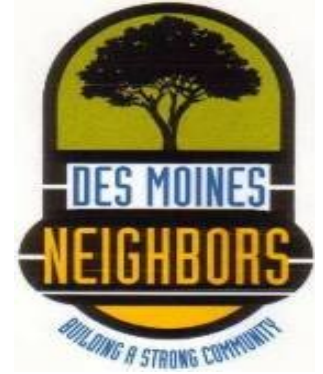


# DES MOINES NEIGHBORS NEWS

JUNE 2010



## General Des Moines Neighbors Meeting

**When:** Thursday June 24th, 2010

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Where:** Mickle Center 1620 Pleasant St.

**Speaker:** Neal Westergaard & Members of the Neighborhood Revitalization Board

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## **Important Information from the May 2010 DSM Neighbors Meeting**

In addition to the elected officials and the Register Reporter that were the meeting, we had a guest speakers from the DMPD.

The presentation consisted of the Crisis Intervention Team that services Des Moines and the surrounding areas.

We all know that 911 gets you an immediate police response.

What we didn't know is that if the issue that causes us to call is of a behavioral nature, you can request the team when calling 911.

The advantages to all concerned are that the team consists of not only police, but a registered nurse, and a social worker.

How is that an advantage, you ask?

The police are trained to respond to violence first. If the 911 responder comes upon a

"disturbed or distraught" person the usual outcome is that the person is placed in custody, taken to the hospital, and *then* the team is called.

The downside of the usual is that often "taken into custody" part will turn violent unnecessarily. And, the initial responders are out of the loop for the time that it takes to go through the *usual process*. Meaning they can't respond to other calls.

The Police Dept has a DVD explaining the team's makeup, approach, and methods. DMN has several copies available for interested neighborhoods. Just call or email indicating your neighborhood affiliation and we will mail it to your group.

Harlan Donaldson

## It pays to support the Public Works Employee Breakfast



Picture 1: Taken Tuesday May 18th Picture 2: Taken Wednesday May 19th

## Des Moines Neighbors Board Elections are JULY 2010

If you are interested in nominating someone or filling a vacancy on the Des Moines Neighbors Board please contact:

Jeff Johansen at [jjohan1664@aol.com](mailto:jjohan1664@aol.com)

Open positions: Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and one at large seat

## Upcoming Des Moines Neighborhood Events

### June Neighborhood Meetings and Events:

June 19<sup>th</sup> – SCRUB - Polk Co. River Place, 7 AM - Noon

June 19<sup>th</sup> – SCRUB – Hoover High School, 7 AM - Noon

July 16<sup>th</sup>– Valley High Manor Picnic– 5:00pm Dinner 6:00pm

Date	SCRUB Location	Time	Neighborhoods
July 17	Southridge Mall (1111 E. Army Post)	7am-noon	Somerset Magnolia Park Watrous South Hillsboro Ewing Woods-Evergreen Easter Lake Area
	MWA transfer station, 4198 Delaware (trash)	7am-1pm	
	Compost Center, 1601 Harriett	7am-1pm	
Aug. 21	Polk County RiverPlace 2309 Euclid (old Target)	7am-noon	Mondamin Presidential Chautauqua Park Drake Park King Irving Martin-Hickman Prospect Park
	MWA transfer station, 4198 Delaware (trash)	7am-1pm	
	Compost Center, 1601 Harriett	7am-1pm	
Sept. 18	Hy-Vee, SE 14 <sup>th</sup> & Park	7am-noon	Indianola Hills Mckinley School/ Columbus Park Pioneer Park
	MWA transfer station, 4198 Delaware (trash)	7am-1pm	
	Compost Center, 1601 Harriett	7am-1pm	
Oct. 16	Roosevelt High School north lot (Polk Blvd & Chamberlain)	7am-noon	Waterbury Ingersoll Park Linden Heights Salisbury Oaks Waveland Woods Waveland Park Westwood
	MWA transfer station, 4198 Delaware (trash)	7am-1pm	
	Compost Center, 1601 Harriett	7am-1pm	
Nov. 20	MWA transfer station, 4198 Delaware (trash)	7am-1pm	
	Compost Center, 1601 Harriett	7am-1pm	

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May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Robert W. Mickle Neighborhood Resource Center

In Attendance: James Wickham, Paul Cole, Paul Sadler, JoAnn Hanover, Jane Linthicum, Harlan Donaldson, David Stephensen, Don Vines, Kath Ziemer, Charles Lydon, Jeff Johansen, Cindy Christian, Mayor Frank Cownie, AKO Abdul Samad, Karen Shoopman,

Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Brian Millard

Second: Paul Cole

Approval of Minutes from March 25<sup>th</sup>

Motion: Paul Cole

Second: Harlan Donaldson

**Guest speaker:** Officer Kelly Draine, Crisis Intervention Unit Des Moines Police Department

The unit answers about 2,000 calls per year. They are funded through Polk County Health Service.

This unit assists all police departments in Polk and Dallas Counties.

This team assists with mental health calls and most police officers are not trained in those fields.

The mobile crisis team takes care of those calls and assists department with issues.

Examples: depression, dementia, Alzheimer's, little kids, suicide.

Discussed mental health issues in Des Moines and the mobile crisis' units' role with the police department and community.

H. Donaldson mentioned that they would try to mail out copies of the cd's to neighborhoods that were not here this evening to receive one.

Mayor Frank Cownie said a few words about wanting to know what is needed in the neighborhoods.

Ako Abdul Samad spoke about needing to know what the neighborhoods need and how to get stuff done.

**Harlan Donaldson-** Landfill opens on scrub days for no charge. No tires and no appliances there. Debris and junk.

Addition of a before and after picture in next month's newsletter.

**Discussion regarding Des Moines Neighbors Goals- B. Millard**

June 19<sup>th</sup> –Old Target Building on Euclid- SCRUB Day

Des Moines Neighbors is there to be an advocate and support neighborhoods.

DM Neighbors board wants to know what Des Moines Neighbors can help each area with.

Comments: Noise Ordinance needs to be changed because the loud noise all over the city. Noise ordinance is not being enforced. Discussion about the issue.

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**Public Works Breakfast**

Discussion about the excess Public Works Donations

this should be discussed at the next board meeting.

296.38 was the total for the Public Works Breakfast

Account: \$2,183.70 in account. If this is not correct, it will be changed in the minutes.

Cookbooks: Taken in over \$1,000.00 in cookbooks so far

Brief discussion of the Des Moines Neighbors budget and how money is spent over the year.

**New business:**

Harlan Donaldson: Clean up at Dean and Williams June 5t

News from Highland Park- Rendezvous on Riverview events coming up?

**Neighborhood Reports**

July 3<sup>rd</sup>- Woodlawn School playground 4:30-6:00pm Kiddie Parade Lower Beaver Neighborhood

Brief discussion of honoring other service position at yearly awards.

Gray's Woods Annual Garage Sale- June 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> 8:00-5:00pm 1229 E. 35<sup>th</sup> Street

Update on Pawn American from J. Hanover & brief discussion.

Discussion of rezoning and the development of different properties. Need for notification to the neighborhoods that land is being re-zoned and new businesses etc.

**Old Business**

Valley High Manor- Park update

Larry Rogers will be at next meeting to receive his award and be thanked for his years of service.

Meeting Adjourned