



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

QUARTER 3: FALL 2022

KEEPING YOU in the loop

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New Board Members in September and October.

Welcome!

Jessica Adams is a Des Moines Public Schools teacher who moved to the Drake Neighborhood in 2020. She enjoys walking through the neighborhood with her husband and two dogs.

Her hobbies include Tae Kwon Do, biking, cooking, and reading. She believes in giving back to her community and looks forward to the opportunity to do that with the DNA.

Jessica
Adams

Rachel Campbell is an investigator for the Des Moines Civil & Human Rights Commission. She moved into the neighborhood in 2019 with her two rescue French Bulldogs, Franklin and Ethel.

Rachel loves the neighborhood and is excited for the opportunity to become more involved and help continue making the Drake neighborhood an awesome place to live and visit.

Rachel
Campbell

ASSOCIATION UPDATES

Iowa Food Co-Op Bringing Fresh Food to our Community

The Iowa Food Co-op (IFC) spoke at the October DNA Meeting. They coordinate a unique year-round farmer's market-style system to facilitate sales between Iowa small farms and consumers interested in local foods and products. We offer online ordering, local delivery, plus a walk-in store on Franklin Ave. Two common hurdles for small rural farmers are the challenges of getting products to market, and finding time to attend farmer's markets. The IFC helps overcome these issues by connecting producers directly to buyers via our online ordering system and storefront. The IFC storefront, located just east of the Franklin Ave Library, is open to both members and non-members. Feel free to stop in and check out our seasonally rotating products and our friendly staff!



Members go online to purchase a wide range of products listed by numerous producers. These include extremely fresh seasonal vegetables, dairy, baked goods, sauces, jams and seasonings, beverages, handcrafts, prepared dishes and many kinds of frozen meat. Members picking up orders at the Franklin site can make additional purchases from our onsite shop. **Note we accept EBT payments.**

People purchasing from the IFC often know more about their food when compared to shopping with more mainstream food retailers. This is because each producer selling online has a profile page that tells their story and describes their practices (organic, gluten-free, free-range, grass-fed etc.). If the consumer has additional questions they can contact the producer directly or inquire with IFC staff. This also applies post-purchase, if a consumer is dissatisfied (or pleased!) they can contact the producer directly or via the IFC email sent out after each cycle precisely to facilitate such communication.

The Iowa Food Coop bottom line: we deliver high quality, locally produced food to consumers that are not only interested in good fresh local food, but are also enthused about supporting small local farms and helping diversify Iowa's agriculture. In the end we are helping Iowans produce healthy food for other Iowans, sustainably.

Details:

Iowa Food Cooperative
4944 Franklin Ave. Suite G
Des Moines, Iowa 50310
Storefront open 4-6 Tuesday &
Friday, Saturday 10-1
www.iowafood.coop
515.978.1034
help@iowafood.coop

Sign Up For Mobile Text Messages from IFC!

Get a Reminder When the Cart Opens, Closes, or if New/Limited Items Are Added

Use Your Phone to Scan the QR Code

Great! I can't wait to support local producers.

Or Text 'IOWAFOODCOOP' to 74121

@IOWAFOODCOOP

ASSOCIATION UPDATES

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

1. Be a member

You can join or renew as a member of the Drake Neighborhood Association (DNA) two ways:

- (1) Pay with a credit card at <https://dna.wildapricot.org/>
- (2) Mail cash or check with your name, address, telephone #, and email address mailed to: Drake Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 41128, Des Moines, IA 50311.

Membership is \$20 a year or \$80 for five years. Benefits include: access to our quarterly newsletter, email updates, invitations to events, the ability to vote for and be nominated to board seats, plus opportunities to meet neighbors and get involved in making our neighborhood even better. Membership dollars help support our all-volunteer association.

Join as a business! We have business memberships starting at just \$50.

2. DNA meetings

The DNA board generally meets at 6:30 PM the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The public discussion begins at 7 PM. We have options for virtual and in-person attendance. Check for updates on our Facebook page, on the Nextdoor app, and <https://dna.wildapricot.org/> for additional details.

Upcoming meetings:
May 11, June 8, and July 13.

3. Like and follow on Facebook & Instagram

Social media is a great way to stay in the loop about what is happening in the neighborhood, find volunteer opportunities, and connect with our neighbors. So, please, find, like and follow us on Facebook and Instagram: [@DrakeNeighborhoodAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/DrakeNeighborhoodAssociation)

4. Volunteer on a committee:

Enhance Communication

WITH MEMBERS WITH THE QUINTILES AMONG THE BOARD

Increase Operating Capacity

GROW BUSINESS AND NEIGHBORHOOD MEMBERSHIPS

Represent Neighborhood Interest

INCREASE SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY
ENGAGE RENTERS
ENGAGE IN EVENTS
WITH THIS MISSION

We need volunteers to help with the following tasks and projects:

- social media
 - website development
 - quarterly newsletter
 - neighborhood beautification
 - other specialty committees
- Please contact Lori Calhoun (zotlc@aol.com) if you are interested!

Do you have NEWS TO SHARE?

Please send details (including the time, date, and location, brief information about the event) to info@drakeneighborhood.org by **January 1, 2023** to be considered in the next quarterly newsletter released in **January 2023**.



CURRENT
VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

CV3 - Cure Violence Progress Report



Ivette Muhammad and Tim McCoy

Find the full article in Carl Voss's Newsletter:

"Let's Catch Up!" August 2022

News | Carlvoss

In December, the City awarded Creative Visions a three-year, \$1.4 million contract to establish a violence interruption program in Des Moines. Second- and third-year contracts are planned using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Supervisor Tim McCoy and site director Ivette Muhammad have branded the local Cure Violence campaign as CV3 VIP for the three Creative Visions services: food pantry, crime-victims assistance, and violence interruption.



Jamain Merritt

The group is not connected to the police department, Tim emphasizes. "The community can't see us as a threat," he says. "Our words mean everything. We're about encouraging the community to trust us and encouraging youth to change." Staff members, described as violence interrupters, are community members with trusted street credibility. Tim described them as individuals whose "nights matched their days. They can't be someone who preaches anti-violence by day and be a gun toter at night. You can't fake the funk."

So far, the CV3 team has mediated 56 conflicts. In one instance, a team heard about a brewing conflict via an "inroad"—a resident who sensed something up between a 17-year-old and a 23-year-old. Both young men were intoxicated. One felt he had been disrespected in front of female friends. He was ready to pull out a gun when Tim arrived. "I told them I was here with no fear," Tim said, adding he told them: "You can pull that gun and shoot us both. But the thing I want you to realize is that there's a camera on that pole recording everything. Does it make sense to gun down someone trying to help you?" They separated the two and started mediation.

Since that training, Tim and Ivette have recruited three team members to work in the zones with the highest probability of gun violence. The target area is bound by Hickman Road on the north, Second Avenue on the east, I-235 on the south, and 27th Street on the west.

As part of the community outreach, the CV3 team created its own Detection, Respond, Intervene, and Prevent (DRIP) program (see image to the right).

Going forward, Ivette and Tim would like to add an on-call hospital respondent, someone recognized and trusted by emergency room staff to work with families of shooting victims. Similar hospital violence interrupters have performed well in other Cure Violence communities.

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Detection: Communication with inroads to identify troubles, gather details about shootings to prevent retaliations, and build trust and rapport.

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Respond: Respond to a shooting within 72 hours. Did it happen because of a pre-existing beef? Is retaliation likely? Does anyone on the CV3 team have a relationship with the individuals?

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Intervene: Distribute CV3 materials in all four zones, engage with businesses and agencies, and inform them on how they can get involved. CV3 also spends Thursday afternoons talking to Meyer Hall juveniles.

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Prevent: Host events to increase community engagement, provide resources, and introduce at-risk individuals to new opportunities.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

How's the housing market?

By Jason Stuyvesant
Realtor and Board Member of DNA

Hello fellow members of the Drake Neighborhood! When working as a realtor, one of the first things people tend to ask me is "How's the market?" Over the past few years in the Des Moines area that answer has been a pretty easy one, a roller coaster! Historically low interest rates combined with a global pandemic allowed for Americans to buy and sell homes at a rate never before seen in history. We've all heard the stories about multiple offers and homes selling over asking price. With the rise in interest rates, many people outside the industry are now thinking it's time to panic and that we will see an inevitable housing market crash. I am here to tell you - I just don't see that happening.

Yes, we are coming to a more normal time in the housing market, but we are still in a definite sellers' market. Inventory remains lower than it has been historically, and interest rates are still not as high as they were 15 years ago when I was buying my first home. According to the Greater Des Moines Partnership, Iowa needs 88,000 new homesteads before 2025. That encompasses houses, condos, apartments, and all types of living. This is great news for us as this year approximately 16,000 homes will sell across the metro in all price points. When you factor in the state's population, nearly one third is in Central Iowa, that's nearly 2 full years of home demand for Central Iowa.

Focusing more on our neighborhood directly, it's definitely a wonderful time to buy in the Drake Neighborhood. The number of improvements thanks to organizations like InvestDSM and Neighborhood Finance Corporation is so amazing to watch. Our neighborhood continues to be one of the fastest appreciating in value in the entire city and I see no reason that won't continue moving forward. There is a nationwide trend of younger adults wanting to live closer to the city core rather than the suburbs. That demand bodes well for the Drake Neighborhood. Thanks to several shows on networks like HGTV and others, historic homes are having their time in the spotlight. As the Des Moines area continues to grow and the housing stock in the Drake Neighborhood continues to improve, I feel Drake will be a destination neighborhood for years to come. That even with a small market correction over time, the Drake neighborhood will be shielded from that correction more than other areas of the city. Have questions about our market or real estate as a whole? You can always reach out no strings attached!



\$145,000
3 Beds • 1 Bath • 936 Sq Ft
1515 34th St, Des Moines, IA 50311



\$139,000
3 Beds • 1 Bath • 1,320 Sq Ft
2415 College Ave, Des Moines, IA 50311
All brick 1.5 story with 2 bedrooms on the main floor. Built beautiful vestibule in the dining room. Tuck under garage Drake tennis facility and Drake Stadium. Great rental investment opportunity.
- Cliff Morris | Century 21 Signature



\$205,000
3 Beds • 2 Baths • 1,424 Sq Ft
1434 31st St, Des Moines, IA 50311
Check out this completely renovated three bed, two bath home, located within walking distance of Drake University original character and charm of the home have been preserved with the beautiful hardwood floors receiving c
- Brendon Shaw | Simply Better Realty, LLC



\$169,900
2 Beds • 1 Bath • 828 Sq Ft
835 41st St, Des Moines, IA 50312
Located in the amazing Roosevelt neighborhood, you will right at home with the charm and character this home has offer! The living room features a wood-burning fireplace flows right into the comfortable dining room. There are tv
- Erin Haemer | RE/MAX Precision



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Neighborhood Beautification

Rock the Drake Block

Habitat for humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. The organization was founded on the ideal that everyone should have a decent, safe, and affordable place to live. They are about building with people in need regardless of race or religion and they welcome volunteers from all backgrounds.

On September 17th and 18th Habitat for Humanity organized a "Rock the Block" in the Drake neighborhood. The team had volunteers from Luana Savings Bank, The Drake Neighborhood Association, and Drake University. They replaced windows, built a ramp and completed some weather proofing on a 95-year-old home.



Since the inception of habitat for humanity in the Des Moines area in 1986, they have served more than 2,000 total families. If you would like to volunteer or apply for assistance, please visit gdmhabitat.org

Roosevelt has a great start to its 100th Year:

By Steven Schappaugh, Principal



Roosevelt has had an exciting start to our 100th school year! Some of the early highlights include the grand opening of the Randy Duncan Track and Field Complex, a busy Homecoming Week, and a wonderful infusion of new staff to our already strong network of educational professionals. Not only that, we introduced our new banner language to the entire Roosevelt community. This language - Rider Excellence through Unity, Equity, and Integrity - is a call to action for how we show up and live our lives daily at school, at activities, and in the community. We consider ourselves blessed to be part of the Drake neighborhood and invite you to follow us on social media to stay up to date on all things Roosevelt. If you're looking for a way to support our school, but also the feeder schools in your neighborhood, consider attending the annual R Party November 12! Last year we sold out and plan to this year as well. Learn more at <https://www.trhsfoundation.org/rparty>

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

These activities have been happening in the neighborhood!

Drake Neighborhood walking tour - October 8th

The Drake Neighborhood is the one of the oldest and largest neighborhoods in the City of Des Moines. We have approximately 13,000 residents in the community which technically makes us the 32nd largest town in the state of Iowa...just slightly smaller than Grimes and Norwalk. Our history dates to the mid-1800's with Chief Keokuk and the Sac and Masaki peoples.

Drake University was incorporated in 1881 and along with it a Land Company was established to help the founding and funding for the University. Parcels of land would be sold to homeowners to fund the University. In turn, homeowners would initially house Drake students!

Our annual walking tour stretches from Drake University, to Cottage Grove, down 26th and 25th street and though Dog Town.



SEASONAL JOB OPENINGS



Des Moines Parks & Rec is hiring for seasonal employees during the fall and winter months. Check out the website below for job descriptions and how to apply.

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/desmoines>

LUCKY HORSE
BEER & BURGERS

DAILY SPECIALS
AT LUCKY HORSE BEER & BURGERS
\$5 MUG SPECIAL AVAILABLE EVERY DAY!

SUNDAY - ALL DAY HAPPY HOUR
\$2 CRAPPY CANS, \$5 MUG SPECIAL, \$5 SLUSHIES, \$5 BUFFALO CAULIFLOWER, \$2 OFF NACHOS, \$5 CHIPS WITH CHOICE OF QUESO, SALSA OR GUACAMOLE
(HAPPY HOUR ALSO AVAILABLE MON-THURS 3-6 PM)

MONDAY - \$10 BURGER & BEER NIGHT (4 PM - CLOSE)

TUESDAY - \$2 CRAPPY CAN NIGHT (4 PM - CLOSE)
\$2 CANS OF BUSCH LIGHT, HIGH LIFE, PBR, OLD STYLE, GRAIN BELT, OR HAMM'S

WEDNESDAY - WHISKEY WEDNESDAY (4 PM - CLOSE)
\$3.50 CABIN STILL

LUCKYHORSEDSM.COM
2331 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, DES MOINES





Des Moines Parks & Rec Wins Award

Des Moines Parks and Recreation is the winner of the 2022 National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management. The American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA) made the announcement during the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) conference Tuesday, Sept. 20 in Phoenix, AZ.

This is the first time an agency from Iowa has won since the recognition was created in 1965, and the fourth time Des Moines Parks and Recreation is a finalist. Other finalists in Class II, for those with a population of 150,001 to 400,000 were City of Henderson Parks and Recreation (Henderson, NV), City of Plano Parks & Recreation Department (Plano, TX) and Wichita Park & Recreation (Wichita, KS).



xBk LIVE MURAL Unveiling



xBk and Jill Wells Art unveiled the new 'Black Renaissance' mural at xBk on Saturday, October 1st 2022. The mural was sponsored by Invest DSM + Wells Fargo.

The mural is the product of the creativity and passion of artist Jill Wells and her vision and intuition in capturing the essence of the community at xBk.

Thank you to @BlackIowaNews for the photo
@JillWellsart
@xbklive

DES MOINES FALL TREE PHOTO CONTEST

DES MOINES, IOWA — Wednesday, October 12, 2022 — The fall leaves are in full color in Des Moines, and now is the perfect time to snap a photo for the 2022 Fall Tree Photo Contest.

The Des Moines Public Works Forestry Division's photo contest is accepting submissions through October 31st at DSM.city/FallTreePhotoContest.

After submissions close on October 31st, a committee will select the finalists before a public vote to select the winner of the 2022 Fall Tree Photo contest. The winner of the contest will receive the opportunity to select the species and location for a City street tree and a tree planting with the City forester.



In case you missed it... notes on UPCOMING EVENTS

- **October 20:** Environmental Impact Meeting at Polk County Senior Center 7:15 PM
- **October 24:** Wesley Life Meals on Wheels Groundbreaking 2:00-3:00
- **October 27:** - Ward 1 meeting Potluck
- **October 27:** Bucksbaum Lecture @ Drake Knapp Center 7PM
- **October 28:** Halloween Hoops for kids @ Knapp Center 5:00-7:00 & Volleyball game to follow
- **October 31:** Dogtown curtain light set up *volunteers needed*
- **November 2022:** Presale tickets for Varsity Theatre shows
- **November 12:** Dogtown Lighting Event 5PM
- **November 26:** Last day for yard waste pickup
- **December 14:** DNA potluck and Board of Directors elections

UPCOMING DNA MEETINGS

Polk County Senior Center @7:00 pm

- **November 9, 2022**
- **December 14, 2022 (Potluck/Elections)**
- **January 11, 2023**
- **February 8, 2023**





RESOURCES



WHO TO CALL

DNA BOARD OFFICERS

• **President:**

Lori Calhoun:
515-240-6090
zotlc@aol.com

• **Vice President:**

Courtney Ackerson
515-329-0169
cackerson@live.com

• **Treasurer:**

Kristina Johnson
515-975-1172
KJ4kristina.johnson@gmail.com

• **Secretary:**

Annelise Tarnowski
763-807-1509
madebyannelise@gmail.com

In an emergency, call 911



NEIGHBORHOOD-BASED SERVICE DELIVERY TEAM

- Des Moines Police
Sgt. Mark McKinney: 515-778-4218,
mamckinney@dmgov.org
- Des Moines Housing Inspector
Eric Barker: 515-283-4980,
ejbarker@dmgov.org

OTHER KEY CONTACTS:

- Des Moines Police (non-emergency):
515-283-4811
- Drake University Security:
515-271-2222
- Des Moines Public Schools Security:
515-242-7621
- City of Des Moines Info Center:
515-283-4500
- Animal Control & Shelter:
515-242-2720
- Graffiti Hotline: 515-248-6331
- Weed Control: 515-286-3005
weedcommission@polkcountyiowa.gov

HELPFUL RESOURCES FOR DIFFICULT TIMES

COVID-19 INFORMATION

<https://covidrecoveryiowa.org/>

FINANCIAL & LEGAL AID

- Families looking for rental, energy, food, or other assistance can call IMPACT at 515-518-4770, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- For help with rent or mortgage payments in a crisis, explore the rent/mortgage assistance program through Iowa Finance Authority.
<https://www.iowafinance.com/iowa-rent-and-utility-assistance-program/>
- [Iowa Legal Aid](#) provides free legal help to eligible Iowans in all 99 counties and offers advice on legal issues

HUMAN & CIVIL RIGHTS

- The Iowa Department of Human Rights advocates for underrepresented Iowans & educates individuals, businesses, & government entities about the needs, rights, & responsibilities of all Iowans.
- The Iowa Civil Rights Commission enforces state and federal laws that prohibit discrimination in employment, public accommodations, housing, education, & credit by investigating and litigating civil rights complaints. It also provides conflict resolution services including mediation and conciliation for civil rights matters.

MENTAL HEALTH

- If you are struggling with mental illness or addiction or concerned about someone who is, contact Your Life Iowa by calling 1-855-581-8111, texting 1-855-895-8398, or using the online chat functions @ yourlifeiowa.org. or **call 988**
- National Suicide Prevention Hotline: If you are feeling suicidal or are concerned about someone else who is, call 1-800-273-8255 (TALK).

UTILITY BILL SAVINGS

- Iowa Mid-American Energy customers can receive a free energy efficiency kit after taking a short HomeCheck Online assessment.