



WESTWOOD NEWS

FALL 2023



ANNUAL FALL MEETING & CHILI DINNER

6:30-8:30PM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

MERRILL MIDDLE SCHOOL
5301 GRAND AVE. DSM

WNA BOARD ELECTIONS, GUEST SPEAKERS & MORE!

News in the Neighborhood

Summer
SPLASH
OVER 120+ ATTENDED

THAT'S A WRAP ON ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SUMMER SPLASH! THANK YOU VENDORS, ENTERTAINERS, AND VOLUNTEERS!



Beggars' Night!

MONDAY, 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 2023! No thru traffic will be allowed during these hours, but local residents will still be able to access 51st if needed!



A virtual food drive through the Food Bank of Iowa hosted by the WNA!

Donate securely online through Dec. 31st!



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

Visit: tinyurl.com/foodbankwna

WNA Membership as of September 2023.

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!

Adrienne Branstad
Allen Reicks and Judy Janning-Reicks
Allison Hogan
Alyson and Thomas Finley
Amy Zuck
Andrew Miesner
Angie Gingery and Jon Bos
Ann Didonato and Michael Fitzgerald
Anthony Udrovich
Berry and Charlinn Reeves
Bob Haines
Brenda Currans and Rob Denhartog
Bri Moberg
Casey Wimer
Charles and Peggy Strief
China Wong
Christina Vald
Christy and George Antoniou
David and Laura Mackaman
David and Linda Beeman
David Phillips
Dawn Taylor
Debra Moyer
Dennis & Nancy Galeazzi
Denny and Cheryl Pederson
Diane Kuhn and Jason Fulton
Diane Schroeder
Ed and Nancy Truslow
Elizabeth Ankeny
Elizabeth Boesen
Emily Shields
Emma Knapp
Eric and Laura Horstmann
Frankie Hanson
Greg Dunn
Hal Chase
Helena Hadek
Holly and Fritz Craiger

Jaime Miller and Arley Beane
James and Allison Fleming
James Spevak
Janice and Mark Thomas
Jef Freudef & Laurie Wolf
Jodie and Phillip Lee
Joe and JoAnn Kobes
Joe Tschetter
John Mickey
Julita and Tom Pollard
Katharine Shepherd
Kathleen and Mark Crandell
Katie and Walter Gibson Overby
Kendra Erkamaa
Kimberly and Craig Shadur
Kristy and David Barzen
KtMarie Scarcello and Aaron Aiken
La Rayne Lilley and Rick Rask
Lauren Burgeson and Cooper Lewis
Lindsay and Ryan McClintock
Lindsey & Tim Rypma
Lora and Scott Deege
Luke and Heather Groben
Margaret Peterson
Margaret Roy
Maria Sadden-Berry
Mark and Barbara Reece
Mark Movic
Mark Pederson
Marti Huber
Mary Krantz
Megan Milligan
Meghan Gavin
Michael and Melissa Wolnerman
Michelle and Mike Gartner
Molly and Austin Gill
Nancy and Scott Bertness
Nancy and Vern Faber

Nicole Hinton
Pamela Duffy and Michael Carlson
Paula Beaumont
Rachel Kelley
Rebecca Ekstrand and Tom Rosborough
Robert and Amanda Duncan
Robert Fisher
Robert Kneile
Robert Malcomson
Rodney and Jennifer Townsend
Ron & Kathleen Ricker
Ronald Beane
Ryan Clutter and Vicki Sehgal
Sally and Dennis Bates
Sandy and Bob Tatge
Sara and Benjamin Ulfers
Sara Wallace
Scott and Diane Post
Sharon Fuller
Stacey and Bruce Heston
Stephanie Bruner
Stephanie Kempf
Stephanie Windsor
Stephen and Lynda Albaugh
Steven Rosenberg
Sue and Peter Hetherington
Susan Barnes and Jean Davis
Ted Williams
Thomas Kisch and Margo Hutcheson
Tim McMillin
Todd Krone
Tom and Sondra Newkirk
Virginia Satterstrom
Wallace Bubar and Gabriele Albright
Wendell Downing
William and LuAnn Newland
William Haakinson



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

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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:

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

News in the Neighborhood

Block captains needed!

Calling all Westwood residents! We're looking to fill two spots for newsletter distribution for **Robertson Dr. & 53rd St.** and **52nd St. north of Robertson**. Block captains Bill & Lynn Heggen, and Jeanette McGreevy will be retiring their routes. Colleen Burgeson (Welker Ave.) will also be retiring. Thank you, Bill, Lynn, Jeanette, and Colleen for your years of support as block captains!

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!

- 49th St. – Ginny Satterstrom
- N 51st St. – Kyle Vrchota
- S 51st St. – LeAnn Treloar
- Welker Ave. – Diane Kuhn
- SW 52nd St. – Mickey & Emily Shields
- Grand to 58th Pl. – Becky Klisares
- 56th St. – Hal Chase
- SW 58th Dr., Terrace Dr. & 58th St. – Scott & Diane Post
- 58th Pl. & 59th St. – Kathy Ritzler
- 44th & 45th St. – Marti Huber
- Behind Hanawalt – Cheryl Pederson

Either/Or!

Text provided by **Kathy A. Bolten**: *Business Record*
Photos by **John Retzlaff**



Either/Or, a sister establishment to Lua Brewing, is scheduled to open this September at **6222 Grand Ave.** in the former AutoZone building! The establishment has nearly 1 acre of outdoor space including a children's playscape and three-season patio. Welcome to the neighborhood **Either/Or!**



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2023 WNA BOARD • **President**, Kyle Vrchota • **Vice President**, Kelli Todd • **Secretary**, Angie Gingery • **Treasurer**, Steven Cameron • **Social Chair**², Kim Corbin
Event Chair² McKenzie Glazebrook • **Neighborhood Relations**², Vicki Sehgal • **Block Captain Chair**², Vicki Heiken • **Newsletter Editor**², Anthony Udrovich
Immediate 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.

News in the City

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

Parks and Recreation Activities, Fall/Winter

The Des Moines Parks and Recreation Program Guide got a makeover and a rebranding. What was once known as the "program" guide is now an "activities" guide, presenting seasonal activities available for residents of Des Moines to enjoy this fall and winter. Check it out [here](#)¹ and use the QR codes within to learn more information on the various activities.



Future Reichardt Community Recreation Center



The future Reichardt Community Recreation Center has achieved its final round of fundraising, marking a critical milestone for the project. The Des Moines City Council approved another \$900,000 in donations on August 21, including a naming agreement for the center to be located at the Grubb Family YMCA site. This \$6M fundraising success propels the project forward.

The City's commitment of \$12M over four years for the \$18M project, slated to open in 2026, aligns with substantial fundraising efforts totaling \$6.22M. Notable recent donations include \$1M from MidAmerican Energy and \$1.2M from The Reichardt Family, along with various naming designations for facility components.

Check out the video on YouTube [here](#)².

¹Activities Guide website... dsm.city/departments/parks_and_recreation-division/index.php

²youtube.com, use search words "Reichardt Community Recreation Center Vision"

Most Anticipated Fall Book Releases!

Here's a **brief list** of anticipated new books by genre coming soon to the Des Moines Public Library! To see the complete list, visit dmp.l.org.

Fiction

- *Let Us Descend*, by Jesmyn Ward
- *Blackouts*, by Justin Torres
- *Family Meal*, by Bryan Washington
- *Roman Stories*, by Jhumpa Lahiri

Nonfiction

- *Going Infinite: The Rise And Fall Of A New Tycoon*, by Michael Lewis
- *Extremely Online: The Untold Story of Fame, Influence, and Power on The Internet*, by Taylor Lorenz
- *Opinions*, by Roxane Gay

Fantasy/Sci-Fi

- *Fragile Threads of Power*, by V.E. Schwab
- *System Collapse*, by Martha Wells
- *Iron Flame*, by Rebecca Yarros
- *Bookshops & Bonedust*, by Travis Baldree

Mystery, Thriller, & Horror

- *Bright Young Women*, by Jessica Knoll
- *The Reformatory*, by Tananarive Due
- *Dirty Thirty*, by Janet Evanovich
- *The Mystery Guest*, by Nita Prose

Romance

- *Wreck The Halls*, by Tessa Bailey
- *10 Things that Never Happened*, by Alexis Hall
- *Next-Door Nemesis*, by Alexa Martin
- *Gwen And Art Are Not In Love*, by Lex Croucher

VIEW OUR VIRTUAL NEWSLETTERS!

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

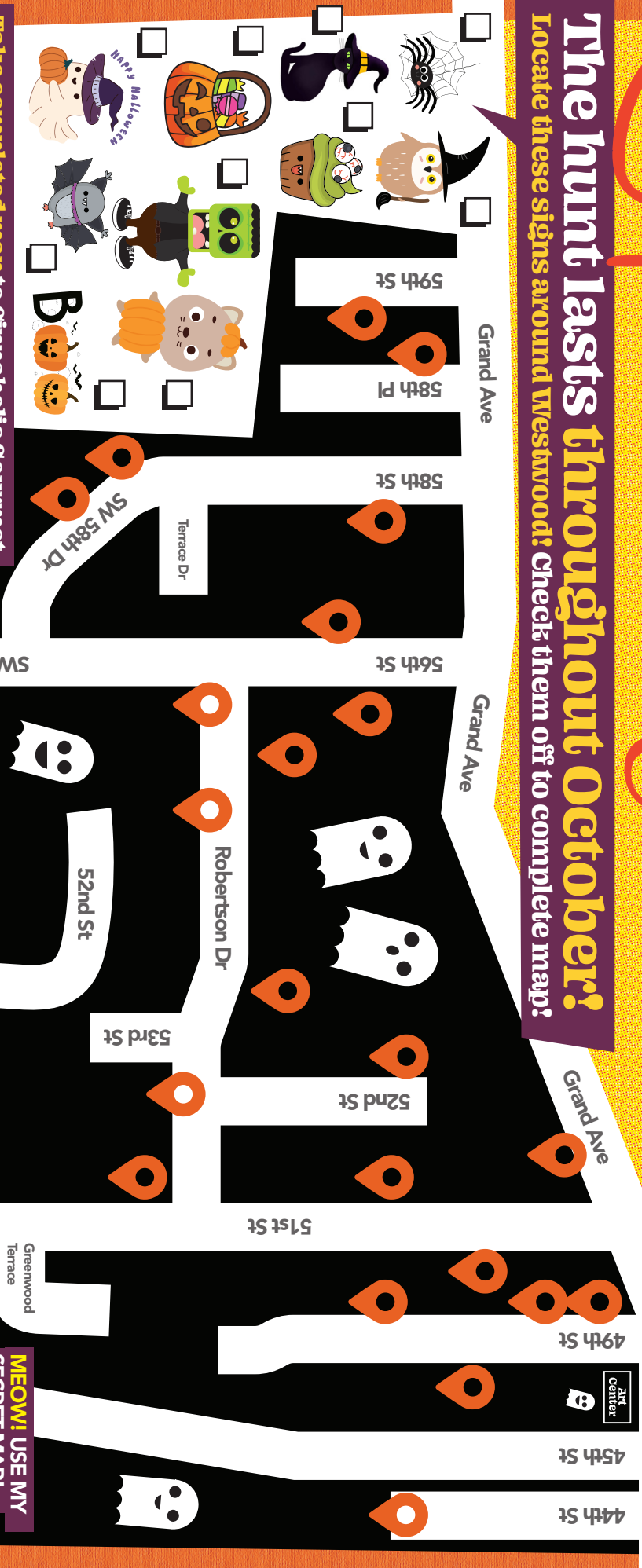


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Trick or Treat Halloween Hunt!

Sponsored by
Cinnaholic Gourmet
Cinnamon Rolls!

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



Take completed map to Cinnaholic Gourmet Cinnamon Rolls to redeem prize with this coupon!

ANY KID TO COMPLETE! Receive an order of Baby Buns, a total of three with frosting of your choice! Must redeem by 12/31/23.

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

Employee, please sign once redeemed.

CINNAHOLIC
Gourmet Cinnamon Rolls

505 E GRAND, SUITE 101
DES MOINES, IA 50309
CINNAHOLIC.COM

Official cool cat!

SECRET MAP!

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

