



WESTWOOD NEWS

FALL 2024



ANNUAL FALL MEETING & CHILI DINNER

6:30-8:30PM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

HANAWALT ELEMENTARY

225 56TH ST. DSM

News in the Neighborhood

SUMMER SPLASH

OVER 90+ ATTENDED!

THANK YOU VENDORS, ENTERTAINERS, AND VOLUNTEERS! SEE YOU NEXT SUMMER!



Beggars' Night!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH • 6-8PM

Keep porch lights on for the trick-or-treaters & let them know of allergy-free treats by displaying a Teal Pumpkin! Visit TealPumpkinProject.org



STREET CLOSURE! 51ST STREET ON BEGGARS' NIGHT

Neighbors, to make the fun-filled evening safer for families, The City of Des Moines has issued us a permit to close off 51st Street during the hours of Beggars' Night 2024! No thru traffic will be allowed during these hours, but local residents will still be able to access 51st if needed!

NEIGHBORS WHO DO NOT LIVE ON 51ST STREET...

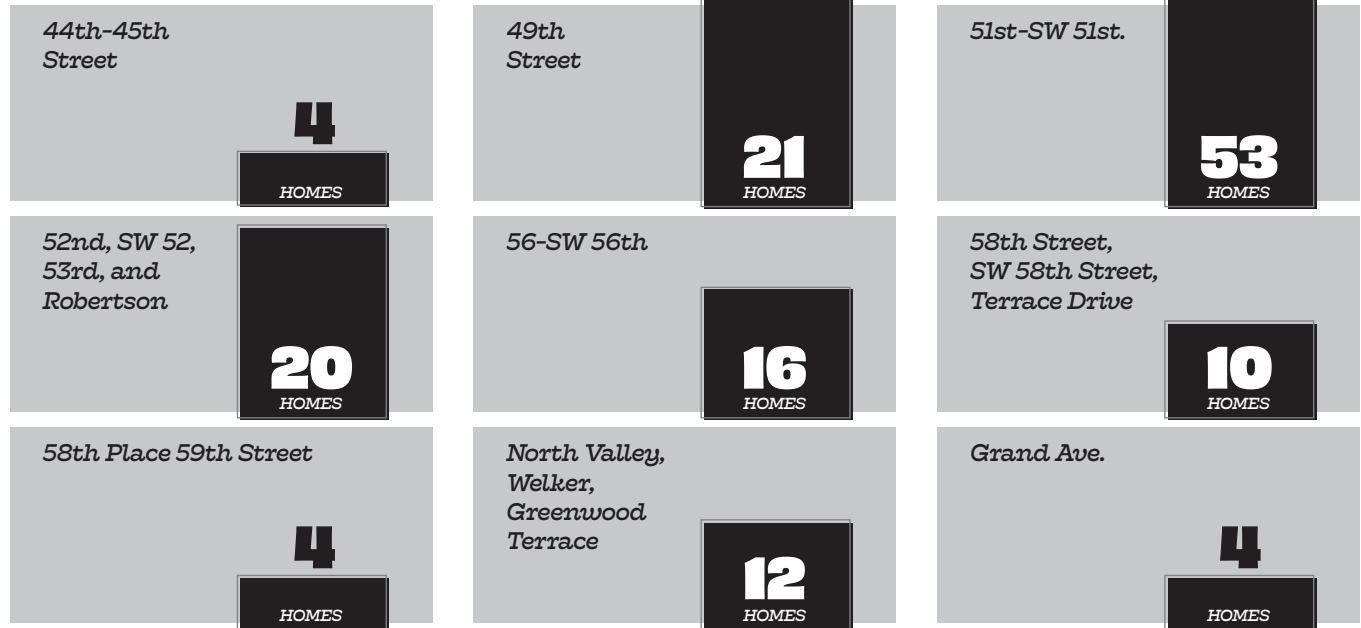


THE WNA HALLOWEEN HUNT IS HERE! TAKE A LOOK AT THE MAP ON BACK FOR DETAILS! GOOD LUCK!

YOU'RE INVITED TO SET UP A TRICK-OR-TREAT STATION ON 51ST! CONTACT STEVEN CAMERONA FOR MORE DETAILS IF INTERESTED!

News in the Neighborhood

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



WNA Membership as of October 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
 Adrienne Branstad
 Allen Reicks & Judy Janning-Reicks
 Alyssa Ennen
 Amy Zuck
 Andrew Miesner
 Angie Gingery & Jon Bos
 Ann Didonato & Michael Fitzgerald
 Becky Klisares
 Berry & Charlinn Reeves
 Betsy Pokorny
 Bill & Lori Haakinson
 Bob Haines
 Brenda Currans & Rob Denhartog
 Bri Moberg
 Brian Clark & Ann Reinhart
 Bryan & Sara Steussy
 Carey Wimer
 Celeste Kelling
 Charles & Peggy Strief
 Chase Lucas & Rebecca Hinshaw
 Christy & George Antoniou
 Clyde Johnson
 Craig Lien
 David & Laura Mackaman
 David & Linda Beeman
 David Phillips
 Debra Moyer
 Dennis & Nancy Galeazzi
 Denny & Cheryl Pederson
 Diane Kuhn & Jason Fulton
 Diane Schroeder
 Ed & Nancy Truslow
 Elizabeth Ankeny
 Elizabeth Boesen
 Emily & Mickey Shields
 Emma Knapp
 Eric & Laura Horstmann
 Frankie Hanson

Greg Dunn
 Hal & Nicola Chase
 Helena Hadek & Jay Villwock
 Holly & Fritz Craiger
 Jaime Miller & Arley Beane
 James & Allison Fleming
 Jeff Freude & Laurie Wolf
 Jeff Tegrotenhuis
 Jeremiah & Sheryl Moore
 Joshua Brennan
 Joshua Harper
 Katharine Shepherd
 Kathy Ritzler
 Katie & Walter Gibson Overby
 Kay Creger
 Kendra Erkamaa
 Kimberly & Craig Shadur
 Kreg & Emily Wittmayer
 Kristy & David Barzen
 KtMarie Scarcello & Aaron Aiken
 La Rayne Lilley & Rick Rask
 Lauren Burgeson & Cooper Lewis
 Leann Treloar & Scott Galenbeck
 Lindsay & Ryan McClintock
 Lisa Kenworthy
 Lisa Lavalley
 Lora & Scott Deege
 Luke & Heather Groben
 Margaret Peterson
 Margaret Roy
 Maria Sadden-Berry
 Mark & Kitty Crandell
 Mark Movic & Susan Skinner
 Mark Pederson
 Marti Huber
 Mary Krantz
 Mary Pat Lamair
 Michael & Melissa Wolnerman
 Michelle Swanson

Mike & Sara Pentek
 Molly & Austin Gill
 Molly & Chad Dolan
 Nancy & Scott Bertness
 Nancy & Vern Faber
 Noel & Lu Young
 Pamela Duffy & Michael Carlson
 Peter & Lisa Brown
 Robert & Amanda Duncan
 Robert Fisher
 Robert Malcomson
 Rodney & Jennifer Townsend
 Ronald & Kathleen Ricker
 Ryan Clutter & Vicki Sehgal
 Sally & Dennis Bates
 Sarah & Derek Gusse
 Scott & Diane Post
 Stacey & Bruce Heston
 Stephanie Kempf
 Stephanie Windsor
 Stephen & Lynda Albaugh
 Steven & Keely Rosenberg
 Sue & Peter Hetherington
 Susan Barnes & Jean Davis
 Suzanne Graves
 Ted Williams
 Thomas Kisch & Margo Hutcheson
 Tim McMillin
 Todd & Jackie Krone
 Vanessa Calderon
 Vic & Susan Raibikis
 Vicki Heiken
 Wallace Bubar & Gabriele Albright
 Wendell Downing
 William & LuAnn Newland
 Zachary Voss
 Zoe Shannon

News in the Neighborhood

Block captains needed!

Calling all Westwood residents! We're looking to fill a spot for newsletter distribution for the route of 44th and 45th streets!

INTERESTED IN BEING A BLOCK CAPTAIN?

Or a substitute/back up? Reach out to Vicki Heiken, our WNA Block Captain Chair, at 515-556-5750, or vheiken@gmail.com.

We thank our current captains who have delivered newsletters for years and can continue to help out Westwood. We truly appreciate their time and support!

- Allie Hogan and Tim Rympha – 49th St.
- Kyle Vrchota – N. 51st St.
- LeAnn Treloar – S. 51st St.
- Eric Vanderlinden – 52nd St.
- Lynda Albaugh – Robertson Dr. & 53rd St.
- Mickey and Emily Shields – SW 52nd St.
- Becky Klisares – Grand Ave.
- Diane Kuhn – Welker Ave.
- Hal Chase – 56th St.
- Scott and Diane Post – SW 58th Dr., 58th St., and Terrace St.
- Kathy Ritzler – 58th Pl. and 59th St.
- Cheryl Pederson – Behind Hanawalt
- 44th and 45th St. – **CAPTAIN NEEDED!**
- Diane Kuhn and Vicki Sehgal – Subs

Spring Cleanup to Reduce Urban Blight (SCRUB)

For guidelines and restrictions, visit DSM.city/SCRUB or call (515) 283-4950.

SATURDAY

October 19th

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November 16th

LAST DATES OF THE YEAR!

News in the City

Text: City of Des Moines Neighborhood Update. Content edited for space.

Parks and Recreation Activities, Fall/Winter

As the cooler months approach, Des Moines Parks and Recreation invites residents and visitors to explore a wide range of activities and opportunities designed to keep everyone engaged and active throughout the fall and winter seasons.



The newly released digital Fall/Winter Activities Guide is now available, with registrations open for a diverse selection of programs catering to all ages. Whether it's youth and adult sports leagues, environmental education programs, or exciting new offerings like adapted sports and inclusive community activities, the guide has something for everyone. This fall marks the launch of adapted basketball, along with a new inclusive community program that welcomes participants of all ability levels. Special events are also available at the city's dog parks, community recreation centers and cemeteries.

DSM Parks and Recreation is also actively recruiting for seasonal staff to support the upcoming winter activities. Those interested in applying can find more information and submit applications online.

Parents and guardians should first create an account on the Parks and Recreation Department's registration system at dmparks.org. Once the account is set up, they can then register their children for activities. Due to the popularity of many programs, early registration is highly recommended to secure a spot. Sign up today at DSM.city/register.

In an effort to make programs accessible to all, scholarships with \$5 registration fees for athletic programs are available through partnerships with DSM Public Schools and the State of Iowa. Eligibility details and application information can be found on Parks and Recreation's website under the GRASP and YRSP scholarship programs.

For more information and to explore the full range of offerings, visit DSM.city/ActivitiesGuide or DSM.city/ParkJobs.

Equity and Justice Symposium Series

The Des Moines Civil and Human Rights Department's annual symposium is taking a new format in 2024.

This fall, Des Moines residents will have free opportunities to learn about opportunities to connect and discuss a variety of experiences centered on issues of social justice and equity as a part of the Des Moines Civil and Human Rights Department's Equity and Justice Symposium Series. The theme of this year's events is "Move Your Heart, Mind and Body."

Listed events are free, but advanced registration is required. To register visit, DSM.city, click "View All News", then "Des Moines Civil & Human Rights Commission Announces Equity and Justice Symposium Series"

- **"Raising Awareness Through Experience" Adapted Simulated Recreation Activities**
Saturday, October 19, 10AM at Pioneer Columbus Community Recreation Center
- **"Move Your Mind" The Hearing Voices Simulation**
Session 1: Tuesday October 22, 5:30-7:30PM at Polk County River Place
Session 2: Saturday, November 2, 10AM-12PM at East Side Library
- **"Art For All" Social Equity Participatory Walk for Families**
Saturday, November 9, 11AM-12PM at the Des Moines Art Center

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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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Register your email with us!

Stay informed! Sign up here: bit.ly/westwoodemail
NEW TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD? We want to meet you!
Drop us a line and let us know at westwoodneighborsdsm@gmail.com

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Past President, Diane Kuhn ¹Your address and personal information will be safely stored in our database. WNA does not share or sell this information with anyone.

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



2024

Trick or Treat Halloween Hunt!

Sponsored by
Either/Or
Eatery & Patio!

The hunt lasts throughout October!
Locate these signs around Westwood! Check them off to complete map!

Take completed map to Either/Or
and redeem prize with this coupon!

ANY KID TO COMPLETE!

Receive a special treat from Either/Or!

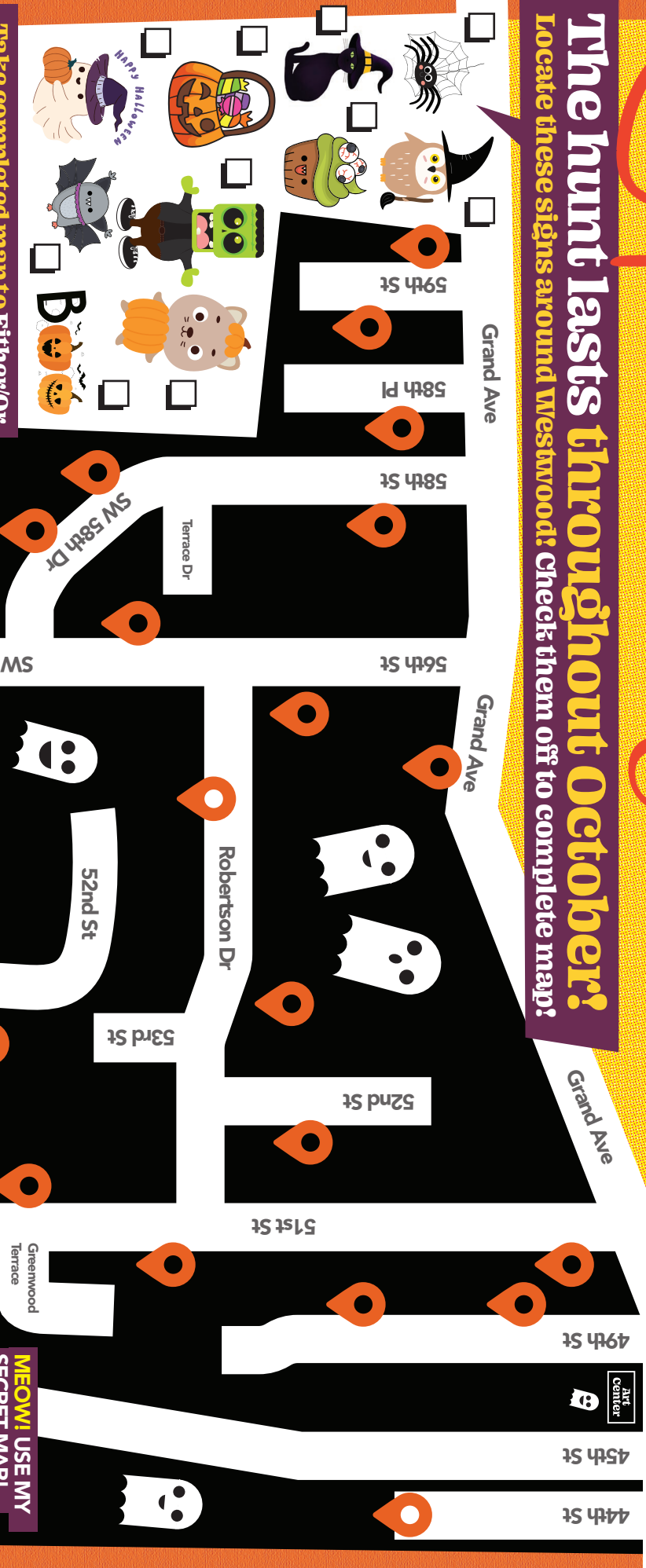
Must redeem by the end of November 2024.

Only one map needed per family for redeeming. No photocopies will be accepted.

Employee, please sign once redeemed.

EITHER/OR
EATERY
& PATIO

6222 GRAND AVENUE
DES MOINES, IA 50312
eitherordsm.com



MEOU! USE MY SECRET MAP!
I have hints on where to find these signs in Westwood!

Official cool cat.
SECRET MAP!

