



WESTWOOD NEWS

SUMMER 2022

5:30PM - 8PM
SUNDAY, JULY 17TH

News In The Neighborhood

WNA LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Open seats on the board!

Terms will be ending this fall for our **President, Vice President and Secretary** positions. Interested? Get in touch with a board member for more info!

westwoodneighborsdsm.com

CREEK CLEAN-UP

Stats from our last event!

90 volunteers filled a dumpster full of trash! Key findings include; multiple tires, a full bag of fertilizer (in our creek!), a hatchet (which was useful to break down some log jams to free bulky trash), and lots of bottles and cans. Thanks to Amy MacKrell for the homemade treats, generous donations from businesses & our volunteers!

BEGGARS' NIGHT ON 51ST STREET

Keeping things safer!

Neighbors, to make the fun-filled evening safer for families, we are looking into possibly closing the street down to vehicle traffic for this upcoming Beggars' Night. Any questions or concerns please reach out to a board member!

WATCH THAT SPEED

Let's keep it at 25mph!

Reminder, please be mindful of our neighborhood speed limits.

VIEW OUR VIRTUAL NEWSLETTERS!

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



Scan me!

SUMMER SPLASH

FOOD VENDORS!

Hotsy Totsy & Totally Rolled Ice Cream!

LIVE MUSIC!

The Dead Line String Band!

ACTIVITIES!

Balloon artist extrodinaire, Professor Von Air!

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 3RD HERE!
WESTWOODSUMMERSPLASH22. EVENTBRITE.COM



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2022 WNA Board • **President**, Diane Kuhn (kuhndianer@yahoo.com) • **Vice President**, McKenzie Glazebrook **Treasurer**, Steven Cameron (stevencameron@iowarealty.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.

News From The City

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What's happening in Des Moines?

Des Moines Parks System Gets National Attention - Recently released by the Trust for Public Land's (TPL), the City of Des Moines park system is now ranked the 25th best system in the country, up from 35th in 2021. Des Moines soared above other cities such as Atlanta, San Diego, Tampa and Omaha due to the continued investment in our parks by the City and partners, such as the new restrooms at Witmer Park, a new playground at Riverview Park and six new basketball hoops at Weeks Middle School Park.

The City Welcomes More Accessory Housing - As part of a strategy to increase affordable housing opportunities in the City of Des Moines, earlier this month City Council approved changes to the zoning code that makes it easier for homeowners to develop accessory household units (AHUs). Also known as "accessory dwelling units (ADUs)" or "guest houses," accessory household units were added to the City of Des Moines' zoning, planning and design codes during a comprehensive update in 2019.

Homeowners interested in developing an accessory can find the resources they need to start planning by visiting DSM.city/AHU, emailing planning@dmgov.org, or by calling (515) 283-4192.

Mitzi Bolaños Anderson Starts as Des Moines Civil and Human Rights Director - The City of Des Moines recently announced the hiring of Mitzi Bolaños Anderson as director of the Civil and Human Rights Department. Anderson joins the City from Anchorage, Alaska, where she served as the executive director of the Anchorage Equal Rights Commission since 2019.

Additional updates

Construction on 63rd - City of Des Moines staff have worked with the Iowa DOT, City of West Des Moines, and private developers to plan and start construction of a 10-foot wide shared use trail along 63rd Street (also known as Iowa Highway 28 and SE 1st Street in West Des Moines) between the Levee Trail (north of the Raccoon River) and SW McKinley Avenue (also location of Veterans Parkway Trail). MoveDSM identifies 63rd Street as part of the future bike network, and the Southwest Infrastructure Planning Study also identifies the need for the facility. As one of the few locations for crossing the Raccoon River west of downtown, this is an opportunity to ensure safe access across one of the biggest transportation barriers in the community for people not traveling in a motor vehicle. news.iowadot.gov

Mosquito Abatement - Contact the Mosquito Hotline using the [Clarke Customer Portal](#) or at 1-800-942-2555 to report standing water issues, request that your neighborhood be sprayed and to be added to the spray "shut-off" list. Mosquito control activities in Des Moines protect community residents from the threat of mosquito-borne diseases like West Nile Virus and other forms of Encephalitis, and help us enjoy a high quality of life and outdoor comfort.

WNA Membership as of June 2022

Albaugh, Steve & Lynda
Antoniou, George & Christy
Bannister, Scott & Kathy
Barzen, David & Kristy
Bates, Dennis & Sally
Beane, Ron
Boesen, Bryan & Betsy
Bookey, Harry & Pam Bass Bookey
Branstad, Adrianne
Brown, Peter & Lisa Holderness-Brown
Bubar, Wallace & Gabriele Albrecht
Burgeson, Colleen
Burgeson, Lauren & Cooper Lewis
Byers, Jay & Katie
Cameron, Steven and Laura
Celken, Aaron and KtMarie
Chase, Hal & Avril
Chivers, Theresa & David
Cooney, Liz*
Craiger, Holly & Fritz
Deege, Scott & Lora
denHartog, Rob & Brenda Currans
DiDonato, Ann & Mike Fitzgerald
Dolan, Chad & Molly*
Downing, Dr. Wendell & Joyce
Eckhouse, Herb & Kathy
Ekstrand, Rebecca & Thomas Rosborough
Erkamaa, Matti & Kendra
Faber, Vern & Nancy
Fisher, Bob
Fleming, Jim & Allison
Fox, Cynthia
Fuller, Lori
Galeazzi, Dennis & Nancy
Groben, Luke & Heather
Haakinson, Bill & Lori
Hadek, Helena & Jay Villwock
Haines, Bob & Emily
Hanson, Frankie & Kevin Tu
Harper, Josh & Stacy
Hearn, Jack
Heggen, Bill & Lynn
Heiken, Thom & Vicki
Heston, Bruce & Stacey
Hogan, Brady & Allison
Horstmann, Rick & Laura
Huber, Rory & Marti
Keene, Sheila
Keller, Mike & Rick Maruca
Kempf, Ted & Stephanie
Kenworthy, John & Lisa
Kisch, Thomas & Margo Hutcheson
Kobes, Joe & Jo
Krantz, Mary
Krone, Todd & Jacqueline
Landis, Valerie
LaValle, Michael & Lisa
Lien, Craig & Kim Barnett
Lilley, LaRayne & Rick Rask
Mackaman, David & Laura
Malcomson, Rob & Ginny
Marquardt, Steve & Sara
McClintock, Lindsay & Ryan
McGreevy, Jeanette
Medick, Jason
Meester, Brenda & Ed
Mickey, John
Miesner, Andrew & Ariella
Movic, Mark & Susan Skinner
Moyer, Debra
Overby, Katie and Walter Gibson
Palladino, Elma*
Pattinson, Brent & Laura Mate
Pederson, Denny & Cheryl
Peterson, Mike & Margaret
Phillips, David & Christine Branstad
Pokorny, David & Betsy
Post, Scott & Diane
Reece, Dr. Mark & Barb
Reeves, Berry & Charlinn
Regan, David
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
Shepherd, Wendell & Katie
Spevak, James
Stabile, Dan & Nicole
Steff, Jeff & Sarah James
Strief, Charles & Peggy
Taylor, Dawn
Thomas, Mark & Janice
Townsend, Rod & Jenny
Treloar, Leann
Truslow, Ed & Nancy
Tschetter, Joe
Van Orsdel, Sarah
Voss, Zac & Sarah
White, Toby & Ruth
Wilke, Amy & John Hicklin
Williams, Ted
Wittmayer, Kreg & Emily
Wolnerman, Michael & Missy

*New members. Welcome!



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 go towards community projects, meetings, newsletters, our annual party & maintaining the integrity of our neighborhood.

Two easy ways to become a member or pay dues!

Fill out, cut & mail form to:

Steven Cameron,
326 51st Street,
Des Moines, IA 50312

Online at:

www.westwoodneighborsdsm.com
Click "Pay Dues"
(Dues processed through PayPal)