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August 4 National Night Out / Back to School

Hey Kids,
Welcome back to school with a new backpack and supplies. National Night Out (NNO) will be on August 4th, the first Tuesday of August in 2026.



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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 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. They always do a great job and everyone is invited to enjoy free food, beverages, music, games and prizes and train rides. Meet and socialize with your neighbors, city officials and representatives from the Des Moines Police, Fire and Public Works Departments. Des Moines Public Works will demonstrate a sanitation truck. This event also doubles as the “Back to School Party” with free back packs and shoes for kids. Don’t

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Visit our website for news and information.

**HOSTED BY
THE UNION PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE
UNION PARK
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2026**



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

**Tuesday, August 4 – 5:00 to 7:00 PM
UNION PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

2305 E 12th Street (East 12th and Guthrie

Cookout, Beverages, Music, Games and Prizes

All activities and entertainment in the parking lot

Members of Des Moines Police, Fire and Public Works
Departments will be there to demonstrate equipment and
spend time with our neighbors

Come meet your neighbors and have some fun

Union Park United Methodist Church's Backpacks for Back to School 2305 E 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa

**Backpacks will be handed out to school age children
immediately before National Night Out only**

Tuesday, August 4 – beginning at 5:00PM until all gone

- **All children MUST be accompanied by an adult**
- **No backpacks will be handed out without BOTH adult and child present**
- **One backpack per child**
- **Back packs will be prefilled with school supplies.**
- **Backpacks are on a first come, first serve basis and additional supplies are not available.**



**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO STAY FOR
THE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PARTY
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING**

Union Park United Methodist Church's Shoes for Back to School

2305 E 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa

Tuesday, August 4 - 5:00 pm

New and gently used shoes in children sizes will be available free to school age children immediately before National Night Out on a first come first serve basis. Shoes will be fitted to each individual.



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Cruise to the Carousel
is presented by the



CRUISE TO THE CAROUSEL CAR SHOW

SUNDAY AUGUST 30, 2026
(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:

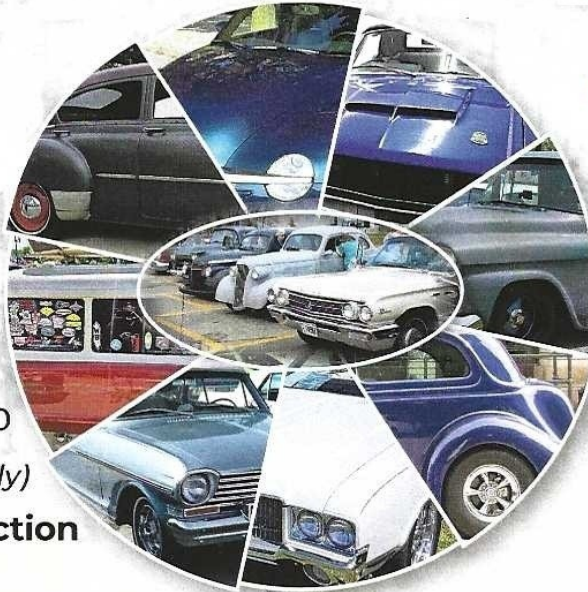
2:30 p.m.

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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Tom Ladd: 515-321-9329

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INFORMATION:**

www.heritagecarousel.org

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Email _____

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 _____

PorchFest Returns To Union Park September 13th

Mark your calendars for Union Park's 5th Annual PorchFest featuring 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 starting at 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.

We thank you for being part of the 5th Annual Union Park PorchFest DSM 2026. We have our fingers crossed once again for incredible weather and a beautiful afternoon of community, live music, and fun!!

The 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 or check out the website:



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.

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.

City of Des Moines Department of Public Works 2026 SCRUB Calendar



Date	Location	Hours
8/15/2026	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. City of Des Moines Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM
9/19/2026	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
10/17/2026	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. City of Des Moines Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM
11/21/2026	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. City of Des Moines Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM

Union Park Neighborhood Association

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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, 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

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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.

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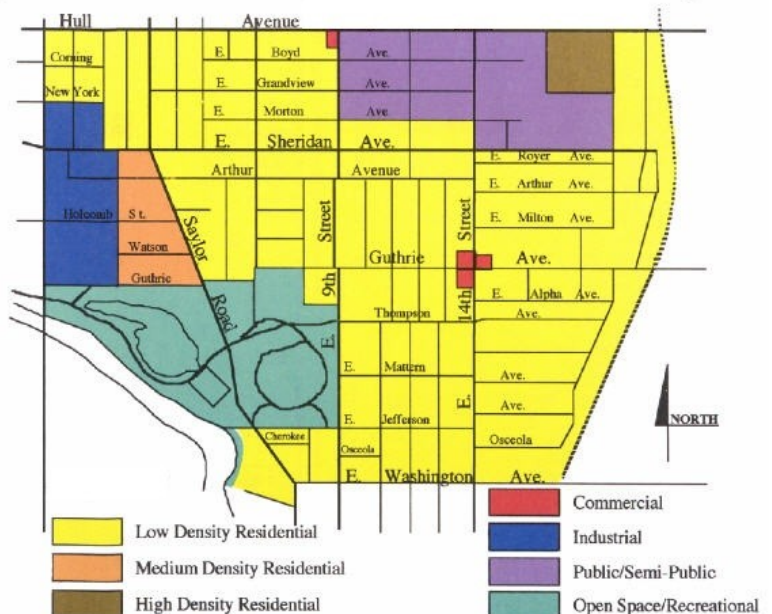


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IMPORTANT: If using Venmo, PLEASE fill out the membership form as well so we may properly credit your membership account and mail to: **UPNA Treasurer, PO BOX 16113, Des Moines, IA 50316-9402**

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