

Southwestern Hills Neighborhood Association

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APRIL 2015



Save The Date

General Neighborhood Meeting
Thursday April 2, 2015 at 6:30pm
At Brody Middle School

Guest speakers include...
Chris Hensley (Council Member)
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Message From Our President

GEORGE DAVIS

Dear Neighbor,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2015. We have covered several articles and hope each will have some interest for you. Our "General Neighborhood Meeting" is listed in the Save The Date section. Please attend. Our speakers take time to present information and answer your questions. You being involved strengthens our neighborhood input. This is also a great time to meet the new police chief, Dana Wingert.

New home and business development is happening in our neighborhood, and that's a good thing. The housing development off Stanton Avenue seems to be coming along, and two new businesses on Fleur Drive will help. We also have some buildings that need to be repaired or removed. Positive development raises the value on all of our homes and businesses.

Your neighborhood board wants your input on future events in the neighborhood. Some ideas talked about include another all neighborhood get-together, in addition to the August 4th "Neighbors Night Out". Maybe an all neighborhood "Talent Show"...I personally used to sing with The Four Tops, not in person but as songs were played on the radio...I think that counts. Another idea includes a total neighborhood "rummage sale" at a central location. We want something that connects with your neighbor around the corner. Ideas??

Seems to be lots of cardinals at the bird feeder and I saw a red fox across the street. What a neighborhood!

See you at Brody on April 2nd,

George Davis

McKinley Avenue is Closed!

The SWHNA Board appealed the Planning and Zoning Board's decision to close SW McKinley Avenue between SW 46th to SW 56th. This well-traveled street is utilized by many due to its impressive scenic overlook of the city. The Planning and Zoning Board deemed this area unsafe due to the deterioration of the bridge at the SW 46th intersection. This intersection is next to the Great Western Bike Trail, and because of this closure, you can not enter the trail when traveling from the west. Your neighborhood board appealed to fix the bridge at a reduced cost based on the following conditions; traffic volume, possible future housing development, an alternative route as Park Avenue will be widened in 2016, and emergency access during rush hours on Park Avenue. Our Ward Councilmember, Chris Hensley, supported the proposal to leave McKinley open for walkers and bike traffic. The vehicle traffic measure is on hold until the Airport Authority decides their future land use needs in this area.

Absentee Homeowners and Renters

Homeowners in the Southwestern Hills Neighborhood are concerned that State Legislatures will override the City of Des Moines' ordinances that limit rental requirements for absentee homeowners. The HF 161 Bill is being debated and thus far has not passed. The main concern that has been voiced is turning a neighborhood of single family homes into an unlimited number of rental units with an unlimited number of renters. If one of these absentee owner's houses were converted to a rental unit next door to you, what would happen to your property value? This issue is not about a family, large or small, renting a home, its about that homeowner renting to several families in a single house. Call your state representatives, Senator Matt McCoy or Representative Jo Oldson if you have concerns or if you, too, want to voice your opinion.

SWHNA 2015 Board Meeting Dates

The SWHNA Board meets the 3rd Monday of every month except December, when no meeting is held. Board meetings are open to neighborhood members and by calling a listed Board Member, you can be placed on the meeting agenda. Meetings are hosted at the Wakonda Christian Church upstairs meeting room, beginning at 6:00p.m. Neighborhood members are encouraged to use your neighborhood association regarding issues in the neighborhood.

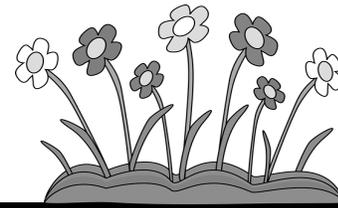
Water Works Unveils A Dream Park

The projected future plans for Waterworks Park, which borders the northern edge of Southwestern Hills Neighborhood, will be a family entertainment venue. It will start with connecting the trail from Grays Lake to Waterworks by way of a tunnel, under Fleur Drive. The tunnel will have a more inviting approach than a bridge over Fleur Drive. The current Arie Den Boer Arboretum will be enhanced with a children's play zone and an added amphitheater. The open field next to this area will continue to be a mixed-use athletic field. Traveling deeper into the park will be an added pier, large fishing terrace and a paddle boarding pond. Additional parking areas will also be constructed. The west node of the park will have a retention pond, with surrounding trails and a performance stage. Wildlife, water enhancements and a possible adventure park area is also included in the plans.

The improvements will not only make the park, a destination spot for Des Moines, it will add another asset to our great neighborhood. Lets break ground!

Burglars Will Be Caught

The winter season brought an increase in home invasions and break-ins. Some invasions took place during the day, with people in their homes. Our neighbors in the Grays Lake Neighborhood (east of Fleur Drive) were hit the hardest, and co-hosted a special meeting to address the issue. The meeting was attended by a contingent of south side citizens and city officials to bring an end to this menacing situation. Constant neighborhood media updates and e-mail alerts were instrumental in keeping the neighbors and police on the alert. The value of being on our neighborhood e-mail list goes with out saying, keeping you informed on safety information. Our police department put in many hours investigating and arresting the criminals involved. They kept us informed at all levels, and for that, a special thank-you is owed!



Quick Neighborhood Updates With Emails

Our neighborhood organization will keep you informed on issues involving our neighborhood. The information will be sent via email and your email will never be sold or given to other organizations for any purpose. You will not be burdened with unnecessary and unrelated information. This email system was very helpful in keeping neighbors informed about recent crime situations in our neighborhood. We will also keep you informed about neighborhood meetings, zoning changes and building projects. Over 300 neighbors are already on the list. Email coachdavis@mchsi.com and request to be added. This is not affiliated with a national group called "Nextdoor".

Comments Heard In The "Hood"



- 1) Dahl's is staying, just a name change.
- 2) Can't wait for Water Works development.
- 3) Will someone change the student pick-up format at Brody,
I can't get down the street!
- 4) Glad I'm on our neighborhood e-mail list, it helped!
- 5) Ruined my tires driving down Wolcott, potholes!!!
- 6) Telephone poles are outdated and ugly, put wires underground!
- 7) Airport has identified possible donors of \$200,000,000.
That does not mean committed donors, only \$250,000,000 to go!
- 8) Can't believe I still have to check dates on products at the store!
- 9) Spring is here!

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

What's Going On With The United States Postal Service? Guess Editorial - American Postal Workers Union DMI Local 44

The U.S. Postal Service is the "People's Postal Service". It belongs to you. It belongs to all Americans. It has worked since 1775 and will continue to work well into the future.

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A Special Thank You!

We would like to give a special

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Robert Hunter

*for his continued generous donation to the
neighborhood!*

Scotty Core,

Sue & Mike Clark, and

Dr. Myles & Barbara Kawamura

*also a huge thank you for their extra
donations & support of SWHNA.*

2015 membership is now due.

If paid before April 20th, you will be listed in the next newsletter.
Memberships may be paid at a neighborhood meeting, paid online
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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!

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