



WESTWOOD
NEWS



SUMMER 2023

Summer SPLASH

5:30PM - 8PM
THURSDAY,
JULY

FOOD VENDORS,
LIVE MUSIC &
DESSERTS!

13TH

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!
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EVENTBRITE.COM



Hope everyone is having a meow-velous summer! Check this out, I'll be back in the fall helping out again with the secret map for

Halloween Hunt!

Also, WNA will be looking into closing 51st for Beggars' Night again. I wasn't able to check it out last year, but heard it was a success and so much fun. See you soon!!!



Neighborhood Survey 2023!

Please complete this anonymous survey to help the WNA board plan for 2023! Visit the survey link below at <https://bit.ly/WestwoodSurvey2023>

or [Click here!](#) Thanks!

Traffic Calming Study Coming Soon to 56th!

Annual Meeting

Thursday, October 26th

Date subject to change.

Calling All Small Business Owners!

Young and old!! Would you like to promote your small business in *Westwood News*, or on our website? Any small business is welcome! Are you a young entrepreneur who is into baby sitting, pet sitting, house sitting or maybe lawn mowing, driveway and sidewalk shoveling? Maybe you're a professional small business owner like a realtor, restaurant owner, lawn care provider, or contractor services? We're hoping to help build neighborhood awareness! Reach out to a board member if this sounds interesting to you at westwoodneighborsdsm@gmail.com

WNA Membership as of June 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
Allison Hogan
Alyson Finley
Angie Gingery and Jon Bos
Ann Didonato and Michael Fitzgerald
Anthony Udrovich
Berry and Charlinn Reeves
Bob Haines
Bri Moberg
Carey Wimer
Charles and Peggy Strief
China Wong
Christina Vald
David and Linda Beeman
David Phillips
Dawn Taylor
Debra Moyer
Dennis and Nancy Galeazzi
Denny and Cheryl Pederson
Diane Schroeder
Ed Truslow
Elizabeth Ankeny
Elizabeth Boesen
Emily Shields
Emma Knapp
Eric and Laura Horstmann

Hal Chase
Heather Groben
Helena Hadek
Holly and Fritz Craiger
Jaime Miller and Arley Beane
James and Allison Fleming
James Spevak
Janice and Mark Thomas
Jeff Freude and Laurie Wolf
Jennifer and Rodney Townsend
Jodie and Phillip Lee
Joe and JoAnn Kobes
Joe Tschetter
Katharine Shepherd
Katie Overby and Walter Gibson
KtMarie Scarcello and Aaron Aiken
La Rayne Lilley and Rick Rask
Laura and David Mackaman
Lindsey and Tim Rypma
Margaret Peterson
Mark Pederson
Mary Krantz
Megan Milligan
Meghan Gavin
Michael and Melissa Wolnerman
Nicole Hinton

Pamela Duffy and Michael Carlson
Paula Beaumont
Rachel Kelley
Rebecca Ekstrand and Tom Rosborough
Robert Fisher
Robert Kneile
Robert Malcomson
Ron and Kathleen Ricker
Sally and Dennis Bates
Sara Wallace
Scott and Diane Post
Sharon Fuller
Stephanie Kempf
Stephen and Lynda Albaugh
Steven Rosenberg
Susan Barnes and Jean Davis
Thomas Kisch and Margo Hutcheson
Tim McMillin
Todd Krone
Vern and Nancy Faber
Virginia Satterstrom
Wallace Bubar and Gabriele Albright
Wendell Downing
William and LuAnn Newland
William Haakinson

News in the City

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EMC Downtown Park

Watch on YouTube with this link!



EMC Downtown Park is now open, providing a new recreation space in the heart of downtown Des Moines.

EMC Downtown Park represents a partnership between Des Moines Parks and Recreation and EMC Insurance Companies to fill a public space gap in the Des Moines Parks system and helps advance the City in its mission to provide a park within a 10-minute walk of every Des Moines resident. This new park will serve over 2,400 residents living downtown within a 10-minute walk of this park.

"We can't wait to see kids, families and residents using EMC Downtown Park," Des Moines Parks and Recreation Director Ben Page said. "There's been a need for a neighborhood downtown park for a long time, and this project creates a really great public space for workers, residents and visitors to get outside in the midst of downtown."

The site for EMC Downtown Park, at 701 Walnut St., has been inaccessible and vacant since the March 2014 fire that tore through the former site of the Younkers building. EMC, who acquired the property in 2018, built the park and will retain ownership of the land while the Parks and Recreation Department will maintain it.

"It's been a joy to see this project come to fruition," EMC President and CEO Scott Jean said. "EMC is excited to be able to offer this great new attraction to the city. We think the park is a place making project that will contribute to downtown vibrancy and the health and wellbeing of downtown workers and residents."

Though the City of Des Moines' 41 tennis courts are all equipped with pickleball lines, EMC Downtown Park includes the City of Des Moines' first dedicated pickleball court providing a unique, free location to play the rapidly growing sport.

Other park features will include:

- **Recreation options:** Half-court basketball, the City's first pickleball court, bags court, ping pong table and chess/checkers/backgammon tables
- **Play areas:** Cushioned play area with interactive sculptural elements for climbing
- **Seating:** Swings, benches, a seat wall and a naturalized seating area
- **Environmental features:** Nearly 30 different species of plants, including trees, flowers and ornamental grasses, that will bloom from March to August
- **Pet area:** Downtown's first public pet-relief area

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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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Route Returns to DSM!

To any Westwood neighbors riding this year, have a blast and be safe!

Taking place July 22-29. This is the 50th year, making it the oldest, largest and longest recreational bicycle touring event in the world.

The City's Street Use Team has been working with organizers to minimize disruptions for residents and maximize fun for participants. Riders will be arriving from Ankeny via US Highway 69 on Wednesday, July 26 as they attempt to set a new Guinness World Record. Participants will stay with housing hosts and camp out overnight at Water Works Park before heading east toward Tama-Toledo on Thursday, July 27.

To stay up-to-date on the details of what you can expect, visit ragbraidesmoines.com or follow @RAGBRAIdsm on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

To keep tabs on street and trail closures for events this summer, visit DSM.city/closures to explore our interactive map.

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 15th* / August 19th / September 16th*
October 21st / November 18th *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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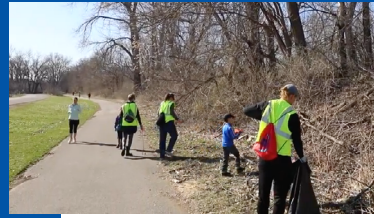
² Position filled by the WNA Board and not subject to a neighborhood vote.



News In The Neighborhood

RECAP!

ANNUAL WALNUT CREEK CLEAN-UP!



Approximately 54 volunteers helped clean up Walnut Creek's creek, trail and woodlands, collecting over 1,470 pounds of trash! Special thanks to neighbor Amy MacKrell for baking treats for our dedicated volunteers!

[Click here to view the video!](#)

Or visit YouTube & search 2023 Cache in Trash Out Des Moines Parks and Recreation

SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO BIG GROVE BREWERY, WNA BOARD MEMBERS AND NEIGHBORS FOR MAKING THE SPRING SOCIAL A SUCCESS! SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

ALMOST SPRING SOCIAL

