



# WESTWOOD NEWS



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

Saturday, April 4th

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

9:00AM-11:30PM



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!

[https://www.facebook.com/westwoodneighbordsm](#) - /41fi & > ?4! A@

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



Sunday, July 26th

**SUMMER SPLASH!**

Thursday, November 12th

**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!

# The Almost Spring Social

## THE STATION ON INGERSOLL

3124 INGERSOLL AVE. DSM, IA

5:30- 8:30PM TUESDAY

MARCH 10th

ALL WESTWOOD NEIGHBORS ARE WELCOME TO THE EVENT!

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 [westwoodneighbordsm@gmail.com](mailto:westwoodneighbordsm@gmail.com)

2026 WNA BOARD • President, Steve Camerona | Vice President, Kyle Vrchota | Secretary, Ellie Ankeny | Treasurer, Mickey Shields | Data and Compliance <sup>2</sup>, Ben Ulfers  
Neighborhood Relations <sup>2</sup>, Vicki Sehgal | Block Capitan Chair <sup>2</sup>, Vicki Heiken | Newsletter Editor <sup>2</sup>, Shelley Vrchota | Past President, Diane Kuhn

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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



## News From The Neighborhood

### 2027 WNA BOARD VACANCIES

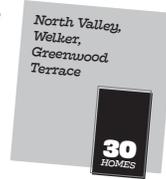
We are looking for the next **President** and **Vice President** of the WNA Board. Current President, Steve Camerona and Vice President, Kyle Vrchota's board terms will end this year. If interested, please contact the board at: westwoodneighborsdsm@gmail.com.

### 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.

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52nd, SW 52, 53rd, and Robertson

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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

Des Moines residents can now place orders for up to five tree seedlings to plant on their own property. The seedlings are provided at no cost to residents through the City's Tiny Trees program, coordinated by the Public Works Department's Forestry Division.

Many of this year's Tiny Trees have high foraging value thanks to their fruits, nuts, and saps. The white pine's needles can even be used in teas.

Residents have eight tree species to choose from for 2026:

- Kentucky Coffeetree
- Northern Pecan
- Sugar Maple
- Sycamore
- Aroniaberry
- Redbud
- Wild Plum
- White Pine

Orders will be accepted through Sunday, April 19th - or until inventory runs out.

The Tiny Trees Giveaway will be on Saturday, April 25th, 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](https://DSM.city/TinyTrees).

### MARCH EVENTS IN DSM

**SCRUB:** 3/21, Saturday, 7:00am-2:00pm, Metro Central Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave.

**Compost SCRUB:** 3/21, 7:00am-2:00pm, City Compost Center, 1601 Harriet St

**MEGA SCRUB:** 4/18, 7:00am-1:00pm, Merle Hay Mall, 3800 Merle Hay Rd