

Historic Document Establishes 1915 Roots of Waveland Park Neighborhood Association

This membership card of the Waveland Place Improvement League was discovered by Board member Mark Swanda. "From years of gravity, the mantel in our 1910 home had developed a gap where wood meets brick. For the three years we lived in the home, the "gap" had gone unnoticed...until the day that it swallowed my wife's drivers license and credit card. Not quite certain which was the worse fate, replacing the license and credit card or the scene of destruction that it would ensue to retrieve them, my wife broke down and informed me of the situation. As it turned out, the mantel removed easily and yielded many "treasures from the gap." To list a few: a mother-of-pearl button, bobby pins, old grocery stamps, antique post card, and a 1915 Waveland Park Improvement League membership card."

The objects and purposes of the League parallel many of the activities of the WPNA. Concern with quality of life issues is a 90-year tradition in Waveland Park! Show your support for the work of the Waveland Park Neighborhood Association to improve the neighborhood and join or renew your membership today.

Waveland Place Improvement League
MEMBERSHIP CARD
Des Moines, May 8 1915
I, Rose Griffiths, being favorably impressed with the objects and purposes of the Waveland Place Improvement League, do hereby subscribe my membership and the regular annual fee of \$ 1.00 to the support of the organization.
Respectfully submitted,
Name Rose Griffiths
Address 1072 - 44th St
Recommended by _____
(Over)

OBJECTS AND PURPOSES
To bring together socially the residents of our community; to encourage good citizenship; provide ways and means to insure for our people the best possible service obtainable; make comfortable conditions through combined effort and co-operation; to see that all improvements to be made upon our streets and public highways are of the best modern type and properly placed or constructed; to observe and cause to be corrected any irregularities coming to our notice; urge the enforcement of proper laws and ordinances and see that the interests of our people are safeguarded.
(Over)

The \$1 annual membership in the Waveland Place Improvement League would be \$19.27 in today's dollars, so the WPNA's \$10 household membership rate is a half-price bargain compared to our predecessor organization!