

Neighborhood News

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SCRUB DAY!

Free Dump Site

Saturday, August 15th

7:00AM-12:00PM

Bring items you want to discard to Prospect Park, 1501 Prospect Rd. north of Hickman

ALLOWED

Trash

Tires

Furniture

Wood

TV's & Computers

Lawn Mowers

NOT ALLOWED

Paint

Oil

Chemicals

Batteries

Propane tanks

Large Appliances (refrigerators, stoves, etc.) will be accepted at no charge.

All Yard Debris (branches, leaves, grass etc. **MUST** be taken directly to the Metro Compost Center 1601 Harriet Street

Please bring identification, as the **SCRUB** is only open to Des Moines residents.

SCRUB DAY! Dia de la Limpieza

Descargue gratis

El Sabado, Augusto 25

7 de la mañana al mediodia

Lleve los artículos que desea descartar a Prospect Park, 1501 Prospect Rd.

Lleve:

Basura

Los Muebles

La Madera

Las Llantas

TV's & Computadoras

Lawn Mowers

No Lleve:

Las Bateries/Pilas

La Pintura

El Aceite

Productos Quimicos

Los tanques de propano

Grandes electrodomésticos (refrigeradores, estufas,etc.) serán aceptados sin cargo alguno.

Es Necesario que todos los partes de arboles (las ramas, hojas, hierga) ir al Centre de Abono, 1601 Harriett Street

Por favor, lleve una forma de identification, como el dia de limpieza solo esta abvierto a residents de ciudad de Des Moines

King School Reopens



On August 27th, 2009 about 300 elementary school students will be headed for the newly renovated King School. In an interview with Principal Tom Simmons, he described some of the major changes that have been made to the building. The whole inside is new. Larger classrooms have permanent walls and smaller classes. Each classroom has natural light and a walk-out

door to the play area. Classrooms are audio enhanced so teachers can speak in a normal tone of voice and be heard by all students. New technology has the capacity for touch screens on the walls. The school has geothermal heating and cooling which conserves energy. Principal Simmons invites interested residents to help with the planting and enhancement of

the school grounds. There are plans for a community garden and a special flower area. Everyone is invited to an Open House on August 26th. Come visit your beautiful new neighborhood school.

Submitted by Jean Minahan

Mondamin Presidential Neighborhood News



Welcome to MPNA!

The Mondamin Presidential Neighborhood Association wishes to thank Mary Compton and her daughter, Della for joining our team. They will be assets to our Association.

New Habitat Homes

There will be 2 house dedications by Habitat for Humanity in our neighborhood in August. Please come and welcome the new families to our area. The dedications are as follows:

1413 Jefferson-Saturday, August 1st at 10:00am Alier Agok and Adut Manon

1722 Mondamin-Saturday, August 15th at 10:00am Isaac and Cynthia Farag

Construction is underway for a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified home at 1322 Norton.

Casady Preschool Program

Great News! The Casady Preschool Program will begin September 14, 2009. The program is growing and another school room has been added that will enable them to take an additional 40 children. They provide both part day and 6 hours a day programs. If you or someone you know are parents of 3 to 4 year old children looking for a preschool program, call the Welcome Center at 242-7588. This is the perfect opportunity for children to acquire both educational and social skills in a fun and positive environment.

Submitted by Rhonda Cason

Our New Bus Bench

You may have noticed a change at the intersection of 16th Street and Burlington Terrace. The Mondamin Presidential neighborhood Association, in conjunction with the City of Des Moines, Manatts Inc., and Thrivent Builds Neighborhoods installed a bench and pad for people to use while waiting for the bus. The City of Des Moines provided the authorization and bench, Manatts provided free delivery of the cement. The Association and TBN the cement and sign. The MPNA will be responsible

for maintaining the site and request your help in keeping the area clean. This is your neighborhood association working on improving our neighborhood. If you have any suggestions or want to help on future projects, please contact any board member.



Article by Rhonda Cason
Photo by Rita Teamer

Mondamin Presidential Neighborhood Association Officers

Valerie Allen, President
Rhonda Cason, Treasurer
Lynn McCormick, Secretary
Jim Allen
Melvin Cason

Betty Lewis
Jerome Lewis
Linda Martin
George Rinehart
Rita Teamer

King Irving Neighborhood News

Mr. Green Thumb



Meet Dave Stephenson, Gardener Extraordinaire. Dave has lived in King Irving since 1990, but has been a gardener his whole life. He works a beautiful vegetable garden on Jefferson. The land is owned by Mondamin resident, Mylan Ott. Dave is growing collards, corn, tomatoes, 3 types of peppers, brussel sprouts, beets, and

potatoes. He also has a vegetable garden at his home on 10th street and helps fellow gardener Jo Meade with hers. Dave also maintains the flowers on 18th and Gillette and the flowers at the King Irving sign on 19th.

Dave says that gardening helps him get his exercise and stay healthy. He also really enjoys working in the dirt and being outdoors. Vegetable gardening is a real commitment though. "Its important that people realize that you really have to keep up with a vegetable garden and maintain it" said Dave. Dave has been experimenting with different organic gardening techniques over the last 40 years and is always checking out the organic gardening books for helpful hints. "The books will tell you how to do everything from tilling to planting" This year, Dave tried a mixture of egg shells, banana peels, Epsom salt, and sugar and put it down in his tomato plant holes and pepper plant

holes. Both plants are doing really well. Thanks Dave for all of your hard work to help keep our area beautiful. If you are interested in joining the neighborhood gardening group, give Alecia Kates a call at 419-6801.



Message from the KINA President

Hi, I am Joann Muldoon, the current president of the King Irving Neighborhood Association. I live at 1338 18th St. and have been an active member of KINA for nearly 20 years. Don Mayberry is the immediate past KINA president.

King Irving has much underway;

- New bike/pedestrian trail in the stream bed of Chatauqua and King Irving- please take a walk in this beautiful wooded area-the entrance is off of 13th just south of Chatauqua.
- Multiple committees working on the Thrivent Builds Neighborhoods project. Those committees are addressing crime and safety issues, planning neighborhood clean ups, youth activities and joining activities with Mondamin Presidential neighborhood.
- Our annual pancake breakfast, National Night Out, and Super SCRUB Day

We have interesting speakers at each of our meetings. In July Councilman Tom Vlassis attended our meeting. In August, KINA plans to have city planners come and talk about progress with housing rehabilitation and other neighborhood priorities. Our Neighborhood Based Service Delivery Officer Sgt. Bernell Edwards, attends every KINA meeting. Our meetings are the second Thursday of every month at the Forest Avenue Library at 6:00pm. KINA invites you to bring your ideas and concerns to our monthly meetings and make what contribution you can to your neighborhood. You may also call members of KINA board:

Joann Muldoon 243-6469 Jo Meade 669-5775
Ward Iutzi 283-1159 Jean Minahan 282-3798
Kim Schilling 243-1961 Ray Brown 991-7749
Dave Stephenson 783-0091

Neighborhood Calendar

1st Monday of every month: Neighborhood Pride and Perception meeting at 5:30pm

1st Thursday of every month: Crime and Safety Meeting at 5:30pm at the Mickle Center

2nd Thursday of every month: King Irving Neighborhood Association Meeting 6:00 PM @ Forest Avenue Library

3rd Monday of Every Month: Mondamin Presidential Neighborhood Association Meeting 6:00PM @ Casady School Building

DMPS Charter School Community Forum

Your ideas are needed in designing a new public charter school in Des Moines that will serve middle and high school students. Community forums will be held from 6:00-7:30 PM at the following locations:

Monday, 08/03/09

Edmunds Elementary, Library
1601 Crocker Street
Weeks Middle School, Library
901 E. Park Avenue

Thursday, 08/06/09

Capitol View Elementary, Library
320 E 16th Street
Grand View University*
Krumm Center's Auditorium

August

2 Sunday FREE Basketball Clinic with Nick Nurse (Iowa Energy Coach) 2-4pm at House of Mercy 1409 Clark St. call 643-6465 with questions

3 Monday Neighborhood Pride and Perception Meeting 5:30pm at Casady School

3rd-6th ASAP Summer Arts Camp for Children at Evelyn Davis Park 12:30-3:00pm, Free Hotdog Cook-out on Thursday August, 6th 3:30pm.

3 Monday YMCA Volunteer Day at Evelyn Davis Park

4 Tuesday National Night Out at Evelyn Davis Park 6:00-8:00pm. Free Food and Family Activities

5 Wednesday Once Upon a Time: a playful performance of children's classics. 10:15AM at Forest Avenue Library.

10 Monday Shalome Zone Back to School Fair 3:00pm-7:00pm at Gatchel United Methodist Church

13 Thursday Wii Party for Teens and Tweens 2:00pm Forest Avenue Library

13 Thursday **BLOCK PARTY AT CASADY SCHOOL PARKING LOT 5:00-8:00PM**

15 Saturday **SCRUB DAY** Bring your junk and debris to Prospect Park from 7:00am-12:00pm

- **Block Clean Up Day Volunteer to help with beautification and clean up at King Elementary and 19th St. 8:00am-12:00pm. Lunch is provided for volunteers.**
- **Mt. Hebron Community Carnival 10:00am-4:00pm at Evelyn Davis Park**

23 Sunday Back to School Bash 2:00-5:30pm at the Grubb YMCA

September

10 Monday Computer Class: Intro to searching the Internet 3:00PM at the Forest Avenue Library

12 Wednesday Friends of the Forest Avenue Library Festival 10:30am-3:00pm

15 Saturday Teen and Tween Internet Café: Check Out Laptops and play games. Snacks Provided 3:30PM at the Forest Avenue Library

October

17 Saturday Block Clean Up and Harvest Feast

13 Tuesday Winterization Fair Location TBA

22 Thursday DM Neighbors City Council Candidate Forum 7:00pm at the Mickle Center



Hollywood comes to the Central Senior Center

A film crew rolls into Des Moines and the call goes out for the public to be extras. They looked at several senior centers and picked the one in King Irving. They even asked the seniors if they would like to participate in the making of the movie. They took the names and then pictures for the director and producer to look over and they selected a few persons to be extras in the movie..

The day before the shoot the seniors get the call to report to the center at 7:00 AM. Everyone anxiously gathered in the pool room and waited for the scene to start the shoot.

Only two scenes from the movie are filmed in the center and the first shoot lasted 7 hours. That was a long time to wait for lunch.

After lunch the crew got ready for the second scene and then 5 hours later we are finally done.

The movie is called The Experiment, a remake of an earlier German film of the same name. It stars Adrien Brody and Forest Whitaker and will be released in 2010.

Submitted by Jo Meade

ASAP Summer Arts Camp for Kids

Evelyn K. Davis Park

August 3-6, 2009

12:30-3 pm

Neighborhood hotdog cookout 3:30 pm, Thursday, August 6 Free

Studios:

Found Object Sculpture, Acrylic Painting, Crocheting, Dance, and World Drumming. Students may choose two studios each day.

Daily schedule:

12:30 pm	check-in at main shelter
1-1:45 pm	STUDIO I
1:45 pm break	
2-2:45 pm	STUDIO II
2:45 pm clean up	

ASAP Summer Arts Camp works in partnership with the Evelyn K. Davis Park and Rec Program. For more information, please contact Terri Speirs, ASAP Summer Arts Camp Coordinator. Tel: 515-770-5155. Email: terrispeirs@yahoo.com. Web: artsforthecity.blogspot.com

asap
after school arts program

Thrivent
Builds

Habitat
for Humanity

Thrivent Financial
for Lutherans



AmeriCorps Vista is looking for six volunteers for year long hunger/homeless effort. The volunteers will work with three partners, gain experience and build their resume working in the area of Resource Development, Public Relations and Research Data Collection.

The skills and qualifications are:

College degree and/or demonstrated work history in relevant fields

Experience working with diverse groups of people

Commitment to improving the lives of low-income individuals & families

Strong communication skills

Ability to work both individually and as a team

Standard computer skills

Social networking experience

VISTA's receive a stipend every two weeks and a tax free educational award or monetary stipend at the conclusion of their year of service in addition to other benefits.

Email Sarai Rice at sarai@dmreligious.org for more information.

Are you a low income family looking for an opportunity to buy a simple, affordable house?

Learn how to apply for homeownership by partnering with



Informational Meetings:

Thursday, August 20th - 6:30 P.M. - Gatchel United Methodist Church at 1909 MLK Jr. Pkwy., Des Moines, IA

Saturday, August 22nd - 9:30 A.M. - Gatchel United Methodist Church

Your Attendance and Sign-in are REQUIRED in order for your application to be accepted.

▼ You must stay the entire session, which will last about two hours. No reservation is required. Call 471-8686 with questions

DM DREAM CENTER

An organization called the DM Dream Center provides outreach ministries to our community. Every Thursday from 3:00pm-5:00pm at Evelyn Davis Park, they provide fun programming for children including science activities, candy and more. There will be a food distribution on August 8th and August 22nd at 10:30 am at Evelyn Davis Park. They also have the Adopt-a-Block program that helps people with yard work and other household chores. For more information about Dream Center call Ron Wilson at 243-7326 or check out the website at www.dreamdm.org

Job Search Help at the Forest Avenue Library

During the months of August, September, and October, Every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00pm-4:00pm, there will be a computer lab open at the Forest Avenue Library. This program is in partnership with ISED to provide opportunities for job placement assistance. There will be people there to help in online job searching and resume preparation. This is a FREE Service. You can drop in or notify any of the library staff that you will be participating. Don't pass up this great opportunity!

ISED
Iowans for Social & Economic Development

New Librarian at the Forest Avenue Library

Meet Linda Roe, our new librarian at Forest Avenue Library. Linda started at the branch back in April. Linda is a farmer's daughter from southwest Iowa but has lived in Des Moines for 30 years. Linda is a Drake University graduate and had previously worked in management and customer service positions but it had always been a lifelong dream to be a librarian. She went back to school and received her Master's in Library Science from the University of Iowa in 2006. Linda was previously at the downtown branch as a children's associate and then as a senior librarian. When the spot at the Forest Avenue branch opened up she jumped at the chance. Linda lives in the area and loves the diversity of the King Irving and Mondamin Presidential community. Linda has felt so welcomed to the



neighborhood and is really excited about some new things going on this year at the branch. Sadly, we will be losing Matt Couch, as he will be going back to school. Ashley Unsa will be

joining the team and providing some teen programming this upcoming school year. They will be having an internet café for the young adults that come in. Please make sure to stop in and enjoy the Forest Avenue Library and welcome Linda to the neighborhood.



ITS YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD,
HELP MAKE IT BEAUTIFUL!

WE NEED YOU FOR THE
NEXT CLEAN UP AND
SCRUB EVENT! AUGUST
15TH FROM 8:00AM-12:00PM

CALL SHELLY BERNHOLTZ
TO VOLUNTEER 471-8686

Thrivent Builds Neighborhoods 2nd Block Clean UP Day

The second of four 2009 block clean up days was held Saturday, July 11th from 8 am to noon. Volunteers met at 1722 Mondamin to register and enjoyed great weather while working on projects that included:

- Helping residents with exterior repairs and improvements
- Preparing the soil for a beautification project at 19th and Mondamin
- Weeding and upkeep for plantings done at Edna Griffin Park on the first block clean up day
- Planting flowers at the garden lot at



19th and College

Approximately 60 people volunteered for the event, including neighborhood residents and

others from around the Des Moines area. The volunteers enjoyed the sunshine, getting their hands in the dirt and helping to make things beautiful. The Mondamin Presidential residents were so appreciative of the help with the garden on 19th and College.

Business sponsors for the event were the Southwest Polk County Thrivent Chapter who provided garden gloves and lunch for the volunteers, and Wright Outdoor Solutions who provided a wood chipper and volunteers. Doll Distributing provided water, energy drinks and snacks while MidAmerican Energy donated several trees to the effort. The City of Des Moines Public works assisted by removing the asphalt from the median at 19th and Mondamin and the Botanical Center donated plants and mulch. Sunbelt Rentals and The Building Inspectors provided equipment use and volunteers.



How Loud is too Loud?

A friendly reminder to the motorists in the neighborhood. Keep the sound system volume levels down or you can be cited. The City of Des Moines noise ordinance has recently been rewritten to include car sound systems. Section 42-259(D) in the municipal code states:

No person shall operate or permit the operation of a sound system in the vehicle so as to produce a vibration or sound that is clearly detectable at a distance of fifty (50) feet from the vehicle between the hours of 7:00am and 7:00pm or clearly detectable at a distance of twenty five(25) feet from the vehicle be-

tween the hours of 7:00pm-7:00a.m.

Next time you see or hear the bumping, jot down the license plate number and give our NBSD Officer Sgt. Edwards a call at 515-205-1312 or the police non-emergency number at 283-4811.

Please respect your neighbors and keep your volume at a reasonable level.



Recycle—Its Easy

I was driving through our neighborhood one day when it was garbage day and recycle day. I was disappointed that I didn't see more blue recycle bins on the curb. Its really easy to recycle. Just put newspapers, junk mail, empty bottles and cans and folded up cardboard in the blue container. You don't need to sort things. Just throw them in!

Garbage, Styrofoam, plastic bags, tissues, napkins, paper towels, aluminum foil, lids for glass jars, paper contaminated with food or containers that once held motor oil or antifreeze belong in your regular garbage bin.

Lets Make our neighborhood the "bluest" in the city.
▼ Questions? Or need a recycle bin call the 24 hour Public Works Hotline at 283-4950
Submitted by Jean Minahan

DM NEIGHBORHOOD
RESOURCE OFFICE
1620 PLEASANT ST.
STE. 233
DES MOINES, IA 50314



Check out our website @
www.DMNeighborhoodResources.org

515-280-1807

Don't Miss National Night Out ! Tuesday, August 4th! Evelyn Davis Park from 6-8pm

King Irving and Mondamin Presidential Neighborhood Associations are jointly sponsoring this event at the Evelyn Davis Park from 6:00-8:00pm. Free food, fun and activities will be provided. This is a time for everyone in our neighborhood to get together and enjoy each others company and give crime and criminals a going away party. National Night Out in Des Moines is an annual event that involves all segments of the community to build a healthier, safer community; generating support for anti-

crime programs and strengthening police/community relations. We hope to have city leaders and DM Police stop by and share this event with us. The Grubb YMCA will be on hand to provide some activities. There will also be some fun crime fighting give aways available.

Make sure to come out and enjoy your neighbors and our beautiful park. Bring your lawn chairs!



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