



# WESTWOOD NEWS

FALL 2021

**Thursday  
November  
11th • 7-9pm**

## News In The Neighborhood

### NEW BLOCK CAPTAIN NEEDED! GRAND AVE.

*Interested in helping deliver Westwood News?*

We're currently in need of a new Block Captain for the Grand Ave. route! **Contact Block Captain Chair, Vicki Heiken for details!**

### ROOSEVELT FUNDRAISER!



#### R Party 2021!

The Roosevelt Foundation and Roosevelt High School are excited to announce the R Party is coming back! Please join us on **Saturday, November 13, 2021 from 5-9 p.m.!** This year's event will include both an in-person event at **Curate** in Downtown DSM, alongside a virtual option featuring a to-go meal, online auction and live stream.

Proceeds will support:

- TRHS Foundation
- Theodore Roosevelt High School Activities Department
- Activities Departments for Elementary and Middle Schools in the Roosevelt Community

[trhsfoundation.org/rparty](http://trhsfoundation.org/rparty)

### MERRILL FUNDRAISER!



*Amazon wish list for new books!*

[www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2G4DWN5Q4GV0?ref=wl\\_share](http://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2G4DWN5Q4GV0?ref=wl_share)

**Beggars Night!**

**SATURDAY, 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](http://TealPumpkinProject.org)

**2021 WESTWOOD VIRTUAL ANNUAL FALL MEETING**

**CHILI DINNER INCLUDED!**

**CHILI PICK UP AT GATEWAY MARKET!**

**GUEST SPEAKERS!**

**WNA BOARD ELECTIONS!**

SEE BACK PAGE FOR CANDIDATES

Please register at our Eventbrite link below by November 4th for your free chili dinner! No need to register for the Zoom meeting!! Simply stop by Gateway Market (2002 Woodland Ave.) between 10:30am-6:30pm on November 11th for your bowl of chili (1 per adult family member) and brownie! Bring it back home, heat it up and then virtually join us by logging into the Zoom meeting at 7pm! Use the links below!

**WESTWOODCHILIDINNER2021.EVENTBRITE.COM**

**ZOOM LINK**

[us02web.zoom.us/j/86951619440?pwd=cHZ3RTJoeTVdQWdZeUg0cERod0VhQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86951619440?pwd=cHZ3RTJoeTVdQWdZeUg0cERod0VhQT09)



## SUMMER Social

Recap

Over 110 attended!

**Thank you** Fahrenheit, Over The Top Ice Cream, Pop Up Games, volunteers, and guests who helped make this year's neighborhood event a success!

### A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO HELP THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

This holiday season, the WNA is hosting a virtual food drive through the Food Bank of Iowa. With just a few clicks, anyone can purchase the most-needed items and make a difference for those in need. Donate securely online through Dec. 31st, 2021 and help us beat our goal of raising \$500 for our community!

Visit: [tinyurl.com/WNA-food](http://tinyurl.com/WNA-food)



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[westwoodneighborsdsm.com](http://westwoodneighborsdsm.com)



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Stay informed! Sign up here: [bit.ly/westwoodemail](http://bit.ly/westwoodemail)

Your address and personal information will be safely stored in our database. WNA does not share or sell this information with anyone.



2021 WNA Board • **President**, Diane Kuhn (kuhndianer@yahoo.com) • **Vice President**, McKenzie Glazebrook • **Treasurer**, Sarah Gusse (sarahgusse@gmail.com) • **Secretary**, Michelle Gartner (mgartner78@icloud.com) • **Social Chair\***, Kim Corbin (kimberlyrachel@gmail.com) • **Membership Chair\***, Vicki Sehgal (vicki.sehgal@gmail.com) • **Block Captain Chair\***, Vicki Heiken (vheiken@gmail.com) • **Newsletter Editor\***, Anthony Udrovich (tm.udro@gmail.com)

\*Position filled by the WNA Board and not subject to a neighborhood vote.

## CANDIDATE CORNER

WNA is Precinct 062 & Precinct 063 • (062, addresses east of, and east-west side of 56th, voting location will be at Roosevelt High School. 063, west of, and the west side of 56th, voting location will be at the Junior Achievement office.)

Who's on the Nov. 2nd ballot? Take a quick look!

### City Council At-large

**Connie Boesen** • Continue to rebuild neighborhoods by providing the resources to improve housing, stimulate small business in neighborhoods and remove blighted properties. Expand the Mental Health Crisis Teams to engage individuals that experience crisis related to mental health issues, substance abuse and homelessness. [connieboesen.com](http://connieboesen.com)

**Justyn Lewis** • As a Black man, I hope to bring much needed diversity to the City Council. My goal is to create a more just, equitable Des Moines. [justynlewis.com](http://justynlewis.com)

### School Board At-large

**Maria Alonzo-Diaz** • I have lived in Des Moines for 25 years and have been employed by Polk County for 22 years. My focus is advocating for equity in quality education, health and wellness literacy and parent engagement and educator support.

Facebook: Maria Alonzo for School Board  
Email: [mariafordmps@gmail.com](mailto:mariafordmps@gmail.com)

**Lloyd Elam** • Results focused Progressive dedicated to delivering safe schools with smaller class sizes, expanded vocational training in the trades and preserving our democracy by giving civics a bigger footprint in our curriculum, thereby ensuring 'Our Public Schools are the Best Choice!' [lloydelam.com](http://lloydelam.com)

**Jackie Norris** • I'm a former teacher, have extensive leadership experience, and I'm mom of 3 boys attending Roosevelt. If elected, I will represent the vision and values of our community. [jackienorris.com](http://jackienorris.com)

### WNA Board Candidates\*

**President: Diane Kuhn** • Diane has been serving as our President for 2 years.

**Vice President: McKenzie Glazebrook**

McKenzie has been serving as our Vice President for 2 years.

### City Council Ward III

**Josh Mandelbaum** • Over the last four years, we've made progress on climate change, infrastructure, public safety, affordable housing, and more. But we have a lot more work to do as a city. I'm proud to serve as your Councilmember, and I hope I can earn your vote on November 2. Volunteer, donate, and learn more at [votemandelbaum.com](http://votemandelbaum.com)

**Cory McAnelly** • Scan the

QR code for a special message from Cory.

[coryforcouncil.com](http://coryforcouncil.com)



**Brandi Webber** • I'm advocating for city council procedure and ethics reform to protect our city and residents from corruption and oppressive policies.

In short, we need accountability, transparency, and accessibility in City Hall. [brandiwebberforcitycouncil.com](http://brandiwebberforcitycouncil.com)

### School Board District 1

**Kim Martorano** • I will continue to advocate for a collaborative and transparent approach to improving student outcomes. I will hold crucial conversations and am prepared to vote with integrity utilizing my experience as an educator, data analyst, governance coach, and DMPS board member.

[kimmartorano.com](http://kimmartorano.com)

[facebook.com/voteforkimmartorano](https://www.facebook.com/voteforkimmartorano)

**Shelley Skuster** • I know what it feels like to not be heard. As a board member, I will listen to constituents, prioritize the safety of students, staff and teachers and advocate for literacy for all. [ShelleySkusterforDMPS@gmail.com](mailto:ShelleySkusterforDMPS@gmail.com)  
@ShelleyforDMPS  
[shelleyskusterforschoolboard.com](http://shelleyskusterforschoolboard.com)

**Secretary: Michelle Gartner** • Michelle has been our Secretary for 2 years.

**Treasurer: Steven Camerona**

Sarah Gusse has finished her 3-year term. Thank you Sarah for your hard work and dedication as Treasurer!

**New members** are recognized with \*\* after their name(s). Welcome! • **Special note**, 2020 WNA Holiday Decorating Contest: #1 People's Choice Winner; #2 WNA Board's Choice Winner

Albaugh, Steve & Lynda  
Ankeny, Ellie & Blaine Vriezelaar  
Bannister, Scott & Kathy  
Barr, Jud & Heidi  
Barzen, David & Kristy  
Bates, Dennis & Sally  
Berglund, Danne\*\*  
Bertness, Scott & Nancy  
Boesen, Bryan & Betsy  
Bookey, Harry & Pam Bass Bookey  
Bettis, Rita  
Branstad, Adrienne  
Brown, Peter & Lisa Holderness-Brown  
Bruner, Stephanie  
Bubar, Wallace & Gabriele Albrecht  
Burgeson, Colleen  
Burgeson, Lauren & Cooper Lewis  
Byers, Jay & Katie  
Cameron, Steven  
Campbell, Jan  
Chase, Hal  
Cheeseman, Jeff  
Chivers, Theresa & David  
Clemens, Dave & Maxine  
Clutter, Ryan & Vicki Sehgal  
Craig, Holly & Fritz  
Crandell, Mark & Kitty  
Deege, Scott & Lora  
DiDonato, Ann & Mike Fitzgerald  
Downing, Dr. Wendell  
Duffy, Pamela & Michael Carlson  
Duncan, Robert & Amanda  
Eckhouse, Herb & Kathy  
Ekstrand, Rebecca & Thomas Rosborough  
Elliott, Emily\*  
Erkamaa, Matti & Kendra  
Faber, Vern & Nancy  
Fisher, Bob  
Fleming, Jim & Allison  
Freude, Jeff & Laurie Wolf  
Fulton, Jay & Diane Kuhn  
Fuller, Lori  
Fuller, Sharon  
Galeazzi, Dennis & Nancy  
Galenbeck, Scott & Leann Treloor  
Gartner, Mike & Michelle  
Garvin, Michael & Lindsay  
Gill, Austin & Molly  
Grannes, Dean & Stephanie Masumura  
Grassmeyer, Abby & Jeff  
Groben, Luke & Heather  
Gusse, Derek & Sarah  
Haakinson, Bill & Lori  
Hadek, Helena & Jay Villwock  
Haines, Bob & Emily  
Hanson, Frankie & Kevin Tu  
Harper, Josh & Stacy  
Heggen, Bill & Lynn  
Heiken, Thom & Vicki  
Heston, Bruce & Stacey  
Hetherington, Dr. Peter & Sue  
Hogan, Brady & Allison  
Horstmann, Rick & Laura  
Huber, Marti  
Keller, Mike & Rick Maruca  
Kempf, Ted & Stephanie

Kenworthy, John & Lisa  
Kisch, Thomas & Margo Hutcheson  
Kisares, Jeff & Becky  
Kneile, Robert & Ruth  
Kobes, Joe & Jo  
Krantz, Mary  
Krone, Todd & Jacqueline\*\*  
Landis, Valerie  
Lilley, LaRayne & Rick Rask  
Link, Patty  
Mackaman, David & Laura  
Malcomson, Rob & Ginny  
Mandelbaum, Justin & Li Zhao  
Marquardt, Steve  
McClintock, Lindsay & Ryan  
McGreevy, Jeanette  
McMillin, Timothy & Seth Robb  
McQueen, Melanie & Ora  
Miesner, Andrew & Ariella  
Moberg, Bri & TJ  
Moore, Sheryl & Jeremiah  
Movic, Mark & Susan Skinner  
Moyer, Debra  
Murphy, Courtney  
Murphy, Katherine  
Newland, Bill & LuAnn  
Overby, Walter  
Pattison, Brent & Laura Mate  
Pearson, April  
Pederson, Denny & Cheryl  
Pederson, Mark & Anne  
Peterson, Mike & Margaret  
Phillips, David & Christine Branstad  
Pokorny, David & Betsy  
Pollard, Tom & Julita  
Post, Scott & Diane  
Reece, Dr. Mark & Barb  
Reeves, Berry & Charlinn  
Richards, Mike & Leighton  
Ricker, Ron & Kathleen  
Ritzler, Kathy & John  
Rogers, Aaron & Kristy  
Rosenberg, Steven & Keely  
Roy, Peg  
Rypma, Lindsey & Tim  
Sadden-Berry, Maria  
Satterstrom, Bill & Ginny  
Schroeder, Diane  
Scott, Deb  
Shadur, Craig & Kimberly  
Shannon, Zoe  
Shepherd, Wendell & Katie  
Shields, Emily & Michael  
Sidon, Ashley & Jeffrey  
Spellman, Kevin & Stephany  
Spevak, James  
Steiff, Jeff & Sarah James  
Strief, Charles & Peggy  
Swanson, Channing & Michelle  
Tatge, Bob & Sandy  
Taylor, Dawn  
TeGrotenhuis, Jeff  
Thomas, Mark & Janice  
Tiffany, John & Laura Martino  
Townsend, Rod & Jenny  
Truslow, Ed & Nancy  
Tschetter, Joe  
Udovich, Anthony  
Ulfers, Sara  
Vaid, Roman & Christy  
Vander Linden, Eric & Susan  
Voss, Zac & Sarah  
Wallace, Sam & Sara  
Cutler, Kiley  
Wilke, Amy & John Hicklin  
Williams, Ted  
Windsor, Stephanie  
Wittmayer, Kreg & Emily  
Wolnerman, Michael & Missy  
Zelenovich, Jeff & Nikki  
Zuck, Amy

I've been a real estate agent with Iowa Realty for 14 years. My family (wife and 3 kids) have lived in Westwood for 5 years. We love the area and schools. I wanted to help out the community and felt like something financially related was probably the best fit.

\*It is also written in the by-laws that nominations from the floor are permitted.



## Membership Form

**\$40** Family membership

**\$25** Individual membership

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email / Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- Family membership     Individual membership  
 New to the neighborhood     Currently from the neighborhood

WNA collects dues on a voluntary basis which goes towards community projects, meetings, newsletters, our annual party & maintaining the integrity of our neighborhood. Paid dues are good for the calendar year!

### Two easy ways to become a member or pay dues!

#### Fill out, cut & mail form to:

Sarah Gusse,  
4914 Grand Avenue,  
Des Moines, IA 50312

#### Online at:

[www.westwoodneighborsdsm.com](http://www.westwoodneighborsdsm.com)  
Click "Pay Dues"  
(Dues processed through PayPal)