



Neighbors Night Out (free picnic)
Tuesday, August 5th, 5-7pm
Wakonda Christian Church parking lot
Food, Prizes, & Fun

SWHNA Association General Meeting/Board Election November 6th, 6:30pm at Brody Middle School

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Nick Van Patten 249-9698 Dear Neighbor,

We have our "Neighbor's Night Out Picnic" on Tuesday, August 5th from 5-7pm. It will be held at the Wakonda Christian Church parking lot. It's our free get together and I hope your family will attend. We always have a good turnout. Hy-Vee does a great job with the grilled food, side dishes and drinks. We'll have a drawing for prizes, along with other displays and special visitors. You will enjoy the evening, so just come with a big appetite.

We've had a lot of action in our neighborhood this summer. Water Works is developing an outdoor paradise within this beautiful city. Issac Walton League is promoting an indoor shooting range and gun safety classes. A new business is going in at Fleur and Watrous (Jimmy Johns?). We've had our cicada buddies show up and loudly invite you to see them again in 17 years. We also have a Secret Police Sergeant on Park Avenue to thank for keeping speeders in check and making our neighborhood safer.

Our neighborhood is getting many positive remarks from visitors. People are impressed. The rain is keeping us a beautiful green and in full flower bloom. The mature trees, well kept lawns, and friendliness of the people makes us great. We are a wonderful neighborhood!

See you at the picnic,

George Davis

The Neighborhood Has A New Library!



Just in case you haven't had a chance to check out the new, twenty-four hour library, its located at 2412 Watrous Avenue, across the street from Jefferson School. It was built by Dave and Julie Cleland. Dave said, "It was Julie's idea and we've had a lot of users. When school starts back up, we'll have even more." The library is the size of a big mail box, with an easy open door. Its loaded with all kinds of books to take, read, return or exchange. Everything is on the honor system with no late fees. With the ease of building this, look for other branches to open in the neighborhood. Let us know when you build one.

Get on The Website

Our neighborhood association has a website www.swhna.com that provides information about upcoming events, neighborhood concerns, current membership lists and a picture inventory. In fact, if you have a picture that defines our neighborhood or that special neighbor, email it to us and we'll get it on the website. You may also go to the "Contact Section" and send us a direct email about any concerns you may have. If we have your email address, you can stay current on neighborhood events and not wait for the newsletter. Try it, you'll like it!

Two Neighbors Honored at City-Wide Event

Each year the Des Moines Neighbors Organization asks membership neighborhoods to select a government representative and a neighborhood representative to be recognized for their efforts in our area. The SWHNA Board selected John (Johnny) Mauro and David Jahn.

Johnny Mauro is a lifetime South-side resident that has his fingerprints on many projects that make our neighborhoods a better place to live. He was also honored for the many years he has spent with youth sports programs, developing students from pee-wee through high school level. Johnny has been a coach, mentor and father figure to many of our kids.

David Jahn moved into our neighborhood three years ago from Pittsburgh. He is the Municipal Arborist for the City of Des Moines. As a new neighbor, he has been involved with making a better tree canopy for the city. He was the leader in the Tree Project along Park Avenue and other neighborhood streets. David brings positive green solutions to the neighborhood.

Thanks to both honorees for what they do!

SWHNA 2014 Meeting Dates

We have a General Meeting for all residents (anyone living in the 50321 zip code) every April, August and November. 2014 dates are April 3, August 5 and November 6. Please plan to attend, we need you there. General Meetings are held at Brody Middle School auditorium, beginning at 6:30pm.

General Board Meetings are held the third Monday of the month at Wakonda Christian Church beginning at 6:00pm. If you have a situation to present to the board, please notify an officer of your intent at least one week prior to meeting date. The remaining meeting date for 2014 are August 18, September 15, October 20 and November 17. There is no meeting in December.

Get Involved In The Neighborhood

We often times get important neighborhood information that would be beneficial to get out quicker than our quarterly newsletters. Your Southwestern Hills Neighborhood Board would like neighborhood members' email addresses so we can get information out quickly. At no time will your email address be used for advertising purposes. You can email George Davis, coachdavis@mchsi.com to be put on the email list. You may also fill out the

coachdavis@mchsi.com to be put on the email list. You may also fill out the information at "Neighbors Night Out" or at general meetings. Let us help you get information quicker.

Stay connected with your neighbors!

Plan to attend the next

SWHNA General Meeting.

Flowers for Public Places

Des Moines Parks and Recreation sponsors a neighborhood flower distribution program each year. Flowers are provided free of charge to the neighborhood for spring plantings in

public places, such as sidewalk areas and traffic islands. Individuals or a small group of neighbors may go together to plant the free flowers. You must state where you will be planting. Flower selections, for 2015, will be sent out sometime in August with orders due in September. Flower pick up will be in May 2015. Flower orders must be placed through the neighborhood association. Please contact a board member or email coachdavis@mchsi.com.

Rebuilding Together Greater Des Moines is a Community Treasure

Rebuilding Together Greater Des Moines was founded in 1995 and has provided service to the Greater Des Moines Community since its first Rebuilding Together Day in 1995, when we rehabilitated three homes. Rebuilding Together brings community volunteers working with homeowners and family members to revitalize their homes. The most common repairs include energy efficient windows, doors, security locks, bathrooms, kitchens, wheelchair ramps, roofs and much more.

Rebuilding Together also works collaboratively in the public parks and other children's charities of our community to install new playground equipment, landscaping, walking and bike trails.

In 2013, we reached a milestone by completing over 1,500 projects since 1995. Each year over 700 volunteers help in delivering our services. Rebuilding Together serves children, families, veterans and the disabled. Client referrals come to our office from health and human service agencies serving low-income clients, neighbors and co-workers. Homeowners that we serve are on a fixed income or unemployment. The activity of Rebuilding Together volunteers allows children to live in a healthy environment. The aging housing stock is upgraded, neighborhoods improved, people's lives are changed and children are more likely to succeed in school.

For more information, contact us at 284-7403 or at www.rebuildingdm.org.

A Special Thank You!

We would like to give a special
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<u>Robert Hunter</u>

for his continued generous donation to the neighborhood!

Bob & Kathie Anderson and Scotty Core.

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Comments Heard In The "Hood"



- 1. We have two school board members living in the neighborhood, good for us.
- 2. We always slow down on Park Avenue because the police have a radar car there. (Special note we have a special police-neighbor living in the neighborhood.)
- 3. Bill Stowe is trying to clean up our water; Thanks Bill!
- 4. I thought Park Avenue was going to be widened at 63rd this year.
- 5. Check expiration dates at the grocery store (heard before).
- 6. Where's the mosquito spray truck????
- 7. We need public transportation, offered in the neighborhood!
- 8. People need to trim trees and brush over their sidewalk area.
- 9. The State Fair is coming...
- 10. Some people need to cut their grass.

Late Scrub Day This Year

The SWHNA sponsored SCRUB DAY will be Saturday, September 20th this year. The location will still be at the Bell Avenue Business Park, 1901 Bell Avenue from 7:00am to 1:00pm. SWHNA Board Member, Steve Utterson is still the coordinator of the event. He stated, "The Fall date is much different than the Spring date we've had in the past. They will still have earlier SCRUB Saturdays around the city but this is the date set aside for us". The rules are still the same regarding dumping rules; you must be a Des Moines resident, no commercial haulers. A commercial paper shredder will be on site. If you would like to volunteer, contact Steve at steve.utterson@yahoo.com.

Now is the time to submit your 2014 membership. If dues are paid before August 20, 2014, your name will be published in the next newsletter. Membership dues may be renewed at a neighborhood meeting, paid online (www.swhna.com) with PAYPAL or mailed to our neighborhood association at:

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Did Something Nice Happen?

Do you have a neighbor that has done something nice for you or the neighborhood? How about letting us know via email and we will recognize them at our neighborhood meetings. It just takes a minute to let us know the good deed, the person's name and their contact information. Please email George Davis at coachdavis@mchsi.com.

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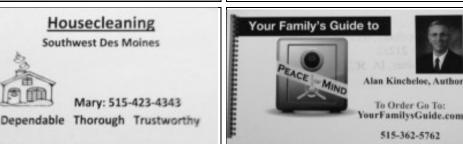
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