



# WESTWOOD NEWS

**News In The Neighborhood**

Save these event dates!

Saturday, March 30th

**ANNUAL WALNUT CREEK 2024 CLEAN-UP!**

9:00AM-11:00PM



Give back, clean up, and find the "cached" prizes during this family fun eco-hunt. City of DSM Parks and Recreation, Iowa Geocacher's Association, WNA, Central Iowa Trails Association (CITA), and other concerned citizens invite you on our unique hunt for trash. Volunteers will be wading through the creek or walking along the trails collecting litter, tires and looking for the GIANT plastic eggs, with a prize in each! Trash bags, grabbers, and gloves will be provided.

**Sign up using this link!**

[bit.ly/2024CacheInTrashOut](https://bit.ly/2024CacheInTrashOut)

Meetup location is the parking lot of Pal Joey's, 6224 Grand Ave.



Sunday, July 28th

**SUMMER SPLASH!**

Thursday, October 24th

**WESTWOOD ANNUAL MEETING**

**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!

# The Almost Spring Social

**THE STATION ON INGERSOLL**

**3124 INGERSOLL AVE. DSM, IA**

**6-8:30PM TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH**

ALL WESTWOOD NEIGHBORS ARE WELCOME TO THE EVENT!

Join us for our annual WNA Almost Spring Social! Enjoy complimentary appetizers, drinks, and great conversation with neighbors - old and new!

Please register using the Eventbrite link by February 27th to help us estimate the number of guests! Registration is recommended but not required! See you there!

[westwoodspringsocial24.eventbrite.com](https://westwoodspringsocial24.eventbrite.com)



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**NEW TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD?** We want to meet you!  
 Drop us a line and let us know at [westwoodneighborsdsm@gmail.com](mailto:westwoodneighborsdsm@gmail.com)

2024 WNA BOARD • President, Steven Camerona • Vice President, Kyle Vrchota • Secretary, Angie Gingery • Treasurer, Mickey Shields • Social Chair<sup>2</sup>, Kim Corbin  
 Data and Compliance<sup>2</sup> Ben Ulfers • Neighborhood Relations<sup>2</sup>, Vicki Sehgal • Block Captain Chair<sup>2</sup>, Vicki Heiken • Newsletter Editor<sup>2</sup>, Anthony Udrovich  
 Past President, Diane Kuhn <sup>1</sup>Your address and personal information will be safely stored in our database. WNA does not share or sell this information with anyone.

<sup>2</sup>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



## News From The Neighborhood

### NEW CHANGES IN THE WNA!

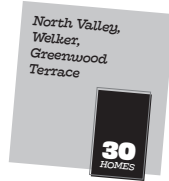
2024 brings a couple changes to the WNA Board! First off, a warm welcome to our newest members, Treasurer Mickey Shields & Ben Ulfers with Data & Compliance! Secondly, new title changes for our current board members Steven Camerona (previously Treasurer) now WNA President and Kyle Vrchota (previously WNA President) now Vice President, replacing previous Vice President Kelli Todd. Thank you Kelli for your hard work, strategies and dedication to the WNA!

### BEST IN THE WEST(WOOD)

Neighbors! This year we are excited to announce the Best in the West(wood). We are looking to find the most neighborly and engaged street (or streets) in our neighborhood. Every neighbor who joins the association this year will help their street climb the rankings to be the Best in the West(wood). After a survey of every street, we've put together a (mostly) accurate census of houses. While some streets, like 51st, have over 60 houses, others, like North Valley have only 1, so some geographic areas have been grouped together to give a more even base of houses. The street with the highest percentage of houses in the association will be announced as the winner at the annual meeting!

*Sample of how the groupings can look throughout the year!*

Join the WNA today!



*Use the official membership form to join or visit our website and sign up online!*

## News From The City

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



### City Announces New Online Platform to Modernize Planning and Zoning for Businesses and Residents

City staff recently developed a user-friendly web-based platform, powered by enCodePlus, to streamline planning and zoning ordinances, addressing concerns raised by small business owners and those unfamiliar with the processes. Chapters 134 and 135 are now fully digital, providing quick access for anyone looking to make improvements or build in Des Moines. The platform includes GIS maps, a signage calculator, and regulations by specific districts.

"This platform is an important evolution for City staff and the public," said Planning and Urban Design Administrator Jason Van Essen.

Applicants can access the platform through links on the website's **Development Services section** and all future documents mailed to applicants.



### Explore the Downtown Skywalk by Participating in the 2024 Treasure Hunt!

Adventure through the City's iconic Skywalk as you take part in The 2024 Treasure Hunt which kicked off on January 16, featuring seven Forestry-themed art installations painted on the windows of the Skywalk system.

To participate, traverse the Skywalk in search of the seven tree-related art installations. Once you locate one, snap a photo, and submit it using the online portal. Each photo earns you an entry for a chance to win a FREE 5-to-7-foot tree planted! The Forestry team will plant the tree on your private property or a public space of your choice.

Visit [DSM.city/TreasureHunt](https://DSM.city/TreasureHunt) for the Treasure Map, contest rules, and access to the entry form. Contest ends March 15. We look forward to seeing you up there, Treasure Hunters!

44th-45th Street

HOMES

49th Street

HOMES

51st-SW 51st.

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52nd, SW 52, 53rd, and Robertson

HOMES

56-SW 56th

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58th Street, SW 58th Street, Terrace Drive

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58th Place 59th Street

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North Valley, Welker, Greenwood Terrace

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Grand Ave.

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