

# Southwestern Hills Neighborhood Association

PO BOX 21222  
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MARCH 2014



## Save The Date

Neighborhood General Meeting  
Thursday, April 3rd at 6:30pm  
Brody School Auditorium

Neighbors Night Out Free Picnic  
Tuesday, August 5th  
At Wakonda Christian Church parking lot

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## Message From Our President

*GEORGE DAVIS*

Dear Neighbor,

Come on Spring! I know you're out there because I'm seeing robins. That seems to be the general feeling around the neighborhood. I hope everyone had a great winter, with many family visits and renewed friendships. I do miss that Christmas season but ready for a weather change.

We have many items of interest happening in the neighborhood that will have an impact on us. Some are in the very near future and some are on a more distant timeline. Major projects include Water Works Park enhancements, "Airport Terminal Area" concept plans and locations of future housing developments. I'm sure we'll hit upcoming problems with your Ash Trees and extra police patrol questions.

It is important for all neighbors to be involved in the neighborhood. Just attending neighborhood meetings will keep you informed and involved. Our next meeting is April 3rd (listed on top of page) and it will be informative! Guests include Councilperson, Chris Hensley and Public Work Director, Pat Kozitza, along with other presenters. The meeting also includes information about the proposed SW Connector. We always have a question and answer time after each presenter. We need to keep our great neighborhood a wonderful place to raise a family.

Remember, the Senior Golf Tournament at Wakonda is in our neighborhood again this year. It runs May 27th through June 1st, so be aware of traffic issues. We don't know if Water Works is doing parking with a shuttle service again this year. We'll find out and get it to you via email and on the website.

I want to thank the other board members of our neighborhood association. They work very hard and put in many hours to make our neighborhood great. They research ideas, talk with neighbors, get your opinions and work community events that make us better.

Look forward to seeing you on April 3rd,

*George Davis*

# Southwest Connector and Our Neighborhood

Many different facts and statements have circulated about the future of the proposed Southwest Connector coming through our Southwestern Hills Neighborhood. Your Neighborhood Board established a focus group last fall, that group has been meeting on a regular basis with members and city officials. The purpose of the focus group is to gather current facts, future budgets regarding the connector and proposed routes going through the neighborhood. The focus group will be presenting gathered information at the Neighborhood General Meeting on April 3rd at Brody Middle School Auditorium.

## Get on The Website

Our neighborhood association has a website [www.swhna.com](http://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 we can stay current on neighborhood events and not wait for the newsletter. Try it, you'll like it!

## Comments Heard In The "Hood"



1. Pot Holes, Pot Holes, Pot Holes!
2. Why are all the water lines breaking? Here comes the assessment!
3. Please address the traffic jam at Brody School everyday. There has got to be a better entrance/exit plan!
4. Keep checking the expiration date at the grocery store, on everything, it's getting bad.
5. What's Water Works doing . . . . zip lines, concerts, music . . . . what about green?
6. How come the mailman comes as late as 7:00pm, are the routes larger?
7. Is George Flagg Parkway going to be improved?
8. How many cars can be parked on a property?
9. What's going on at the airport terminal? We hear stuff but only rumors. Do we have a say?
10. Ash Trees may or may not be in trouble. Can we afford to spend millions on maybes? Priorities.

## City Council Elections Are Over!

With that being said, a mix of new and veteran faces are welcomed to the Council. Chris Hensley will continue to represent our neighborhood (Ward III) as she has since 1994, making her the senior member. Skip Moore represents us in his "At Large" capacity as he begins his 2nd term. Chris Coleman also represents us in his "At Large" capacity since 1998. Two new faces on the Council are Bill Gray, representing the Northwest side (Ward 1) and Joe Gatto representing the Southeast and East-side (Ward IV). In reality, they all represent us as they vote on all issues throughout the city. The Southwestern Hills Neighborhood Association welcomes all to the Council.

# 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 April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, 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 information at "Neighbors Night Out" or at general meetings. Let us help you get quicker information.

*Stay connected with your neighbors!  
Plan to attend the next  
SWHNA General Meeting.*

## 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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## 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 Ave 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](mailto:steve.utterson@yahoo.com).

The SWHNA would like to hear your ideas! Please complete the survey on page 6.

*Thank You*

An extra "Neighborhood Thank You" to Wakonda Christian Church for providing a meeting place each month to the Southwestern Hills Board.

## Check Us Out On Facebook!

*For you Facebook users, when you're on your account, search for Southwestern Hills Neighborhood Association and become a friend. Post your comments and get involved. Another fun Facebook page is, "you know you're a southsider if you remember. . ." There is lots of fun and history there. We are working on updating our website, [swhna.com](http://swhna.com) very soon.*

### IT'S TRUE . . .

1. Neighbor and 12th grader, Luci Sarcone is a starter on the 2014 Dowling Girls Basketball State Championship team. Nice job Luci!
2. Hard to believe but true, you can't renew your drivers license online, if your current picture shows you smiling exposing teeth. I guess the State wants you not happy.
3. The Polk County Health Department (515-286-2115) located at 1907 Carpenter, has a few "Radon Test Kits" left. Each household may receive a free test kit or an extra one for \$5, as long as supplies last. You may receive financial assistance to mitigate your home if you meet financial guidelines.
4. SWHNA Board Member, Penny Harrison suggests a specific weekend, this summer, that our neighborhood will host a "Garage Sale" for everyone who wants to participate. Your sale will be at your individual home, but advertised in the paper as "Southwestern Hills Garage Sale Week". We could have a 100 sales in the area. What do you think?
5. The SWHNA Board is working with the City to make SW 26th, from Watrous, south to McKinley, a Snow Route.
6. Your Water Works HomeServe water service line insurance coverage is now renewing automatically with your water bill. Make sure you keep the renewal document in a safe place for insurance claim purposes.
7. Thanks to Dahl's and HyVee grocery stores for being in the neighborhood. Many neighborhoods in Des Moines have none, let alone a choice. We also have over four, full service convenience stores in our neighborhood.

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Van Patten, Nick

Now is the time to submit your 2014 membership. If dues are paid before April 25, 2014, your name will be published in the next newsletter. Membership dues may be renewed at a neighborhood meeting, **paid online** ([www.swhna.com](http://www.swhna.com)) with PAYPAL or mailed to our neighborhood association at:  
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We would like to give a special  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived in the SWHNA area?

\_\_\_\_\_

What do you like about living in the neighborhood?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What concerns do you have about the neighborhood?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended any past neighborhood general meetings?  Yes  No

If not, what has kept you from attending?

\_\_\_\_\_

What additions would encourage you to attend the meetings?

\_\_\_\_\_

If you did attend, would you like to see anything changed? (e.g. speakers, topics, time, location)

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended/participated in any of the following SWHNA-sponsored activities?

Neighborhood Night Out  Scrub Day

Voting on SWHNA Issues  Other \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any other activities you would like to see offered by the Association?

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you visited our neighborhood website [www.swhna.com](http://www.swhna.com)?  Yes  No

Would you like to see something added?

\_\_\_\_\_

How do you think the Association could better serve your needs and the needs of your neighbors?

Anything else you want us to know? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

***Thank you very much  
for your time and ideas!***

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Please mail your completed survey to:

**Southwestern Hills Neighborhood Association**  
Attn: President, George Davis  
P.O. Box 21222  
Des Moines, Iowa 50321

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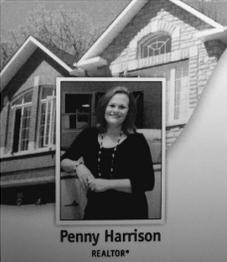
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Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mail check & membership form to:** Southwestern Hills Neighborhood Association  
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