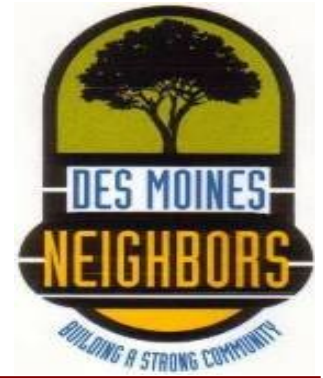


DES MOINES NEIGHBORS NEWSLETTER

MAY 2010



General Des Moines Neighbors Meeting

When: Thursday May 27th, 2010

Time: 7:00pm

Where: Mickle Center 1620 Pleasant St.

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Six Neighborhood “SCRUB Saturdays” Remaining in 2010

If you haven't finished your Spring cleaning yet, there's still plenty of opportunities to dump loads of refuse for free at one of Des Moines' six remaining neighborhood SCRUB sites between now and October. Since the 1990s, the city has partnered with Des Moines Neighbors and the Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB) to co-sponsor these events, coordinated through neighborhood associations which supply volunteer help.

The neighborhood sites are open from 7 am to noon on designated

Saturdays, where residents of Des Moines can dump general trash, televisions, computers, lawn mowers (without fluids), tires and appliances. Only small vehicles, small trailers, and pickups with no higher than four-foot sides will be permitted at neighborhood SCRUB locations; no commercial haulers. Trash can also be dumped for free at the MWA transfer station, 4198 Delaware Ave., from 7 am to 1 pm on SCRUB Saturdays. SCRUB sites will NOT accept oil, paint, chemicals, car batteries, or propane tanks. Some proof of city residency may be required.

Recycling at Roosevelt SCRUB Site October 16

For the past several years, the seven westside neighborhoods using Roosevelt High School as a SCRUB location have coordinated with the city staff to obtain a separate dumpster to recycle metal. Additionally, in 2009 these neighborhoods made a separate pile for discarded computer components and delivered them to a nonprofit computer recycler.

Here's your chance!

We're looking for articles about your neighborhood.

Please consider writing an article about something important going on in your neighborhood that will interest the rest of us.

Please submit them to
DesMoinesNews@aol.com

Upcoming Des Moines Neighborhood Events

May 22nd - South Park - Garden & Flower Planting - Jan: 953-3969

June Neighborhood Meetings and Events:

June 8th – Carpenter Mtg – Drake Security Office at 6:30 PM. Robert: 277-0139

June 11th & 12th – Lower Beaver Neighborhood Garage Sale. bobanntom@g.com

June 12th – South Park Mtg – Flag Installation & Garden Celebration – Jan: 953-3969

June 19th – SCRUB - Polk Co. River Place, 7 AM - Noon

June 19th – SCRUB – Hoover High School, 7 AM - Noon

Date	SCRUB Location	Time	Neighborhoods
June 19	Polk County Office Bldg Oliver Plaza, 2339 Euclid	7am-noon	Lower Beaver Beaverdale
	Hoover High School, 4800 Aurora	7am-noon	Meredith Merle Hay
	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware (trash)	7am-1pm	
	Compost Center, 1601 Harriett	7am-1pm	
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 th & 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	

**Des Moines Neighbors
General Meeting
March 25, 2010**

Move agenda around and move guest speakers

Meeting called to order at 7:02

Motion by L. Cutshall to modify agenda to move neighborhood reports to the beginning and H. Donaldson seconds.

Neighborhood Reports:

Merle Hay- Leading all neighborhoods in loans in the City of Des Moines. Urbandale Ave. and Merle Hay Rd. starting the widening of that road.

Gray's Woods- Officially recognized Neighborhood Association. First meeting on Tuesday evening... 70 + people in attendance. Will be working on the I-235 clean up for the next two year. State Fair clean-up. Rental Issues to deal with. New sewer line going through the neighborhood. Easton Blvd. going to have a lot of work done this year.

Discussion about the proposed development in the area.

King Irving and Mondamin Presidential: Retreat the next two days to talk about planning for year two and three.

Valley High Manor: Working on construction on Four Mile area. Working with Parks and Recreation to discuss disability issues at the neighborhood park.

Sherman Hill: In the process of doing an amendment to be approved action plan. Reorganized goals and committees.

Discussion about the revising of neighborhoods plans and goals.

Northeast Neighbors: Railroad issues on the East side- long wait times. Next meeting- have a leadership reception where all of the neighborhoods on the NE side are being specially invited and recognized.

Plymouth Church- 4018 Ingersoll- Upcoming Open House to promote a lease for the property and possible renovation.

Approval of the minutes:

Corrections: National Night Out 1st Tuesday of August

Motion to approve with corrections: L. Harral

Second: L. Cutshall

Speakers:

Mayor Frank Cownie

Discussion about budget and the work being done with it.

Budget balanced for upcoming two years and has been passed.

Flooding Issues- Upstream in northern counties have been taken off the flood watch. Risk has been lowered for the moment.

Levees – Birdland and Central Place- Agreement with Corp. of Engineers to reconstruct the levees. Work to begin and funding is in place. Bids have been awarded. Will be moving ahead with the work. Birdland should start in the latter part of May and Central Place to begin around late August.

Explanation on why the process took the time it did.

Question and brief discussion about the Prairie Meadows Money and the Street?

Discussion about storm water utility and issues around it.

Discussion about the Google Fiber possibilities and project. Anyone that has an interest in having this come to DSM can go to the DSMfiber.org or dmneighborhoodresources.org and submit why this would be great for DSM.

Skip Moore – DSM City Council

Brief about flooding

Hearing two things the most at Neighborhood Meetings: Zoning issues and NBSD

Question: How do we the neighbors that don't pick up their trash and debris and put it on the parking?

Garbage is supposed to turn it in, the "green team" will come out and notify them that they have a couple days to do it. IF it is not done they pick it up and asses them the cost.

Call public works at 283-4950 and they see to it that someone notifies them to pick it up.

SCRUB days have been expanded and the Compost site and transfer station are open.

Franklin Library, LEED Platinum and Oak Trees discussion. Monitored for one year, after that it will be assessed and the City will cut trees back if necessary.

Discussion about infrastructure on the eastside and plan for the Gray's Woods Neighborhood.

Discussion about half-way homes being built in the some neighborhoods, anything that city can do to help stop these being built.

Discussion about the response of city staff and the cooperation with the neighborhoods and Des Moines Neighbors.

City Employees response- Call a councilperson and the city manager's office if you have issues.

Discussion about crime stats in Indianola Hills and break - in 's.

Discussion about neighborhood energy efficiency competition and ideas.

Discussion about possibly re-implementing the old neighborhood watch program

Question: GESD bought a graffiti camera.. can that be put down on Williams to catch liter and illegal dumping?

Des Moines Neighbors Announcements:
Alice Rodine Nominations
Cookbook Sales
Old Business
Adjoin:
H. Donaldson
Second: J. Hanover