



WESTWOOD NEWS

SUMMER 2024

SUMMER SPLASH

**FOOD
VENDORS!**

DESSERTS!

**LIVE
MUSIC!**

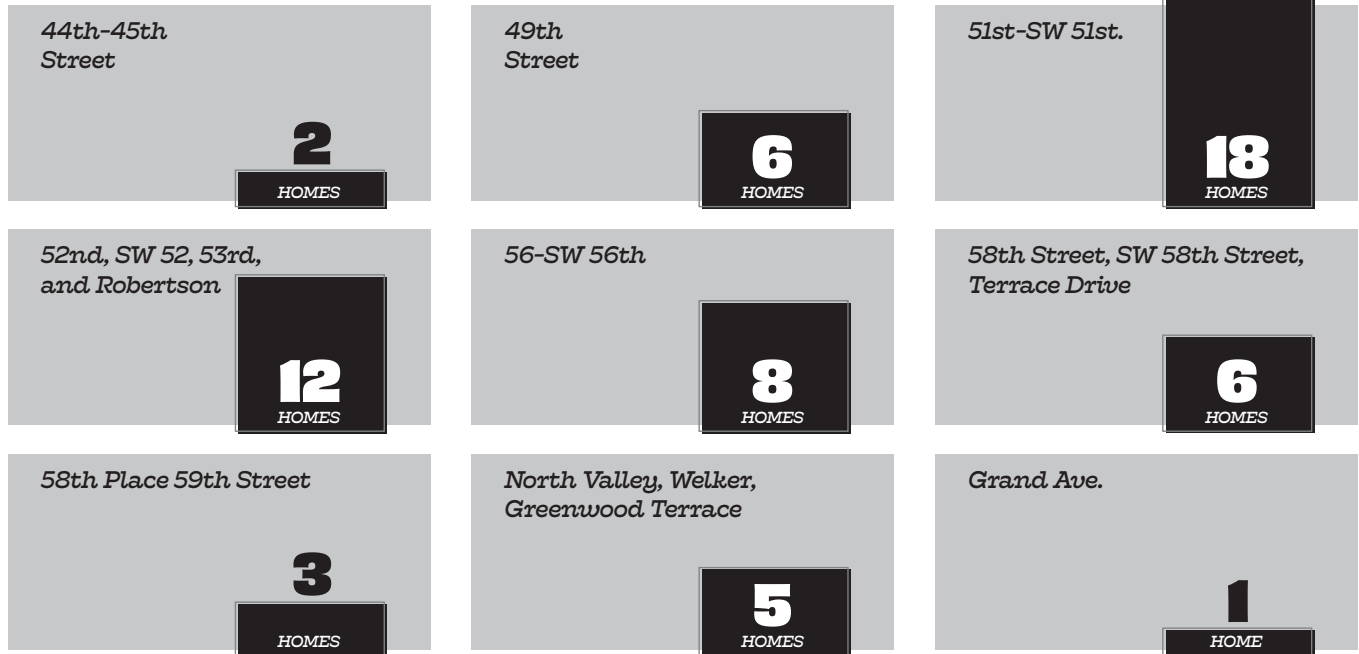
5:30PM - 8PM
SUNDAY, JULY 28TH

Join us at Greenwood Park's Jay Spence Enclosed Shelter & Dan and Mary Kelly Family Sprayground for a neighborhood summer party hosted by the WNA!

Kid-friendly! Free to everyone in the neighborhood!
Water and juice boxes provided! BYOB, no glass containers please!

REGISTRATION HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!
PLEASE RSVP BY JULY 21ST HERE!
[WESTWOODSUMMERSPLASH24.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://www.westwoodsummersplash24.eventbrite.com)

Best in the West(wood) Update as of June 2024.



WNA Membership as of June 2024.

WNA collects dues on a voluntary basis which go towards community projects, meetings, newsletters, our annual party, school donations & maintaining the integrity of our neighborhood! Membership is good through the calendar year. Thank you for the support!

Aaron Rogers
 Andrew Miesner
 Angie Gingery & Jon Bos
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 Becky Klisares
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 Brian Clark and Ann Reinhart
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 Celeste Kelling
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 Diane Schroeder
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 Emily & Mickey Shields
 Emma Knapp
 Eric & Laura Horstmann
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 Gregory Dunn
 Hal & Nicola Chase
 Helena Hadek and Jay Villwock
 Holly & Fritz Craiger
 James & Allison Fleming

Jeff Freude & Laurie Wolf
 Jeff TeGrotenhuis
 Jeremiah & Sheryl Moore
 Joseph Brennan
 Joshua Harper
 Katharine Shepherd
 Kathy Ritzler
 Katie Gibson Overby
 Kay Creger
 Kendra Erkamaa
 Kimberly and Craig Shadur
 Kreg & Emily Wittmayer
 Kristy & David Barzen
 KtMarie Celken
 La Rayne Lilley and Rick Rask
 Lanoune Baccam
 Leann Treloar and Scott Galenbeck
 Lindsay and Ryan McClintock
 Lisa Kenworthy
 Lisa Lavalle
 Lora & Scott Deege
 Margaret Peterson
 Margaret Roy
 Maria Sadden-Berry
 Mark & Kitty Crandell
 Mark Movic & Susan Skinner
 Mark Pederson
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 Mary Krantz
 Mary Pat Lamair
 Michael & Melissa Wolnerman
 Michelle Swanson
 Mike Pentek

Molly Dolan
 Nancy & Scott Bertness
 Pamela Duffy and Michael Carlson
 Peter & Lisa Brown
 Robert and Amanda Duncan
 Robert Fisher
 Robert Haines
 Rodney & Jennifer Townsend
 Ronald & Kathleen Ricker
 Sara Steussy
 Sarah Van Orsdel
 Scott & Diane Post
 Stacey & Bruce Heston
 Stephanie Kempf
 Stephen & Lynda Albaugh
 Steven & Keely Rosenberg
 Steven Marquardt
 Sue & Peter Hetherington
 Susan Barnes
 Suzanne Graves
 The Williams Group
 Thomas Kisch & Margo Hutcheson
 Timothy McMillin
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 Vic and Susan Raibikis
 Vicki Heiken
 Wallace Bubar and Gabriele Albright
 William and LuAnn Newland
 Zachary Voss
 Zoe Shannon

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Future Playground and Sprayground Coming to Gray's Lake

New features will soon be added to Des Moines busiest park! This playground and sprayground attraction is set to become the go-to spot for family fun and adventure.

There are several features residents can look forward to with this project. It will be located just East of the parking lot for easy access, and conveniently close to restrooms, concessions, and the beach. The nature-inspired design complements the beautiful lake setting.

Separate playgrounds tailored for ages 3-5 and 5-12 ensure fun for all kids, and there will also be a special section designed for children with cognitive needs, featuring inclusive and accessible elements.

The sprayground will allow kids to cool off in the hot weather without getting sandy, and the covered seating area adjacent to the play area will allow caregivers to stay cool while keeping an eye on their kids.

We can't wait to see the joy and excitement this new addition will bring to our community. Check out the full renderings and share your thoughts at DSM.city/grayslakesurvey.



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Open your smartphone's built-in camera app and take a scan of the QR code to view our site!




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Keep Using Your Nose, Des Moines!

The City of Des Moines still needs your help to improve City policy related to odor. As we continue to monitor stench in the City through fall of 2024, please continue to report odors in your neighborhood! Do this by using the form on DSM.city/odor or calling the odor hotline at (515) 248-6367.

Please be as accurate as possible when describing the odor you're reporting. When filling out a form, you'll select Type of Odor from a dropdown list, and as an example, if you select compost/manure be sure that the current smell is reminiscent of that specific odor emitter.

Use Your



Nose,




DSM!



Spring Cleanup to Reduce Urban Blight (SCRUB)

Every third Saturday of every month from now 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.

July 20th / August 17th / September 21st*
October 19th / November 16th *MEGA SCRUB DAY!

About the City of Des Moines. The City of Des Moines and our 17 departments serve more than 214,000 residents and 52 neighborhood associations. Des Moines is a leader in sustainability and provides its residents with vibrant neighborhoods, an alive and active downtown, and abundant leisure opportunities. Des Moines continuously improves neighborhoods, public safety and quality of life by offering exceptional city services and reliable infrastructure while fostering an involved and compassionate community for all who visit and live in Des Moines. Visit DSM.city, Facebook and Twitter for more information.



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² Position filled by the WNA Board and not subject to a neighborhood vote. Walnut Creek Clean-Up text provided by: City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation



THANK YOU *thank you* SO MUCH!

Cache In Trash Out 2024



**TOTAL TRASH COLLECTED:
3,500 LBS.
(1.75 TONS)!!**

ANNUAL WALNUT CREEK 2024 CLEAN-UP!

Approximately 100 volunteers helped clean up Walnut Creek's creek, trail and woodlands, collecting over 3,500 pounds of trash! Special thanks to Westwood neighbors Diane Kuhn for reaching out to local businesses and coordinating donations (approximately \$450), and Amy MacKrell for baking treats for our dedicated volunteers!



SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO THE STATION ON INGERSOLL, THE WNA BOARD AND NEIGHBORS (ABOUT 100 IN ATTENDANCE!) FOR MAKING THE SOCIAL A SUCCESS!