



**News In The Neighborhood**  
Save these event dates!

**Saturday, April 19th**

**ANNUAL WALNUT CREEK 2025 CLEAN-UP!**



**9:00AM-12:00PM**

Give back, clean up, and find the "cached" prizes during this family fun eco-hunt. City of DSM Parks and Recreation, Iowa Geocacher's Association (WNA), Central Iowa Trails Association (CITA), and other concerned citizens invite you on our unique hunt for trash. Volunteers will be wading through the creek or walking along the trails collecting litter, tires and looking for the GIANT plastic eggs, with a prize in each! Trash bags, grabbers, and gloves will be provided.

**Sign up using this link!**

[bit.ly/2025CacheInTrashOut](http://bit.ly/2025CacheInTrashOut)

Meetup location is the parking lot of Pal Joey's, 6224 Grand Ave.



**Sunday, July 27th**

**SUMMER SPLASH!**

**Thursday, November 6th**

**WESTWOOD ANNUAL MEETING**

**VIEW OUR VIRTUAL NEWSLETTERS!**

Open your smartphone's built-in camera app and take a scan of the QR code to view our site!



**Scan me!**

# WESTWOOD NEWS

## The Almost Spring Social

**THE STATION ON INGERSOLL**

**3124 INGERSOLL AVE. DSM, IA**

**6-8:30PM TUESDAY,**

**ALL WESTWOOD NEIGHBORS ARE WELCOME TO THE EVENT!**

**MARCH 11th**

Join us for our annual WNA Almost Spring Social! Enjoy complimentary appetizers, drinks, and great conversation with neighbors - old and new!



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**NEW TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD?** We want to meet you!  
Drop us a line and let us know at [westwoodneighborsdsm@gmail.com](mailto:westwoodneighborsdsm@gmail.com)

2025 WNA BOARD • President, Steven Cameron • Vice President, Kyle Vrchota • Secretary, Angie Bos • Treasurer, Mickey Shields • Social Chair<sup>2</sup>, Kim Corbin  
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<sup>2</sup> Position filled by the WNA Board and not subject to a neighborhood vote. Walnut Creek Clean-Up text provided by: City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation



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### 2025 Membership Dues

Individual: \$30, Family: \$50

### Digital Summer Newsletter

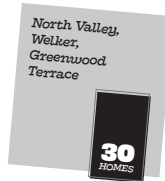
We heard your feedback and plan to circulate our summer newsletter by email only. Please make sure you register your email with us to receive a copy at: [bit.ly/westwoodemail](http://bit.ly/westwoodemail)

### BEST IN THE WEST(WOOD)

Neighbors! This year we are excited to announce the return of Best in the West(wood). We are looking to find the most neighborly and engaged street (or streets) in our neighborhood. Every neighbor who joins the association this year will help their street climb the rankings to be the Best in the West(wood). After a survey of every street, we've put together a (mostly) accurate census of houses. While some streets, like 51st, have over 60 houses, others, like North Valley have only 1, so some geographic areas have been grouped together to give a more even base of houses. The street with the highest percentage of houses in the association will be announced as the winner at the annual meeting!

*Sample of how the groupings can look throughout the year!*

Join the WNA today!



*Use the official membership form to join or visit our website and sign up online!*



44th-45th Street

HOMES

49th Street

HOMES

51st-SW 51st.

HOMES

52nd, SW 52, 53rd, and Robertson

HOMES

56-SW 56th

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58th Street, SW 58th Street, Terrace Drive

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58th Place 59th Street

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North Valley, Welker, Greenwood Terrace

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Grand Ave.

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## News From The City

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### FREE TINY TREES ORDERS FOR 2025 GIVEAWAY OFFICIALLY OPEN

Des Moines residents can now place their orders for up to five free trees seedlings to plant on their own property. Each year, Des Moines Forestry - a division of the City's Public Works Department - gives away thousands of trees through its Tiny Trees Giveaway Program.

"Tiny Trees continues to be an effective means of reaching our goal to expand Des Moines' tree canopy," said Public Works Direction Jonathan Gano. "Residents can enjoy all the natural and aesthetic benefits that trees provide while helping us create a greener future for our city."

Residents have nine tree species to choose from for 2025:

- Blackgum
- Chestnut Oak
- Shagbark Hickory
- Bald Cypress
- Flowering Dogwood
- Persimmon
- Serviceberry
- Elderberry
- Norway Spruce

Residents will have until Sunday, April 18th - or until inventory runs out - to submit their order.

The Tiny Trees Giveaway will be on Saturday, April 26th, at Polk County River Place (2309 Euclid Avenue) from 8 a.m. to noon. Residents can order trees, sign up to volunteer and learn more about the program at [DSM.city/TinyTrees](http://DSM.city/TinyTrees).

### MARCH EVENTS IN DSM

**Mindful March:** 3/3 - 4/10, Mon & Thurs, 6:00pm, Pioneer Columbus Community Rec Center

**Go For The Gold! - GPS Pot o' Gold Hunt:** 3/15, 1:00pm or 3:00pm, Tower Park Shelter. Visit [DSM.City/GPS](http://DSM.City/GPS).

**Birding Basics:** Wednesday's, March-May, 11:00am, Gray's Lake