



# WESTWOOD NEWS

SUMMER 2026

## SUMMER SPLASH

PIZZA

ICE CREAM

LAWN GAMES

**5:30PM - 8PM**

**SUNDAY, JULY 26TH**

Join us at Greenwood Park's  
Jay Spence Enclosed Shelter & Dan and  
Mary Kelly Family Sprayground for a  
neighborhood summer party hosted by  
the WNA!

**Kid-friendly! Free pizza & ice cream for  
everyone in the neighborhood!**

**Water and juice boxes provided!**

**BYOB, no glass containers please!**

Westwood Neighborhood Association has an urgent need for a current Board Vice President vacancy and an upcoming President vacancy starting in 2027. The time commitment is low while also having a big impact on our local community and getting to know your neighbors! For more information, email [westwoodneighborsdsm@gmail.com](mailto:westwoodneighborsdsm@gmail.com)

2026 WNA BOARD • President, Steven Camerona (UPCOMING VACANCY) • Vice President, (VACANT) • Secretary, Ellie Ankeny • Treasurer, Mickey Shields • Data and Compliance\*, Ben Ulfers • Neighborhood Relations\*, Vicki Sehgal • Block Captain Chair\*, Vicki Heiken • \*Positions filled by WNA Board and not subject to Board vote.

## Best in the West(wood) Update as of June 2026

|                                                        |                                                              |                                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 44th-45th Street<br><b>2</b><br>HOMES                  | 49th Street<br><b>4</b><br>HOMES                             | 51st-SW 51st.<br><b>22</b><br>HOMES                             |
| 52nd, SW 52, 53rd, and Robertson<br><b>18</b><br>HOMES | 56-SW 56th<br><b>5</b><br>HOMES                              | 58th Street, SW 58th Street, Terrace Drive<br><b>6</b><br>HOMES |
| 58th Place 59th Street<br><b>1</b><br>HOME             | North Valley, Welker, Greenwood Terrace<br><b>3</b><br>HOMES | Grand Ave.<br><b>1</b><br>HOME                                  |

### WNA Membership as of June 2026.

WNA collects dues on a voluntary basis which go toward community projects, meetings, newsletters, social events & maintaining the integrity of our neighborhood! Pay your annual dues online here: <https://www.westwoodneighborsdsm.com/get-involved>. Membership is for each calendar year. Thank you for the support!

Allen Reicks & Judy Janning-Reicks  
Amy MacKrell  
Becky Klisares  
Brian Clark & Ann Reinhart  
Charles & Peggy Strief  
Christina Vald  
Daniel & Nichole Stabile  
David & Laura Mackaman  
David & Linda Beeman  
David Clemens  
Dennis & Nancy Galeazzi  
Denny & Cheryl Pederson  
Diane Kuhn & Jason Fulton  
Diane Schroeder  
Ellie Ankeny & Blaine Vriezelaar  
Elizabeth Boesen  
Emily & Mickey Shields  
Eric & Laura Horstmann  
Frankie Hanson  
Gregory Dunn

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James & Allison Fleming  
James Spevak  
Jeffrey Cheeseman  
Jill Niederhuth  
Joe & JoAnn Kobes  
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Lauren Burgeson & Cooper Lewis  
Leslie Lepeltak  
Luke & Heather Groben  
Margaret Peterson  
Maria Sadden-Berry  
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Mark Movic & Susan Skinner  
Marti Huber  
Melissa McCollum  
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Paula Cerne  
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Sharon & Dick Fuller  
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Steven & Keely Rosenberg  
Steven Marquardt  
Susan & Eric Van Linden  
Susan Barnes & Jean Davis  
Theresa Chivers  
Thomas Kisch & Margo Hutcheson  
Todd & Jackie Krone  
Virginia Satterstrom

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# Street Material Recycling Program Generates Significant Savings for Public Works

The Street Maintenance Division of the City's Public Works Department has kicked off a material recycling program focused on reusing construction materials like concrete, asphalt and excavated soil, with potential savings estimated to be over \$400,000 per year.

During construction season, Public Works uses over 16,000 tons of crushed cement and asphalt millings for street maintenance projects. Rather than purchasing new concrete and asphalt, the Street Maintenance Division has converted a City-owned storage site off of Hartford Avenue into a construction material recycling facility.

All materials removed during road construction are now stored at the site, where they are sorted and prepared for processing. At full capacity, the Street Maintenance Division estimates that the site can generate almost \$300,000 in material cost savings, with an additional \$250,000 saved by avoiding trips to the landfill hauling excavated material. Current contractor costs for crushing and processing operations bring potential net savings per year to approximately \$415,000.

In addition to reduced costs, the program also provides environmental benefits to the City of Des Moines. By recycling existing concrete and asphalt, Public Works reduces its reliance on newly mined materials, eliminates unnecessary trips to the landfill and conserves natural resources. A video with more information can be found on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-CktskZckc>.

Residents can report potholes and alleyways in need of maintenance via the myDSMmobile app.

## Gray's Lake Park & Sprayground Reconstruction Recently Completed

A major reconstruction at Gray's Lake was recently completed. The \$2.3M project included installation of new playground areas for ages 2-5 as well as ages 5-12 and included sensory respite equipment. In addition, a brand new sprayground area was added.



## 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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## Spring Cleanup to Reduce Urban Blight (SCRUB)

Every third Saturday of the month from now until November, the Public Works Department offers Des Moines residents a free place to dump yard waste and bulky garbage from their homes. MEGA SCRUB events also provide safe disposal of household hazardous waste. For guidelines and restrictions, visit [DSM.city/SCRUB](http://DSM.city/SCRUB) or call (515) 283-4950.

July 18th  
August 15th  
September 19th\*  
October 17th  
November 21st

\*MEGA SCRUB DAYS

## Halloween Planning

The WNA Board has received a DSM neighborhood association grant to put towards our annual Halloween celebration (the best in the city!). If you're interested in helping with Halloween festivities or setting up a trick-o'-treat table on 51st street, please reach out to [westwoodneighborsdsm@gmail.com](mailto:westwoodneighborsdsm@gmail.com).



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## ***THANK YOU to all the 2026 Cache in Trash Out volunteers!!***



Photo Courtesy of City of Des Moines, Parks & Rec Dept

Approximately 70 volunteers helped clean up Walnut Creek's creek, trail and woodlands, collecting over 4,300 pounds of trash! Together, they donated more than 175 hours of time! And on top of that, they brought together a fun and hard-working group of geocachers, neighbors, families and friends to give back to our local community. Special thanks to Westwood neighbor Diane Kuhn for coordinating the event.

**TOTAL TRASH  
COLLECTED:**

**4,300+ LBS.  
(1.95 TONS)!!**

**ANNUAL WALNUT  
CREEK 2026  
CLEAN-UP!**



**SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO THE STATION ON INGERSOLL,  
THE WNA BOARD AND NEIGHBORS (ABOUT 100 IN  
ATTENDANCE!) FOR MAKING THE SOCIAL A SUCCESS!**