



UNION PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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PORCHFEST
— DSM —
UNION PARK



SEPTEMBER 13

11:30 AM - 5 PM

www.porchfestdsm.org



21 BANDS PLAYING ON PORCHES



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PorchFest 2026 Line-Up

11:30 a.m.	1	All Ages Music School - Heritage Carousel
12:00 p.m.	2	Flash In A Pan - 2423 E 9th St
12:00 p.m.	4	Matt Jesson - 2123 E 9th St
12:30 p.m.	3	Bob Pace & Steve George - 2221 E 9th St
12:30 p.m.	5	Reliable Street Band - 2119 E 9th St
1:00 p.m.	6	Beggar's Bargain - 907 Thompson Ave
1:00 p.m.	8	Casey Joe Collins - 2001 E 9th St
1:30 p.m.	7	Soul Searchers - 2012 E 12th St
1:30 p.m.	9	Zachary Freedom - 1307 Thompson Ave
1:30 p.m.	10	Willie Mac & the Cousins - 1920 E 13th St
2:00 p.m.	11	Velvet Trio - 1820 E 13th St
2:00 p.m.	19	Dusty Rose Band - 1645 Pennsylvania Ave
2:00 p.m.	15	Brother Trucker - 1704 E 13th St
2:30 p.m.	17	D. Smith - 805 E. Jefferson Ave
2:30 p.m.	13	The Carousel - 1808 E 12th St
3:00 p.m.	14	Iowa Pride Ensemble - 1721 E 12th St
3:00 p.m.	20	The Bad Vibes - 1701 Pennsylvania Ave
3:30 p.m.	16	English - 1710 E 9th St
3:30 p.m.	12	Josh Sinclair - 1820 E 12th St
4:00 p.m.	18	Tim & Jana West - 1707 E 8th St
4:00 p.m.	21	Jason Walsmith - 1712 Pennsylvania Ave



Check out the lineup for PorchFest 2026! 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

PorchFest DSM 2026: 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 September 13, 2026. This family friendly, free event will feature 21 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.

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.



**NO STOPPING
OR STANDING
IN THE STREET**



WHAT TO EXPECT:

- There will be increased foot, bicycle and vehicle traffic in the neighborhood, especially near the performance sites
- There will be temporary street closures near performance addresses
- The musical performances will have amplified sound but will not be unreasonably loud
- Each performance is around 45 minutes
- **IMPORTANT:**
If you attend, please do not stop or stand in the street

For more info:

info@porchfestdsm.org

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Brought to you by Union Park Neighborhood Association

THOMPSON TREAT

Trick or treating
on Thompson Ave

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

A new event this year –
look for updates

CHRISTMAS AT THE CAROUSEL

Join us at Heritage Carousel
in December.

Free carousel rides,
Santa, Holiday Music,
Food & Drinks

Scan qr code
or go to

www.porchfestdsm.org

for addresses
and details.



**Watch Union Park Facebook
for the dates and details!**

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 PorchFest?

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 13th

Mark your calendars for Union Park's 5th Annual PorchFest featuring 21 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 All Ages Music School 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.

You are welcome to bring your own picnic items. 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!!

Our website listed below will continue to be updated with artist's bios and music throughout the summer. You can 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 2026 SCRUB Calendar



Date	Location	Hours
9/19/2026	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. of Des Moines Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St. Bell Avenue Business Park, 1901 Bell Ave. [MEGA SCRUB]	City 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



Good Neighbor Tip: Slow Down

Be safe and slow down when driving on residential streets. Kids and pets can be injured, and speeding cars disturb the peace of a neighborhood.





THOMPSON TREAT

CANDY, DRINKS, & HOTDOGS

OCT 31
6-8PM

Polk County Board of Supervisors

UTAH COUNTY

The poster features a dark blue background with silhouettes of bats, a large orange full moon, and three figures (a child, an adult, and a ghost) walking across a field. There are also small white crosses in the background.



THE HERITAGE CAROUSEL OF DES MOINES

JOIN US SUNDAY 12/6

5:30pm-7:30pm Lights go on at 5:30!

Light up the Carousel
for the holidays

Free Carousel Rides, Cookies & Hot Chocolate
Holiday Music & Decor, & A visit from Santa Claus

heritagecarousel.org

The poster features a light blue background with white starburst patterns. It is decorated with green holly leaves, red berries, and a large yellow and pink Christmas ornament. The text is in various colors and fonts, including a large red '12/6'.

Thank you to these PorchFest supporters



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BECOME A MEMBER

Name _____

Address and 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

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

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Paul Cole at Colepw2005@gmail.com

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.

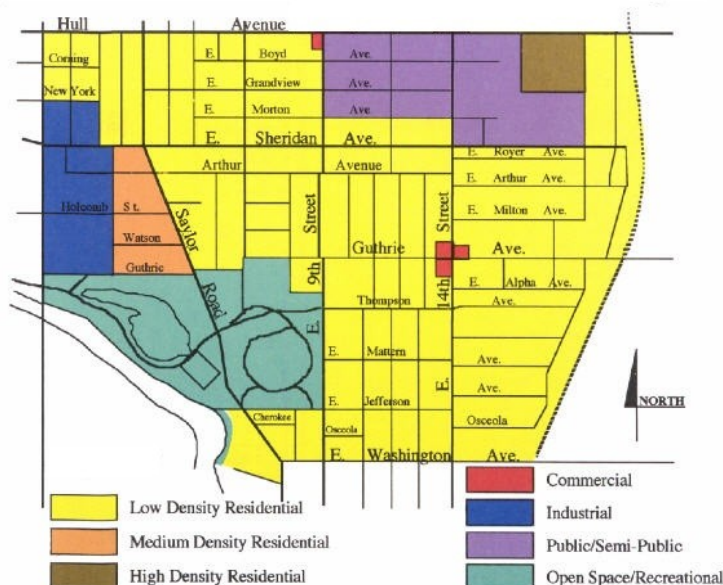


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IMPORTANT: If using Venmo, PLEASE fill out the membership form as well so we may properly credit your membership account and mail to: **UPNA Treasurer, PO BOX 16113, Des Moines, IA 50316-9402**

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