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**Quarterly Meeting**  
Tuesday Feb 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm  
El Patio Restaurant  
611 37<sup>th</sup> Street

**Guest Speakers:**

**Melanie Hopkins / Everybody Wins! Iowa**

**&**

**Jean Jones / West Side Chamber**



**Everybody Wins! Iowa** is a literacy and mentoring organization that is dedicated to increasing children's success in school through reading and mentoring experiences with caring volunteers.

**How Does Everybody Win?**

**Students win** by enjoying consistent and positive interactions with caring adults.

**Volunteers win** by enjoying meaningful and worthwhile experiences and the satisfaction of knowing they are making a positive impact on the future of a young child.

**Schools win** by seeing improvement in their students' literacy skills without assuming any administrative burden or cost.

For more information:  
(515) 277-7590

[volunteer@everybodywinsiaowa.org](mailto:volunteer@everybodywinsiaowa.org)  
[www.everybodywinsiaowa.org](http://www.everybodywinsiaowa.org)



**Upcoming West Side Chamber Events**

**Business After Hours**

February 7, 2013

4:30 PM ~ 6:30 PM

Pigott, Inc., 3815 Ingersoll Ave., Des Moines

**West Side Chamber Annual Member Celebration**

February 12, 2013

5:00 PM ~ 7:30 PM

**Wake Up West Side**

February 20, 2013

7:30 AM ~ 8:30 AM

Children's Cancer Connection, 1221 Center St., #12, Des Moines

**Business After Hours**

March 7, 2013

4:30 PM ~ 6:30 PM

Qdoba, 2105 Ingersoll Ave., Des Moines

**Wake Up West Side**

March 20, 2013

7:30 AM ~ 8:30 AM

US Bank, 3529 Ingersoll Ave., Des Moines

**[www.desmoineswestsidechamber.org](http://www.desmoineswestsidechamber.org)**

## NOG Area News.....

### Greenwood Park Plats National Historic District

In 2011-12, North of Grand received \$3,500 in Polk County Community Betterment grant funds, and \$16,450 from the State of Iowa Historical Resource Development Program (HRDP) grant program, and volunteers donated about 1,000 hours of service to the project. We appreciate everyone's contributions and participation! A nomination for the Greenwood Park Plats National Historic District (39<sup>th</sup> to 42<sup>nd</sup> and from Grand to Center) has been approved by the State National Register Nominating Committee in October 2012. The State Historic Preservation sent the nomination for review at the National Park Service in January 2013 to be considered in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

NRHP designation honors this area's contributions to Polk County's history and opens the door for those residents to apply for state historic tax credits when rehabilitating their properties. The Middlesex National Historic District (31<sup>st</sup> to 35<sup>th</sup> Streets, Woodland to Center) was listed to the NRHP in 2000. With this designation, there are no restrictions on the property in the use, development or sale of private historic property. Tax credits are an invaluable financial incentive for property owners to invest in their historic property. This translates into increased property assessments, and in turn, additional future revenue for local governments. Residents will take pride in their rehabilitated properties, which will reduce blight, curb crime and boost the economic vitality of the area. For more specific information about financial incentives, please go to <http://www.iowahistory.org/historic-preservation/tax-incentives-for-rehabilitation/state-tax-credits/index.html>.

In 2013, some residents want to see if another area of our neighborhood may have historical or architectural significance. Here is a 1917 plat map of Rhoads Heights (37<sup>th</sup> to 38<sup>th</sup> Streets and from Ingersoll to Woodland Avenue) from Polk County.

If you want to help with researching or sharing old documents for the project, please contact Sarah Oltrogge at 971-4364 or Sarah.Oltrogge@earthlink.net, or Colleen Kinney at 664-9183 or [mcfet6@mchsi.com](mailto:mcfet6@mchsi.com).

### 2013 NOG NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 7 pm  
May 14<sup>th</sup> 7 pm  
Aug 12<sup>th</sup> 7 pm  
Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 7 pm

### Ingersoll-Grand SSMID District Approved

The expansion of the Ingersoll SSMID District was approved by the Des Moines City Council on January 28<sup>th</sup>. The district will complement the previously established Ingersoll-Grand Avenue TIF District and provide the necessary economic development and financing opportunities required to complete and maintain the Ingersoll and Grand Avenue Streetscape and Infrastructure improvements.

#### About SSMID's:

A SSMID District is defined as a Self-Sustaining Municipal Improvement District. Districts consist of contiguous areas of commercial property. SSMID Districts function by applying an additional tax levy to commercial properties within the district. The funds raised by the additional levy are managed by a board of directors and are designated to benefit the district. Possible uses include physical improvements, economic development, events, marketing of the district, maintenance, and administration costs. In order to be considered for SSMID designation, 25% of total assessed value, 25% of owners, and 25% of unique property owners must petition the City Council for approval. In the case of the Ingersoll-Grand District, nearly 60% of the assessed value signed the petition. It is important to note, the additional tax levy does not affect properties with residential zoning.

#### Background:

Since 1998, a group of dedicated business and property owners, along with city staff, neighborhood representatives, and civic minded volunteers have worked to accomplish a streetscape pilot project between 28<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Streets along Ingersoll. The group has initiated and funded a revitalization plan for the entire district, and taken official steps with city government to establish a TIF district, among other economic development tools to expedite implementation of streetscape improvements and other recommendations of the revitalization plan. Funds raised throughout the past fourteen years have been used to contribute to the streetscape construction as well as formation of future plans for the district, and support and consensus throughout the community.

Questions: Contact Ted Irvine [tirvine@themansion-interiors.com](mailto:tirvine@themansion-interiors.com) or Matt Coen [mcoen@realizeyourvision.net](mailto:mcoen@realizeyourvision.net)

### 2013 NOG Neighborhood Events

Do you have an idea for a neighborhood event?  
Help us plan our 2013 NOG  
neighborhood events!

Contact Kimberly Hansen at 279-2684 or  
[kimberlyhansen@aol.com](mailto:kimberlyhansen@aol.com)

## DID YOU KNOW??



### **FREE Larger Tree Debris Disposal for Des Moines Residences Saturday February 16th 7 am – 2 pm at MWA**

The Public Works Dept has arranged for residents to dispose of **larger tree debris**, free of charge, at to the Metro Waste Compost Facility at 1601 Harriett Street.

**Residents must take the debris to MWA Compost Facility from 7 AM to 2 PM on Saturday February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013.** These provisions for the disposal of tree debris do not apply to business and commercial tree services.

**Curb Removal:** Residents must cut branches and smaller tree debris into 4-foot lengths and pack it into bundles 1 ½ foot in diameter. Property owners that brush, limbs and yard debris in the yard or on the right of way is in violation of city ordinance. The following is the ordinance and procedures to deposit of such items. These items found in the yard will receive a 14 day notice to clean up. These items on the "parking" right of way will receive a 48 hour notice to clean.

Depositing or storing outside a completely enclosed building items that constitute a threat to the public health, safety or welfare, including but not limited to the following: old or scrap rope, rags, batteries, paper, trash, rubber debris, tires, waste, used lumber or salvaged wood, inoperable machinery or appliances or parts of such machinery or appliances, vehicular component parts, iron, steel, old or scrap household goods or hardware, cut brush or wood including dead or decaying plant material except as contained in a compost pile or orderly stacked firewood if cut in lengths of four feet or less.

Requirements for Brush and Branches:

Branches must be cut to 4 foot lengths or less and tied in bundles

Bundles cannot exceed 1.5 feet in diameter

Limbs must be 2 ½ inches in diameter or less (limbs, stumps, or logs larger than this will not be collected)

Weight limit for each bundle is 40 lbs.

Attach a "Compost it!" sticker to each bundle

Tree debris bundles must be placed on the curb with a Compost It Sticker® on it for pick up on the regular Solid Waste collection day.

For more information citizens should call the Public Works 24 hour Customer Call Center at (515)-283 4950.

**Ed Leedom N.B.S.D. [elleedom@dmgov.org](mailto:elleedom@dmgov.org)**

**515-283-4183 –office**

**515-208-0299 - cell**



## NOG Memberships

In efforts to streamline the process of how memberships are renewed - paper invoices will be mailed to everyone in February- for the calendar year of 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

North of Grand Neighborhood Association  
P.O. Box 12027  
Des Moines, IA 50312

2013 Memberships  
Please consider joining or  
renewing your membership  
**We value your support!**

## North of Grand Neighborhood Association

### Board of Directors

- **President:** Kimberly Hansen 279-2684  
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## Get the New NOG T

Contact:  
Justin Gross at  
[justingross2@gmail.com](mailto:justingross2@gmail.com).

Please make checks payable to  
"North of Grand Neighborhood  
Association"

SM-XL are \$18, XXL t-shirts are \$20.

Website: [www.northofgrandneighborhood.org](http://www.northofgrandneighborhood.org)



Find us on FACEBOOK: [www.facebook.com/north.of.grand.dsm](http://www.facebook.com/north.of.grand.dsm)



## 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 971-0786** or **City Code Enforcement Inspector Ed Leedom 283-4183**.