



# NEIGHBOR NEWS

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## TO EVERYTHING, TURN, TURN, TURN

By Nichole Aksamit Purcell and Lori Calhoun

One thing you can always count on is change. And 2020 has certainly given us plenty of that!

The Drake Neighborhood Association started the year with some new members, new business sponsors, and lots of excitement. By March, we were firming up plans to revive the Drake Home Tour, meeting monthly, and assigning tasks for our neighborhood's most popular events—the Spring Spruce-Up with Drake University students ahead of the Drake Relays; Free Flicks, our annual summer movie under the stars in Witmer Park; and National Night Out, the fall grill-out at Drake Park.

Unfortunately, with the arrival of COVID-19, these gatherings were all cancelled for everyone's safety. The pandemic, compounded by social unrest following the murder of George Floyd and the damaging derecho (a land-based version of a hurricane) that struck Iowa in August, brought many unexpected hardships to our neighbors and friends.

And yet there have been unanticipated bright spots: As a neighborhood association, we transitioned our in-person board



meetings to virtual meetings in April, which ultimately has allowed more neighbors to attend.

Even as our own lives were disrupted, we launched a #littlebluehouses window art campaign to spread cheer during lockdown, turned our one-day group spring cleanup into a summer-long individual Pick-Me-Up Challenge, and worked with Invest DSM to give away gift cards supporting and promoting Dogtown businesses.

As the pandemic has stretched on, we've witnessed more neighbors investing in homes in the neighborhood. Whether it's because we are working from home, furloughed, helping kids learn remotely, forgoing summer travel, or just muddling through together as we clean up after a storm, many of us have

focused on beautifying our homes and (even with masks and over fences) getting to know our neighbors better.

And through it all, development in the neighborhood has forged ahead in all directions. Along University Avenue, a new and improved Kum & Go has been installed, construction is nearly complete on the Harkin Institute and the Home2 Suites by Hilton Hotel, and a new apartment building is taking shape at 26th and University. Farther east, Lutheran Church of Hope has moved into the former First Christian Church and a bevy of new eateries has opened in Dogtown.

To the northwest, Witmer Park has reopened with a refreshed pond, new fishing dock, and expanded walking trails. To the south, renovation at Drake Park has begun. And across the south central swath of the neighborhood, scores of neighbors have worked together to spruce up their homes and our shared streets. (Turn inside for more on these and other developments.)

Change throws a wrench in the best-laid plans. Change can be difficult, unsettling, and scary. But sometimes, it's beautiful, too.

# >>>DEVELOPMENTS>>>>>>



Top row: Signage outside and servers inside Rico's. Middle row: The bar inside and signage outside Lucky Horse Beer & Burgers. Bottom row: Signage out front at Dough Co. Pizza and Coaches Kolaches. PHOTOS BY ALEC DAVIS

## DOG TOWN DELIGHTS

By Alec Davis

Despite challenging times, the **Dogtown Business District** (along University Avenue just east of Drake University) has been invigorated with a flurry of new business openings this summer.

Rico's offers wings, burgers, drinks, and more in the former Chicago Dog spot. It's owned by Des Moines native and NFL wide receiver Rico Gafford.

Lucky Horse Beer & Burgers, the newest venture from the Full Court Press group, opened in the former Crazyhorse Guitars building and pays homage to the building's musical past.

Coaches Kolaches opened its Drake Neighborhood outpost as a complement to the Clive original. Coaches offers Texas-style savory kolaches, a popular breakfast item in the Lone Star State that's otherwise hard to come by in Iowa.

The ownership group behind the former Papa Keno's Pizzeria launched a new brand, **Dough Co. Pizza**, in the same spot.



# BLOCK CHALLENGE GRANT FUELS \$290K IN UPGRADES

By Nichole Aksamit Purcell

Since its spring launch, the new Invest DSM Block Challenge Grant Program already has spurred nearly \$290,000 in exterior home and yard improvements in the Drake Neighborhood. The program encourages neighbors to form teams with nearby neighbors and apply for matching funds from Invest DSM for exterior projects that improve curb appeal. Each neighbor on an approved team of 10 or more qualifies for up to \$2,500 in matching funds for their project from Invest DSM. Participants on teams of 5 or more can get a \$1,000 match.

Christopher Civitate, outreach and engagement coordinator for Invest DSM, said four teams from the Drake Neighborhood were approved and are working on or have completed exterior home improvement projects. A fifth team has applied and is under review. "Altogether there are 77 neighbors working together in the Drake Special Investment District (SID) to beautify their homes," he said. Projects include: house and trim painting, concrete front step and walkway repair and replacement, brick masonry work and tuck pointing, landscaping, replacing or adding fencing, adding pagodas or trellises or window boxes, building new patios, updating porch railings, and replacing windows and doors.

Each property owner on the four teams in progress qualified for up to \$2,500 in matching funds from Invest DSM. A breakdown of their project cost and investments is shown below.

BLOCK CHALLENGE TEAMS	NUMBER OF TEAM MEMBERS	REQUESTED MATCH FROM INVEST DSM	INVESTMENT BY PROPERTY OWNERS	PROPOSED PROJECT COSTS
26th-27th Streets	12	\$24,777.50	\$29,997.50	\$54,775.00
27th & Kingman	11	\$13,493.58	\$18,721.59	\$32,215.17
29th Street	14	\$22,667.74	\$28,032.81	\$50,700.55
Rutland Avenue	30	\$61,433.35	\$90,542.23	\$151,975.58
TOTALS:	67	\$122,372.17	\$167,294.13	\$289,666.30

"We are thrilled by the enthusiasm and effort we have experienced in the Drake Neighborhood for Invest DSM's mission, and we look forward to working with more Drake neighbors on this program next spring," said Civitate. "Thank you to all the homeowners who are working together to make this program possible, and a special thank you to our team captains: Nichole Aksamit Purcell, Cory McAnelly, Whitney Cox, Lilianna Bernstein, Ryan Arnold, and Courtney Ackerson—we couldn't do this without you!"

The program is ongoing, with applications reviewed monthly. It is open to homeowners and rental-property owners in any of the four special investment districts: Drake, Franklin, Oak Park/Highland Park, and Columbus Park. For more info or help forming a team with your neighbors, visit [www.InvestDSM.org](http://www.InvestDSM.org).



Signs like this denote some of the Drake-area homes that participated in Invest DSM's Block Challenge Grant program this summer.

## HOME RENOVATION PROGRAM ALSO NOW AVAILABLE

For larger home renovation projects, Invest DSM also recently launched a Homeowner Renovation Program. It provides homeowner grants for both interior and exterior projects in the special investment districts, especially those that increase the desirability of the home or improve its curb appeal.

Tiered grants of 25 to 40 percent (with a cap of \$64,000) are available on approved projects of up to \$220,000. The grant percentage and period of forgiveness increase with the scale of the project. For projects of up to \$35,000, the grant is a straightforward 25 percent grant. For more substantial projects, the percentage may go as high as 40 percent and is forgiven over a period of five, seven, or 10 years of continued living in the home. Christopher Civitate, outreach and engagement coordinator, said applications are accepted year-round. "We do have many people already interested in this program," he said. "And we are working through the list as quickly as possible." Interested homeowners may fill out the [Initial Interest Form](#) on Invest DSM's website to start the process.



# LUCKY HORSE OPENS IN DRAKE'S DOGTOWN

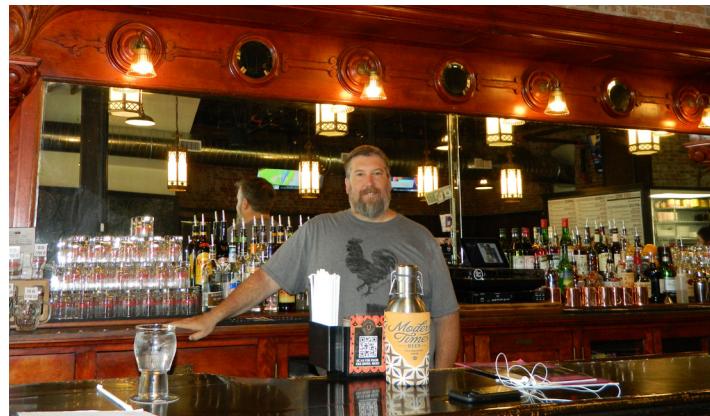
By Jennifer Sayers

After a four-month delay due to COVID-19, Lucky Horse Beer & Burgers has opened at 2331 University Ave. The Full Court Press bar/restaurant has a saloon sensibility, with booths, high-top tables, and a huge antique bar. The 1890s building, long home to CrazyHorse Guitars, also had housed another guitar shop, a music store, and a pharmacy over the years.

Drake Neighborhood resident and Full Court co-owner Jeff Bruning said the plan for Lucky Horse arose after an Opportunity Zones committee meeting in late 2018. "We looked at what wasn't already in the neighborhood for food you crave," said Bruning. "We wanted this to be a nice neighborhood hangout with food that goes great with beer and cocktails—something with more of a bar atmosphere but with food and a little bigger space. We also feel it's important to focus on affordable pricing for neighbors, as well as Drake students and staff."

The menu at Lucky Horse offers a range of burgers, flatbreads, salads, appetizers, sandwiches, desserts, and vegetarian options, including two popular veggie burgers. Beverages include craft beers from Carroll Brewing Co., which is located in Bruning's hometown, and they're experimenting with frozen cocktails that vary nightly.

"So far, we've received a lot of good feedback," said Bruning. "Because of COVID-19, we've had a smaller staff



Co-owner and Drake neighbor Jeff Bruning behind the antique bar at Lucky Horse Beer & Burgers. PHOTO BY JENNIFER SAYERS

and a slower pace, which has allowed us to better train employees and get to know our repeat customers."

Jackie Mu, general manager, said she wasn't familiar with the neighborhood but has come to love it. "Dogtown is a cool little spot with lots of small businesses and a great campus vibe," she said. "The Dogtown Burger, which features hot pepper bacon jam and Gouda cheese, is our best seller."

Under the Take Home header on the menu, you'll find four-pack and six-pack beer options, as well as mix-and-match six-packs of any beer, cider, or seltzer. The bar has its own canning machine, so customers can get cocktails and any draft beer canned to take home in three sizes.

Lucky Horse hopes to offer punch cards for students and others soon, and mailers with coupons will be sent out to residents in the near future. Call or stop in for some carry-out, and thank the folks at Lucky Horse for being a great Drake Neighborhood Association business sponsor!

**NEW NEIGHBORHOOD BAR & RESTAURANT  
EAST OF DRAKE UNIVERSITY!**

**LUCKY HORSE**  
BEER & BURGERS

LUCKYHORSEDSM.COM  
2331 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, DES MOINES





## COMING SOON (IN 2021): NEW VARSITY CINEMA

The nonprofit Des Moines Film Society has purchased the Varsity Theater on 25th Street with plans to rehabilitate the historic building and continue operating it as an art house cinema.

Film Society Board President Ben Godard said the renovated Varsity Cinema & Mahon Film Center will include a second screen microcinema on the second floor, an expanded lobby area, and a wider selection of concessions, including beer and wine. Accessibility will be improved via new bathrooms and an elevator to the second floor.

Godard said the new Varsity will continue the first-run, art house, and international films the theater has been known for. But with a second screen, it can offer a wider range, including special kids and family series, midnight movies, and classic film screenings.



A rendering of the restored Art Deco facade envisioned for the new Varsity Cinema & Mahon Film Center.  
COURTESY DES MOINES FILM SOCIETY

He said the Varsity also will serve as a community space and hub for both filmmakers and film lovers. The space will allow Des Moines Film Society to expand its efforts to support local filmmakers by providing new educational opportunities and a place for premiering local and regional films.

In the years to come, Des Moines Film plans to utilize the Varsity and partner venues in the neighborhood for a large-scale weekend film festival. More details on a capital campaign are expected later this year, with hopes for a grand opening of the renovated Varsity Cinema & Mahon Film Center in mid-to-late 2021.

## CASEY'S PLANS GAS-LESS MARKET ON FOREST

By Thomas Biedenfeld

Neighborhood Development Corporation (NDC), an integral part of the Drake Neighborhood's re-imagining, shared a new plan for the former Johnson & Sons property at 3121 Forest Ave. at a recent meeting of the Drake Neighborhood Association. Executive director Abbey Gilroy noted that NDC had originally planned to replace the former auto repair business with a 3,600-square-foot retail and restaurant strip. But she said,

as they began work on that plan, Casey's General Stores inquired about using the property for a neighborhood-scale market. The market—a convenience store without gas pumps—would be the first of its kind for Casey's. Representatives from Casey's said the neighborhood provides an exciting test market for the gas-less concept. While Casey's will be losing the gas pumps, they are making sure to bring their beloved pizza. Board members also urged Casey's to include affordable and healthy food offerings. Instead of setting the building at the back of the

lot, as had been proposed with the previous plan, the new market would nestle up to Forest Avenue, with parking tucked behind and parking entrances further from the intersection. Once opened, the store would have a full kitchen with hot food, and some fresh grocery and convenience-store items. Some city approvals and site work are needed before the project can proceed. But Gilroy said construction should take about three months and, pending approvals, the store could open as soon as spring or summer of 2021.

# >>> BRIEFS >>>

## BEAUTIFUL DRAKE PHOTO CONTEST: ENTER NOW!

The DNA is working on a new website and needs some fresh photos of the neighborhood—awesome people, buildings, architectural features, homes, gardens, trees, pets, art, parks, businesses, sunsets, sunrises, and the unique features that make Drake such a great place to live. Share yours with us at [info@drakeneighborhood.org](mailto:info@drakeneighborhood.org) or on our Facebook page, [@DrakeNeighborhoodAssociation](#) (please include #beautifuldrake and a note about what's pictured) for a chance to win a \$35 gift card to a Drake-area eatery. By sending your photo, you consent to its use by the DNA in all marketing and media. Each submitter will be entered in a drawing for several \$35 gift cards in October!

## LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX GENERATES \$38 MILLION

Des Moines voters last year approved a one-cent tax on sales (excluding groceries, gas, prescriptions, and some other exempt items). The tax was intended to share the cost of city services with people who visit, work, and play in Des Moines but do not currently live in or pay Des Moines property taxes. According to [the City of Des Moines](#), the tax generated \$38 million in its first year, \$1 million more than anticipated, and has allowed the city not just to forego a tax increase but also to cut the property tax rate by 60 cents without reducing services. View the city's annual expenditure report [here](#) for more details on how the money is being used.

## SEWER SEPARATION UPDATES

A major sewer separation project begun more than a year ago continues in the neighborhood and will affect these locations through early October:

- University from 21st to MLK
- 28th from Kingman to School
- 25th from University to Drake Park
- Drake Park from 23rd to 24th

## GET YOUR FLOWER REQUEST IN

It is time to order flowers for the neighborhood for spring of 2021. If you'd like to request flowers for a neighborhood right of way (such as a boulevard garden, curbside garden, or community garden), library, or school, please contact Lori Calhoun at [zotlc@aol.com](mailto:zotlc@aol.com) no later than Sept. 27 with your flower request. Flowers are not to be planted on a private homeowner's yard, a for-profit business property, or an organized religious group's land. The neighborhood must place its flower order by Sept. 28. Flowers will be available for pickup in the spring.



## POSTER SALES SUPPORT BLACK BUSINESS, BAIL FUND

Drake University journalism and graphic design student Hannah Cohen has created Des Moines city skyline posters (shown above) to sell as a fundraiser for Black-owned businesses and bail funds in Des Moines. The 16x20 posters are \$35 each. And you can designate where proceeds should go (a Des Moines Black-owned business or bail fund) when you order yours at [https://lnkd.in/eMj\\_NfU](https://lnkd.in/eMj_NfU).

## DRAKE TOGETHER COMPACT HELPS UNIVERSITY REOPEN

Prior to their mid-August return to campus, Drake University students were required to sign the Drake Together Compact. Intended to mitigate a potential outbreak of COVID-19, it outlined policies for mask-wearing, social distancing, COVID-19 testing,

and repercussions for noncompliance, including suspension and expulsion. The university temporarily removed 14 students from campus in August for violating the compact. Ryan Arnold, the university's director of community engagement, said residential students were tested for COVID-19 before they moved in, and students living on and off campus are subject to random testing though the Thanksgiving break, when students go home and complete the semester virtually. The University has also developed a contact-tracing process. Despite student-led petitions for greater transparency, the university is not releasing campus COVID-19 case numbers. It said on Sept. 10, however, that less than 10 percent of its 96 isolation quarters for students with COVID-19 had been used.

## DRAKE UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES NEW TWO-YEAR COLLEGE

Drake University announced this month the creation of the John Dee Bright College. The new college, to open in fall 2021, will offer two-year associate's degrees in either arts, sciences, and humanities or business, organization, and professional studies. University leaders hope the new college will make a Drake degree more accessible to more students. Those attending the new college will attend classes in a consistent three-hour block four times a week, leaving them more flexibility to maintain part- or full-time jobs while completing their studies. Annual tuition is set at \$18,500—higher than that of most public colleges and universities in Iowa but about 60 percent less than four-year bachelor's degree programs at Drake. The college is named for Johnny Bright, a 1952 Drake University graduate and football superstar. Bright brought national attention to the racist treatment of Black athletes in 1951, when he was targeted and brutally attacked on the field by opponents in a Drake Bulldogs vs. Oklahoma A&M Aggies football game.

# IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

By Nichole Aksamit Purcell



The Drake Neighborhood Association and Invest DSM encouraged neighbors to boost their spirits and beautify parks and streets by collecting litter as they took walks this summer. Pick-Me-Up Challenge participants who shared photos on Facebook were entered in drawings for \$35 gift cards to area eateries. Thanks to all who took a walk and helped keep Drake beautiful!

Representatives from the Drake Neighborhood and the Westside Chamber of Commerce helped Kum & Go celebrate the opening of a brand-new store (right) at its longtime location at 31st Street and University Avenue on August 27.



In the cone zone along University Avenue, between 28th and 25th Streets, construction crews made noticeable progress on the Harkin Institute (below, right), the Hilton Home2 Suites by Hilton Hotel (below, center), and the Nelson Development apartment complex (below, left).



# NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUE?

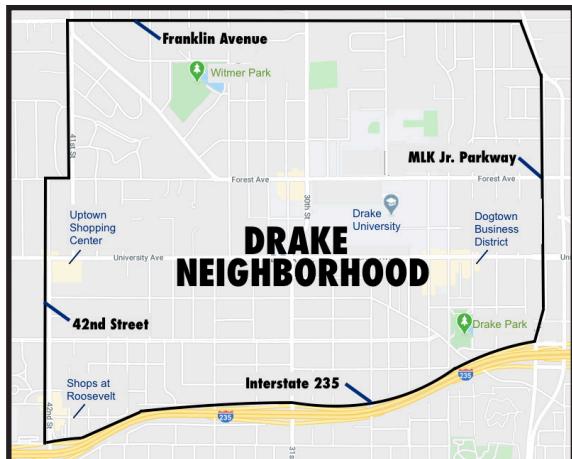
## NEIGHBORHOOD-BASED SERVICE DELIVERY TEAM

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

## DNA BOARD OFFICERS

- President Lori Calhoun: 515-240-6090, [zotlc@aol.com](mailto:zotlc@aol.com)
- Vice President Jason Stuyvesant: 515-778-9669, [jasons@realestateconcepts.net](mailto:jasons@realestateconcepts.net)
- Treasurer Mark Schneider: 515-277-4268, [marks1809@aol.com](mailto:marks1809@aol.com)

## HERE'S WHO TO CALL



IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911!

- Secretary Thomas Biedenfeld: 515-402-7534, [thomasbiedenfeld@gmail.com](mailto:thomasbiedenfeld@gmail.com)

## 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 Information Center: 515-283-4500
- Animal Control & Shelter: 515-242-2720
- Graffiti Hotline: 515-248-6331
- Weed Control: 515-286-3005, [weedcommission@polkcountyiowa.gov](mailto:weedcommission@polkcountyiowa.gov)

## HELPFUL RESOURCES FOR DIFFICULT TIMES

### COVID-19 INFORMATION

- [City of Des Moines](#)
- [State of Iowa](#)
- [Iowa Department of Public Health](#)
- [U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention](#)

### 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 [here](#).
- [Iowa Legal Aid](#) provides free legal help to eligible Iowans in all 99 counties and offers advice on legal issues related to COVID-19 and natural disasters, like the recent derecho. Click the link above or

contact Kristie Kunstman-Stern at 1-800-532-1275 ext. 1648 or [kkstern@iowalaw.org](mailto:kkstern@iowalaw.org).

### HUMAN & CIVIL RIGHTS

- The [Iowa Department of Human Rights](#) advocates for underrepresented Iowans and educates individuals, businesses, and government entities about the needs, rights, and responsibilities of all Iowans.
- The [Iowa Civil Rights Commission](#) enforces state and federal laws that prohibit discrimination in employment, public accommodations, housing, education, and 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 at [yourlifeiowa.org](#).
- 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. Your kit may include LED bulbs, a power strip, a water-saving shower head and more—shipped straight to your home or apartment.

# GOOD TO KNOW

By Nichole Aksamit Purcell



## ITEM TO GET RID OF?

Dumping furniture, mattresses, tires, branches, tree limbs, and other large items near dumpsters, on curbs, or along alleyways is not only prohibited in Des Moines. It's also unneighborly, unsightly, and unsafe. It attracts pests, invites more dumping, and impedes traffic.

### INSTEAD OF DUMPING, TRY ONE OF THESE OPTIONS:

**SELL IT:** Post your item for sale or for free on Facebook Marketplace, Nextdoor, or Letgo. Someone might happily haul it away—and even pay you for it. Just don't leave items on the curb for pickup without a sticker, which can get you a ticket.

**DONATE IT:** Many charities will accept and even arrange to pick up good used furniture, working electronics, building materials, and appliances.

(Note: Mattresses are typically not accepted.)

**RECYCLE IT:** MidAmerican Energy has an appliance recycling program that picks up and pays \$50 for working stoves and fridges and \$25 for working AC units. Call 1-800-621-2757.

**SCRUB IT:** Drop it at a designated drop-off site during city SCRUB (Spring Cleanup to Reduce Urban Blight) events, held the third Saturday of the month, March through November. During SCRUB events, disposal is free with proof of residency in Des Moines. Visit the Public Works SCRUB calendar at [dsm.city](http://dsm.city) for upcoming dates.

**STICKER IT:** Buy and apply extra-trash, compost, or large-item pickup stickers (available at the service counter at local grocery stores) and place stickered items on the curb on your usual collection day. A \$1

extra-trash sticker covers smaller items like small TVs and computer monitors, a \$1.25 compost-it sticker covers Christmas trees, a \$5 sticker covers most furniture items and twin/full-sized mattresses, two \$5 stickers cover larger mattresses, and you'll need seven \$5 stickers (and a call to Public Works) for appliances.

**HAUL IT:** Take it to one of the metro area's landfills. Unless it's during a SCRUB event, this is usually your most expensive option, as there's typically a per-vehicle load fee, plus per-item fees for electronics and larger items that can be disassembled and recycled. Visit [mwatoday.com](http://mwatoday.com) for more information.

**SEE DUMPING?  
REPORT IT!** Use the My DSM Mobile app or the My DSM function at [dsm.city](http://dsm.city) to report illegal dumping.

# WAYS TO ENGAGE

## 1 BECOME A MEMBER

You can join or renew as a member of the Drake Neighborhood Association three ways: by credit card at [drakeneighborhood.org/membership-signup](http://drakeneighborhood.org/membership-signup); with cash or check at one of our meetings; or with your name, address, telephone number, email, and a check 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 and email blasts, 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.

## 2 COME TO A MEETING

The Drake Neighborhood Association board generally meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month with public presentations beginning at 7 p.m. During COVID-19, we're meeting virtually. (Check for updates on our Facebook page, on the Nextdoor app, and at [drakeneighborhood.org](http://drakeneighborhood.org).) Our next meetings are Oct. 14, Nov. 4, and Dec. 9. [Click here to register](#) for these virtual meetings.

## 3 LIKE AND FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

It's a great way to stay in the loop about what's happening in the neighborhood, find volunteer opportunities, and connect with other neighbors. So please find,

like, and follow us on Facebook ([@DrakeNeighborhoodAssociation](#)).

## 4 VOLUNTEER

Drake is a big neighborhood, full of diverse people and talents. Why not match your passions and skills with a neighborhood project? Whether it's for a single event or an ongoing opportunity (like marketing, beautification, or neighbor outreach), tell us what you're interested in, and we'll find a project for you. We need LOTS of people to help out (even just a little) throughout the year. Just email your name, address, and a sentence or two about yourself and the things you'd like to help with to [info@drakeneighborhood.org](mailto:info@drakeneighborhood.org). Or see below for current volunteer opportunities. Many hands make light work!

## >>> CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We need volunteers to help with the following this fall, winter, and spring:

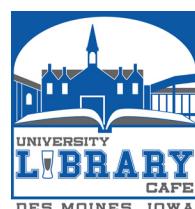
- Social Media
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Beautification

We also need DNA Board Members from all corners of the neighborhood. Consider running for a 2021-22 term in December. Contact Lori Calhoun at [zotlc@aol.com](mailto:zotlc@aol.com) if you are interested!

## NEWS TO SHARE?

Please send details (including time, date, and location) to [info@drakeneighborhood.org](mailto:info@drakeneighborhood.org) by **Nov. 15** for consideration in our next quarterly newsletter. Produced entirely by volunteers, it publishes Dec. 1.

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