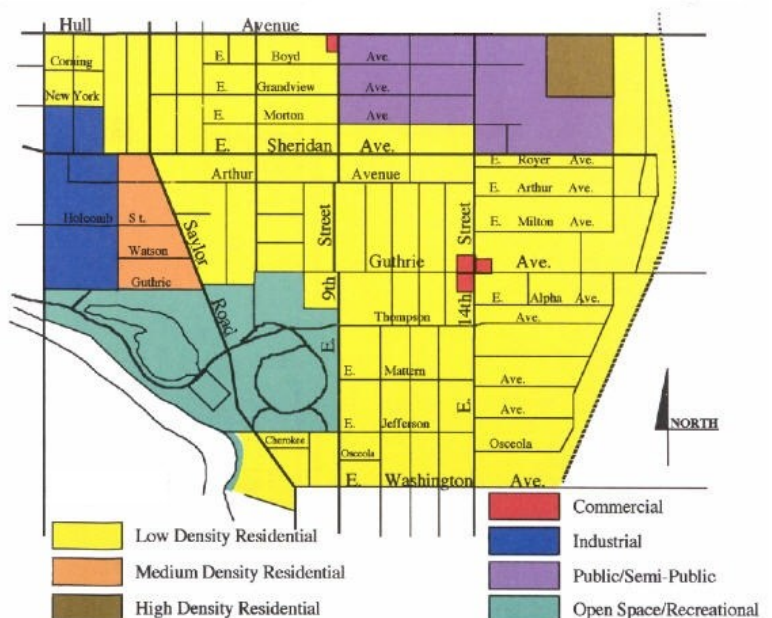
Your information is always kept private. We do not sell or give your information to ANYONE.



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IMPORTANT: If using Venmo, PLEASE fill out the membership form as well so we may properly credit your membership account and mail to: **UPNA Treasurer, PO BOX 16113, Des Moines, IA 50316-9402**

UNION PARK NEIGHBORHOOD



NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARIES:

The Union Park Neighborhood Association consists of the neighborhood from Hull Avenue on the north, Glenbrook Drive on the east, Washington Avenue on the south and the Des Moines River and Second Avenue on the west.

Did you miss our last newsletter issue or would you like to catch up? Our newsletters are posted on our website at www.unionparkdsm.com