



WESTWOOD NEWS

FALL 2025

ANNUAL FALL MEETING & CHILI DINNER

**6:30-8:30PM, THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 13TH**

HANAWALT ELEMENTARY

225 56TH ST. DSM



News in the Neighborhood

SUMMER SPLASH

**OVER 70+
ATTENDED!**

**THANK YOU VENDORS,
ENTERTAINERS, AND
VOLUNTEERS! SEE YOU
NEXT SUMMER!**



Halloween Night!

**FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 31st • 6-8PM**

Keep porch lights on for the
trick-or-treaters & let them
know of allergy-free treats by
displaying a Teal Pumpkin!
Visit TealPumpkinProject.org



**THE WNA HALLOWEEN HUNT IS HERE! TAKE A LOOK
AT THE MAP ON BACK FOR DETAILS! GOOD LUCK!**

STREET CLOSURE! 51ST St ON HALLOWEEN NIGHT

Neighbors, to make the fun-filled evening safer for families, The City of Des Moines has issued us a permit to close off 51st Street during the hours of Beggars' Night 2024! No thru traffic will be allowed during these hours, but local residents will still be able to access 51st if needed!

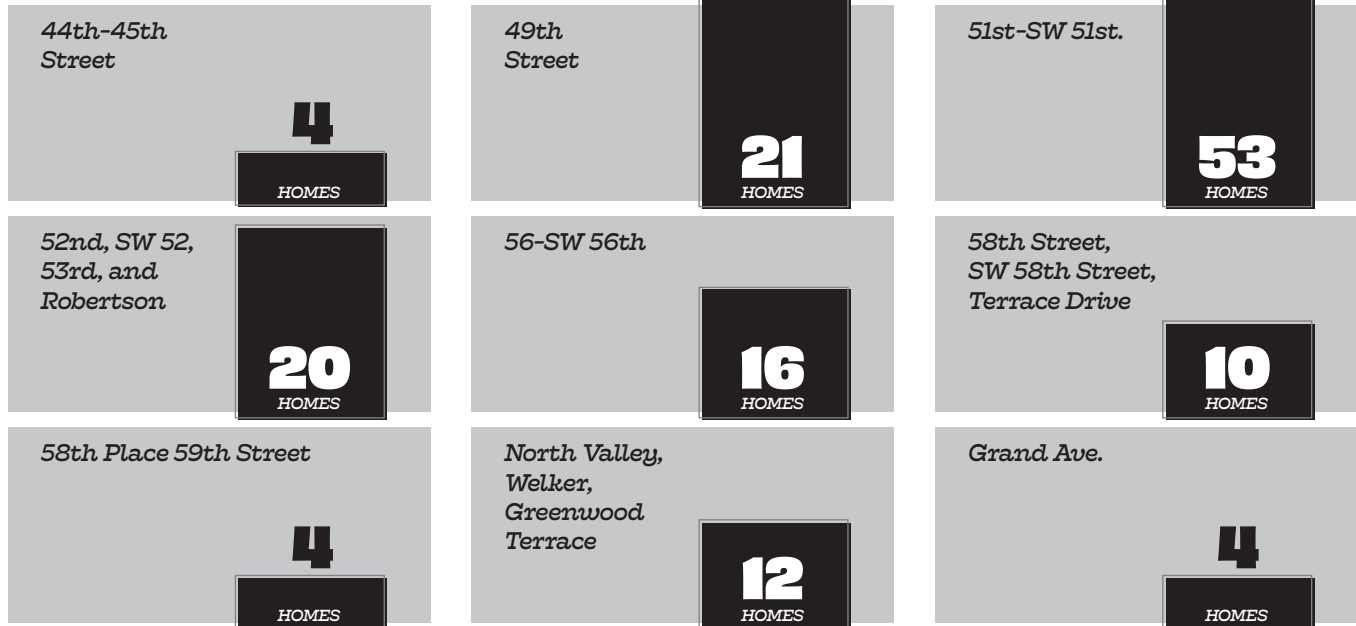
**NEIGHBORS WHO
DO NOT LIVE ON 51ST STREET...**



**YOU'RE INVITED TO SET UP A
TRICK-OR-TREAT STATION ON 51ST!
CONTACT STEVEN CAMERONA FOR MORE
DETAILS IF INTERESTED!**

News in the Neighborhood

Best in the West(wood) Update as of October 2025.



WNA Membership as of October 2025

WNA collects dues on a voluntary basis which go towards community projects, meetings, newsletters, our annual party, school donations & maintaining the integrity of our neighborhood! Membership is good through the calendar year. Thank you for the support!

Aaron Rogers
 Adrienne Branstad
 Allen Reicks & Judy Janning-Reicks
 Alyssa Ennen
 Amy Zuck
 Andrew Miesner
 Angie Gingery & Jon Bos
 Ann Didonato & Michael Fitzgerald
 Becky Klisares
 Berry & Charlinn Reeves
 Betsy Pokorny
 Bill & Lori Haakinson
 Bob Haines
 Brenda Currans & Rob Denhartog
 Bri Moberg
 Brian Clark & Ann Reinhart
 Bryan & Sara Steussy
 Carey Wimer
 Celeste Kelling
 Charles & Peggy Strief
 Chase Lucas & Rebecca Hinshaw
 Christy & George Antoniou
 Clyde Johnson
 Craig Lien
 David & Laura Mackaman
 David & Linda Beeman
 David Phillips
 Debra Moyer
 Dennis & Nancy Galeazzi
 Denny & Cheryl Pederson
 Diane Kuhn & Jason Fulton
 Diane Schroeder
 Ed & Nancy Truslow
 Elizabeth Ankeny
 Elizabeth Boesen
 Emily & Mickey Shields
 Emma Knapp
 Eric & Laura Horstmann
 Frankie Hanson

Greg Dunn
 Hal & Nicola Chase
 Helena Hadek & Jay Villwock
 Holly & Fritz Craiger
 Jaime Miller & Arley Beane
 James & Allison Fleming
 Jeff Freude & Laurie Wolf
 Jeff Tegrotenhuis
 Jeremiah & Sheryl Moore
 Joshua Brennan
 Joshua Harper
 Katharine Shepherd
 Kathy Ritzler
 Katie & Walter Gibson Overby
 Kay Creger
 Kendra Erkamaa
 Kimberly & Craig Shadur
 Kreg & Emily Wittmayer
 Kristy & David Barzen
 KtMarie Scarcello & Aaron Aiken
 La Rayne Lilley & Rick Rask
 Lauren Burgeson & Cooper Lewis
 Leann Treloar & Scott Galenbeck
 Lindsay & Ryan McClintock
 Lisa Kenworthy
 Lisa Lavalley
 Lora & Scott Deege
 Luke & Heather Groben
 Margaret Peterson
 Margaret Roy
 Maria Sadden-Berry
 Mark & Kitty Crandell
 Mark Movic & Susan Skinner
 Mark Pederson
 Marti Huber
 Mary Krantz
 Mary Pat Lamair
 Michael & Melissa Wolnerman
 Michelle Swanson

Mike & Sara Pentek
 Molly & Austin Gill
 Molly & Chad Dolan
 Nancy & Scott Bertness
 Nancy & Vern Faber
 Noel & Lu Young
 Pamela Duffy & Michael Carlson
 Peter & Lisa Brown
 Robert & Amanda Duncan
 Robert Fisher
 Robert Malcomson
 Rodney & Jennifer Townsend
 Ronald & Kathleen Ricker
 Ryan Clutter & Vicki Sehgal
 Sally & Dennis Bates
 Sarah & Derek Gusse
 Scott & Diane Post
 Stacey & Bruce Heston
 Stephanie Kempf
 Stephanie Windsor
 Stephen & Lynda Albaugh
 Steven & Keely Rosenberg
 Sue & Peter Hetherington
 Susan Barnes & Jean Davis
 Suzanne Graves
 Ted Williams
 Thomas Kisch & Margo Hutcheson
 Tim McMillin
 Todd & Jackie Krone
 Vanessa Calderon
 Vic & Susan Raibikis
 Vicki Heiken
 Wallace Bubar & Gabriele Albright
 Wendell Downing
 William & LuAnn Newland
 Zachary Voss
 Zoe Shannon

Upcoming Special Event Dates in the City

- **Brenton Boo-tacular:** Tues 10/21, 5-7pm, Brenton Skating Plaza
- **Paws & Claus - Holiday Supply Drive:** Saturday 11/15, 11am-1pm Ewing Dog Park
- **Jingle Bell Stroll:** Saturday 12/6, 2-4pm, Gray's Lake Park - Southeast Lawn
- **Trivia Night:** Thurs 1/8, 6-8:30pm, Waveland Golf Course Clubhouse
- **Snow Ball:** Saturday 2/7, 6:30-8:30pm, Science Center of Iowa
- **Leprechaun Loop & Wag:** Saturday 3/14, 10am-12pm, Gray's Lake Park

Spring Cleanup to Reduce Urban Blight (SCRUB)

For guidelines and restrictions, visit DSM.city/SCRUB or call (515) 283-4950.

SATURDAY

October 18th

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November 15th

LAST DATES OF THE YEAR!

News in the City

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Parks and Recreation Activities, Fall/Winter

As the cooler months approach, Des Moines Parks and Recreation invites residents and visitors to explore a wide range of activities and opportunities designed to keep everyone engaged and active throughout the fall and winter seasons.



The newly released digital Fall/Winter Activities Guide is now available, with registrations open for a diverse selection of programs catering to all ages. Whether it's youth and adult sports leagues, environmental education programs, or exciting new offerings like adapted sports and inclusive community activities, the guide has something for everyone. This fall marks the launch of adapted basketball, along with a new inclusive community program that welcomes participants of all ability levels. Special events are also available at the city's dog parks, community recreation centers and cemeteries.

DSM Parks and Recreation is also actively recruiting for seasonal staff to support the upcoming winter activities. Those interested in applying can find more information and submit applications online.

Parents and guardians should first create an account on the Parks and Recreation Department's registration system at dmparks.org. Once the account is set up, they can then register their children for activities. Due to the popularity of many programs, early registration is highly recommended to secure a spot. Sign up today at DSM.city/register.

In an effort to make programs accessible to all, scholarships with \$5 registration fees for athletic programs are available through partnerships with DSM Public Schools and the State of Iowa. Eligibility details and application information can be found on Parks and Recreation's website under the GRASP and YRSP scholarship programs.

For more information and to explore the full range of offerings, visit DSM.city/ActivitiesGuide or DSM.city/ParkJobs.

News in the Neighborhood

Board Secretary needed! Calling all Westwood residents - Current or (New)!!

We're looking to fill the WNA Board Secretary role in 2026. Current Secretary Angie Bos' term ends this year. We thank Angie for 3 years of service to the neighborhood!

WNA Board seats are a perfect way to meet fellow neighbors and get involved in neighborhood events. A testimonial from Angie on her experience with the board:

"Serving on the Westwood Neighborhood Association board has been one of the best ways I've gotten to know our community. When I first moved to the neighborhood, I didn't know anyone. Joining the board gave me the chance to meet wonderful neighbors, get involved, and really feel at home. It made our neighborhood feel like the small, close-knit community I came from, and I've truly enjoyed seeing what matters to people and being part of making a difference. My term as secretary is ending, and now it's time for someone new to step in. If you've ever wanted to connect with neighbors, build friendships, and help shape our community, I encourage you to consider joining the board—it's a fun and rewarding experience!"

Board elections take place at our annual meeting **Thursday, Nov 13th**. Please contact Board President, Steve Camerona, with interest!

VIEW OUR VIRTUAL NEWSLETTERS!

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



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Register your email with us!

Stay informed! Sign up here: bit.ly/westwoodemail
NEW TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD? We want to meet you!
Drop us a line and let us know at westwoodneighborsdsm@gmail.com

2024 WNA BOARD • President, Steven Camerona • Vice President, Kyle Vrchota • Secretary, Angie Bos • Treasurer, Mickey Shields • Social Chair², Kim Corbin
Data and Compliance², Ben Ulfers • Neighborhood Relations², Vicki Sehgal • Block Captain Chair², Vicki Heiken • Newsletter Editor, Shelley Vrchota
Past President, Diane Kuhn ¹Your address and personal information will be safely stored in our database. WNA does not share or sell this information with anyone.

²Position 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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Halloween Hunt!

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The hunt lasts throughout October!
Find these signs around Westwood! Check them off to complete map!



Take completed Halloween Hunt map and deliver to Steve Camerona

AT STEVENCAMERONA@IOWAREALTY.COM
OR Text 515-978-1289

Steve will then deliver a special coupon to you from

BLACK CAT ICE CREAM®

Only one map needed per family for redeeming.
No photocopies will be accepted.



MEOW! USE MY SECRET MAP!
I have hints on where to find these signs in Westwood!

Official cool cat

SECRET MAP!!