



Quarterly Meeting
 Tuesday, November 13 at 7 pm
 Grand Suite, 3801 Grand Avenue

Guest Speaker:
 Steve Wilke – Shapiro

Topic: State Historic Tax Credits

Come and learn how you can apply for funds to improve your home!

NOG Board Elections

Come to the November 13th meeting and cast your vote. If you are interested in serving on the board of directors, please contact board member Nathan DeCock. The following seats are up for re-election or are open this year;

Secretary:	Sarah Oltrogge
At-Large:	Justin Gross
At-Large:	Colleen Kinney
At-Large:	Matt Coen

Board members meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. Attendance at Quarterly membership meetings is also an expectation. Also, participation on committees/events is requested. Terms start Jan 1st 2013.

B Stylin'

The NOG t-shirts are in!!! Thank you all for your patience while waiting for the order of t-shirts. You can pick up your t-shirt at our Annual Meeting Nov 13 at 7pm or you can email Justin Gross at justingross2@gmail.com to set up a time for him to drop off the t-shirt. Please make checks payable to "North of Grand Neighborhood Association."

As a reminder – SM-XL are \$18, XXL t-shirts are \$20.

Good news! The t-shirts have been so popular we have decided to submit a second order. If you would like to purchase the NOG t-shirt, you can find the order form on our Web site, www.northofgrandneighborhood.org. Please submit your form no later than December 21, 2012.



	AMERICAN APPAREL TR 401 HEATHER GREY UNISEX SIZES SM - XXL 100% COTTON ACTUAL COLOR & SIZES MAY VARY
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Thank you to all who have supported NOG by purchasing this t-shirt and please wear it with pride!





**Des Moines Community Action Agency
Energy Assistance – LIHEAP –
for 2012-2013 Winter
Applications accepted November 1, 2012
through April 30, 2013**



Historic District October Updates

Another portion of the North of Grand neighborhood is one step closer to becoming listed to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). On Oct. 12, 2012, the State of Iowa's National Register Nominating Review Committee unanimously voted to approve the Greenwood Park Plats Historic District (39th to 42nd Street and Center Street to Grand Avenue) to be sent to the National Park Service (with recommended revisions) for its review.

Another part of the North of Grand neighborhood has already been named to the National Register of Historic Places in 2000, which is the Middlesex Plat National Historic District, located between 31st and 35th Streets and from Center Street to Woodland Avenue.

We are proud of our neighborhood and what it has become: an urban center with safe streets, affordable and historic homes and close proximity to shopping, dining, mass transportation, medical clinics and churches. With this nomination, we honor the visionaries who built the area into what it is today. This nomination captures significant architecture, people and events of the area. And we honor our history by remembering.

Owners of properties may choose to rehabilitate structures in a manner that is sympathetic to the historic resources of the proposed district. If they choose to rehabilitate their property, owners can take pride in the improvements, which we hope in turn will help reduce blight, curb crime and boost the economic vitality of the area. These are financial incentives that can help make sure that some of these historic structures will be around perhaps another century.

The Greenwood Park Plats research project a collaborative effort undertaken by the North of Grand Neighborhood Association, Community Development Department at the City of Des Moines, and supported in part by the State Historical Society of Iowa's Historical Resource Development Program (HRDP), Polk County Community Betterment grant program, Drake University history interns; private donations; and volunteer resources.

It is our hope that this nomination will honor this area's contributions to the history of Des Moines and the history of Iowa. Thanks for supporting what (we proudly believe) is one of the most attractive, mixed-use historic neighborhoods in Iowa.

DID YOU KNOW??

Just a reminder for the proper disposal of leaves, if you decide to rake your yard this fall. The most common disposal method in Des Moines is with yard waste bags. You must use bags that have the "Metro Waste Authority" logo on them. If you use any other type bag or box you must put an authorized waste tag on it. These can be purchased at some local grocery and hardware stores. Remember, curb pick-up items should be put on the curb no more than 12 hours prior to pick up and containers removed within 12 hours after pick-up. You are NOT allowed to rake or sweep leaves into the street or onto the sidewalk:

Sec. 98-115. Disposal of yard debris.(1) A degradable bag bearing the Compost It! logo of the Metro Waste Authority and sold for that purpose by the Metro Waste Authority;(2) A 64- or 96-gallon solid waste container issued by the public works department and bearing a sticker issued by the public works department designating such container for use for collection of yard debris;

(3) A cardboard box not larger than 24 x 24 x 36 inches or degradable store brand yard waste paper bag bearing a sticker issued by the Metro Waste Authority designating such box or bag for use for collection of yard debris; or

(4) Such bags, containers, boxes, or bundles, when placed for collection, shall not contain more than 40 pounds of yard debris.

(c) There shall be no limit on the number of bags, containers, boxes, or bundles of yard debris that may be placed for collection on a single collection day, unless a limit is temporarily imposed by the city manager in an emergency situation.

Sec. 98-115. Composting

(d) As an alternative to the placement of yard debris in bags, containers, boxes, or bundles for curbside collection, persons owning or residing in single-family residences may dispose of yard debris by composting, if such composting meets the following requirements:

(1) Composting may be conducted on the premises of a single-family residence only if the lot upon which the residence is located has an area of not less than 5,000 square feet.

(2) A compost pile shall not be located less than 50 feet from any neighboring dwelling.

(3) Each compost pile shall be fenced to screen it from view from neighboring residences and to prevent wind from scattering debris.

(4) Compost piles shall be established and maintained in accordance with recognized guidelines or those provided to the city's solid waste collection customers or otherwise published by the public works department; provided, however, that household food waste, scrap food or garbage shall not be composted with or added to a yard debris compost pile.

(5) Compost piles which are not properly fenced resulting in the dispersal of debris or which create odors resulting in complainants by neighboring residents or which, in the judgment of the public works department sanitation superintendent or the office of environmental health, create a risk of fire or other threat to public health, safety, or welfare shall, when so ordered by the sanitation superintendent or the office of environmental health, be removed from the premises and disposed of by curbside collection as provided in this section.

Sec. 102-9. Bonfires.

No person, either by himself or herself or through his or her employee, agent or servant, shall rake or place leaves, grass or any rubbish or material on any street, sidewalk, parking, alley or public grounds or set fire to or attempt to burn or to burn the material on any street, sidewalk, border area, alley or public ground.

If you have any questions on disposal of leaves, or anything else give me a call.

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What's Happening on the West Side??

Check in with the
West Side Chamber

301 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50309

Ph: 515-309-3266



**Des Moines West Side
Chamber of Commerce**

NOG Memberships

In efforts to streamline the process of how memberships are renewed - paper invoices were mailed to everyone in February- which were for the calendar year of 2012. It is not too early to renew for 2013! If you have any questions - please contact Kimberly Hansen at 279-2684.

2013 Dues:

General Membership is open to everyone.

Voting members must live, work, rent, or own property within the NOG boundaries

Individual:	\$12 per year
Household:	\$22 per year
Business:	\$30 per year
Patron:	\$50 per year

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2013 Memberships

Please consider joining or renewing your membership

We value your support!

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Neighborhood Based Service Delivery

If you have concerns about a problem in your neighborhood or have a question regarding city services and you're not sure who to call, please contact the following individuals: **Des Moines Police Dept. Sgt. Vince Valdez or City Code Enforcement Inspector Ed Leedom 283-4183.**



Website: www.northofgrandneighborhood.org



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