

Dear Neighbors,

Happy Spring! It is wonderful to see green again outside!

Now that the cold winter is over, it is time to start planning for the summer. There are many exciting events coming up this summer....the annual Ice Cream Social, a pool party and much more! Hope to see you at these fun events.

Calling all green thumbs...The Great Westwood Plant Divide will be on May 12th & 13th. This is a great opportunity to trade perennials and meet fellow gardeners. Read on for more details!

We are pleased to announce the first Annual Westwood Garden Tour. It will be on Saturday June 17th. For \$10, you will be able to tour 5 gardens in the Westwood Neighborhood. Tickets will be available at each home on the day of the tour. Proceeds will benefit the Hanawalt Landscaping project and the Westwood Signage project. Volunteers are needed for the morning and afternoon shifts. Please contact Vicki Heiken at 255-7066 or Barbara Bell at 277-4860 to volunteer. Did I mention volunteers get in free?

Have a great Spring! Hope to see you this summer at the Westwood Neighborhood events!

Sincerely,

The Westwood Neighborhood Association Board of Directors



Westwood ice cream social Sunday July 17th 3 to 5 pm at 420 51st Street

For more WNA News,

Be sure to logon to the WNA website at

http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/desmoines/westwoodna/



WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD

PICNIC & POOL PARTY

Sunday August 13th
1 to 4 pm
at
Bernie Burke's & Stephanie Preusch's
217 52nd Street

More details in the next newsletter

Future Westwood Meetings will be on the third Tuesday of each month, excluding December. Meetings start at 7:00pm. Meetings are located at 420 51st Street (David & Kristy Barzen's house). The annual meeting for the election of the board of directors will be in September. Most likely, this meeting will be at Hanawalt, but will be confirmed later this year. If you are interested in getting involved with the neighborhood association, please join us! It is a great opportunity to meet neighbors and help to shape and maintain our neighborhood. Hope to see you there! Mark your calendars for the dates listed....

May 16th, June 20th, July 18th, August 15th, September 19th, October 17th and November 21st

Westwood Signage/Identity Committee Update

Ideas for identity features or signage for Westwood continues to flow, demonstrating a strong neighborhood interest in this project. Suggestions from neighbors include: archways, either brick or metal, at key entrances to the neighborhood; cross walks composed of brick pavers with "Westwood" etched in concrete at major intersections with Grand; and, bronze or aluminum "pole signs" placed on existing utility poles located at strategic neighborhood entry points. All suggestions and ideas from neighbors are welcomed and encouraged. Each will be thoroughly researched for consideration by the Westwood Signage Committee and for compliance with the City of Des Moines ordinances that regulate Neighborhood pole signs and monuments.

The possibility of vandalism to future signage is a concern to all of us as we work through the process of researching identity projects. The next committee meeting will be mid to late April. If you are interested in joining the identity project discussion or have additional ideas, contact Margo Hutcheson, at 274-4644 or mhutches@mchsi.com. Stay tuned!





The 2006 Great Westwood Divide May 12-13

Do you have plants that need thinning or dividing that you hate to throw away? Do you have an old friend (of the green variety) that you would like to find a new home? Or, are you wanting to add some new plants to your garden for free? Your Neighborhood Association's Garden Club can help you out!

Just drop your plants or divisions by Judy Lonning's, 5131 Robertson, anytime on Friday May 12 from 3-7 p.m. Please include a tag or note stating the plant's name, height (small, medium or tall will do) and sun requirements (sun, part-sun or shade.) Then on Saturday May 13, come and pick up what you need from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. You don't have to "give" to "get!."

Please come...rain or shine. Tell you friends—they don't have to belong to the association to participate. Questions? Judy Lonning 255-6587 or Dena Goplerud 279-1928.

Board of Directors

Please contact us if you have any questions or suggestions.

President – David Barzen	274-0203	<u>abarzen@aoi.com</u>
Vice President – Brad Sammon	277-9190	marleyrb@aol.com
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Neighborhood Captains

49th St. - Bill and Ginny Satterstrom 274-5911

51st St. – (Grand Ave. to Robertson Dr.) – Joe and Jo Kobes 279-5202

52nd St. – (North of Robertson Dr.) – Jeanette McGreevy 279-3068

Robertson Dr. and 53rd. St (So. of Robertson) – Bill & Lynn Heggen

51st St. - (Robertson Dr. to Welker and Greenwood Terrace) - Sharon Walsh 255-2552

S.W. 52nd St - (North of Welker) – Jim and Allison Fleming 279-5781

Welker Ave. - John and Colleen Burgeson

56th St. – Dean Weitenhagen

S.W. 58th Dr. – (off of 56th St.) – Margo Hutchison and Tom Kisch

Terrace St. -

58th St. - (Terrace St. to Grand) -

58th Place (including Grand 56th to 59th) - Tom and Dena Zisko

59th St. – Sheila Keene – 305 59th 279-2420

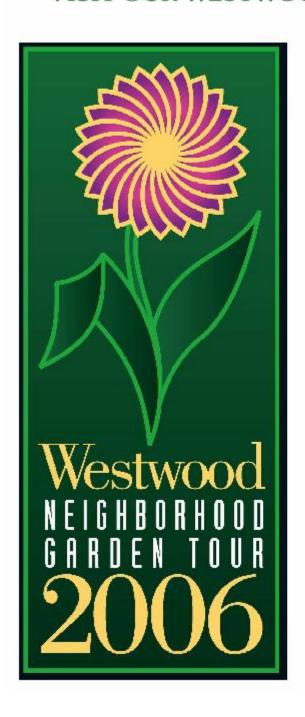
44th St. – Marti Huber - 401 44th 255-8471

Grand Ave. (From 49th St. to 56th St.) - Kellie Ulrich 279-6690

Two areas on east side of 56th (behind Hanawalt) – Cheryl Pederson

45th St. (including corner Grand house and Nesbits off Grand)

BE PROUD OF YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD VISIT OUR WESTWOOD GARDEN TOUR



June 17 10am – 4pm \$10 per ticket

TOUR OF GARDENS
South of Grand

416 49th Street 303 49th Street 126 51st Street 5200 Welker 5505 Welker

Tickets available at each home on the day of the event

Proceeds to Hanawalt Landscaping and Westwood Signage Project



A Neighbor Donates Time for 30 Years to the Westwood Neighborhood

Mark Melton, a Westwood neighbor, has been mowing the city owned south side of Welker for 30 years. Additionally, he has been cleaning up debris in the same area. If this was not enough and much appreciated by all the neighbors, Mr. Melton had a larger vision for this area of the Westwood neighborhood.

In April of 2006, he and another Westwood neighbor, Marcus Anderson, took on a much larger project. Their vision was of a much larger scale. One weekend in April, they cleaned up the brush and debris along the south side corner of Welker and North Valley Drive.

Have you driven down in this area lately and seen the incredible amount of work? The clean up is phenomenal! What to do with all the debris? To dispose of the brush, Timberline Tree Service donated their services to fill, chip and haul two large truckloads of the debris! The Westwood Neighborhood Association would like to thank Mr. Melton, Mr. Anderson and Timberline Tree Service for their hard work and commitment to the Westwood Neighborhood!

Westwood Neighborhood Association Membership Form Phone: Address: Email: \$25 Family/Household annually (July to July) ____ \$15 Single annually (July to July) Please make check payable to: Westwood Neighborhood Association Mail to: Rob Den Hartog 328 49th St, Des Moines, IA 50312 If you have any questions, please call Rob at 279-5743

Thanks to all who have joined the Westwood Neighborhood Association!

Jane Albaugh George & Christy Antoniou Mary Lou Aspengren Kathy Johnson Elizabeth Babcock Patricia Baldwin Linda Bardole

David & Kristy Barzen Jim & Barbara Bell Greg & Maria Berry Harry and Pam Bookey Kendall & Diane Brown Peter & Lisa Brown

Bernie Burke & Stephanie Preusch Richard & Barbara Church Daniel & Tiffani Carv

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Tom Kisch & Margo Hutcheson

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