

VALLEY HIGH MANOR



Boundaries

North: East University
South: Dean Avenue
East: NE 43rd (City Limits)
West: Williams Street

VHMNA Regular Meeting

When: July 16

see article

Time: 6:30 pm

Where:

Four Mile
Community Center
E. 37th & Easton

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Valley High Manor Neighborhood Association

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Join Your VHMNA Neighbors for the 2nd Annual Neighborhood Picnic!

When: Friday evening, July 16th. Festivities start at 5:00. Dinner at 6:00. End at dark.
Where: We will set up picnic tables and a canopy at the East end of the park on Winegardner.
Provided: Hot dogs, hamburgers, and all the fixings; place settings and tea/lemonade/water
Bring: A covered dish and/or a dessert to share; chairs or blankets to sit on.
RSVP: Harlan Donaldson, 263-4922, so we know how much food to buy!

This picnic will replace our regular quarterly meeting, so we will have a brief business meeting following the meal. Hope to see you there!

Important DATE!
Also, we will be collecting items for the Salvation Army's "Food Pantry" collection box, so if you would like, bring a non-perishable food item as well.

Plenty of "SCRUB" Days Left!

So you missed the Metro Waste Authority "SCRUB" days this spring? Don't worry, you still have 5 more chances to get rid of your junk for free! The third Saturday of the month, through November, any Des Moines residents can dump for free at the locations shown below. Also, check out what each location is accepting.

SCRUB Items Not Allowed :

Car batteries, propane tanks; toxic liquids such as oil, paint, etc.; toxic or hazardous chemicals. Call Metro Waste Authority's Regional Collection Center for Household Hazardous Waste at 967-5512 to

MWA Metro Compost Center
601 Harriett St.
Hours : 7 AM to 1 PM

Items Accepted:
Brush, tree limbs 24" diameter or less; maximum length 10'
Prunings
Loose leaves
Loose grass clippings
Straw, hay

MWA's Metro Transfer Station
4198 Delaware Ave.
Hours: 7 AM to 1 PM

Items Accepted:
Trash containers
General trash including furniture
Lawn mowers without fluids
Televisions, computers
Tires (any size on or off rim)
Appliances - no charge
Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, microwaves, dehumidifiers, furnaces, stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers, water heaters, etc.

MWA Metro Park East Landfill
12181 University Ave NE, Mitchellville.
Hours: 7 AM - 1PM

Have loads secured to avoid tarping fees.
Tires and appliances are subject to MWA fees.

What's Happening Around Valley High Manor

- Congratulations to VHMNA Board Member, **Mary Smith**, for receiving yet another Golden Trowel award for logging the most volunteer hours at the city's greenhouse! Mary truly has a "green" thumb. If you have ever seen her yard, you know that is true! For her efforts, Mary was awarded a certificate and a \$30 gift card to Earl May.
- This May, **Dave and Teresa Edwards**, VHMNA co-treasurers, had the pleasure of seeing their daughter, Kelsey, united in marriage with Nathan Snead here in Des Moines. The couple reside in Pella, where Nathan is a student, and Kelsey works in graphic design.

We really would like to put some neighborhood news here other than what has happened in the lives of VHMNA board members! Won't you share some good news that is happening in *your* lives? If you are celebrating a birth, wedding, retirement, graduation, anniversary, etc., call (577-6713) or email Teresa Edwards at nineedwards@q.com for inclusion in our next newsletter!

Williams & Dean Street Clean Postponed

The annual street clean-up was cancelled twice this spring due to inclement weather. We are currently working on re-scheduling, but have had some difficulty coordinating with law enforcement. If we are able to get this re-scheduled, we will most likely let you know via email.

Neighborhood Garage Sale

The Neighborhood Garage Sale has been put on hold for now due to a lack of participation in the recent past. We are currently exploring options to make our sale more appealing to neighbors who might want to participate and to potential customers. One idea that has been presented is to hold our sale at the same time as the Copper Creek

Neighborhood sale. If you have any input on this issue, feel free to contact a board member, or better yet, come to the Neighborhood Picnic!



Volunteer Opportunity

Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity provides simple, affordable housing through building and renovation. Through work, I have helped for a number of years. I am interested in getting a group of up to 12 people from our neighborhood to volunteer someday this fall. Contact Brenda Peel bkpcats@juno.com or 515-249-2285 to let me know if you are interested. We could choose a Saturday and help for either a half or full day. They also need help during the week if that would be better for people. Habitat provides tools and will train you on whatever you need to do that day. If possible, bringing a few of your own basic tools such as a hammer, screwdriver, gloves, etc. is helpful. Things I have helped do in the past are paint, hang siding, waterproof a basement and install a staircase. Information on Habitat can be found at www.gdmhabitat.org or (515)471-8686. Habitat also has a **Restore** where you can donate products left over from your project or buy products that have been donated. This is a good place to find paint, screws, doors, and I've even seen a full kitchen worth of counter tops. Please consider them when shopping for your project.

Renewal Time!

Dues are \$10.00/year per household. This entitles you to one vote per adult in household. (Limit of 3)
Make checks payable to VHMNA. Mail payment to: David & Teresa Edwards, Treasurers, 202 Williams St, Des Moines, 50317.

VHMNA Membership Application

Name: _____ Spouse: _____
Address: _____ Phone (day): _____
Phone (evening): _____ Best time to call: _____ am/pm
email: _____ (If you have one, this is the easiest way for us to contact a big group!)

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