

# NORTH OF GRAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### I-235 FREEWAY CLEANUP

Be a part of the crew that keeps our freeways litter-free. Meet at 7:45 a.m. Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, at Fire Station #5, 707 42<sup>nd</sup> St. Bring gloves. Wear long pants and comfortable shoes. If you'd like to volunteer for the event or to be one of the organizers, please contact Peter Tubbs at [petert45@gmail.com](mailto:petert45@gmail.com).

### NEWSLETTER

Volunteers are also needed to fill this newsletter a few times a year, mainly about the people and events taking place here. Please email Peter Tubbs at [petert45@gmail.com](mailto:petert45@gmail.com) if you'd like to submit a photo or story.

## ORDER YOUR T-SHIRT

### PAYMENTS DUE OCTOBER 1st

Official North Of Grand t-shirts are now available for purchase! They are a great way to promote our neighborhood. Small, medium and large t-shirts cost \$18, and extra large are \$20. They come in grey in color and are made by American Apparel, which means high quality and less likely to fade or shrink. If you are interested in purchasing a shirt the deadline is October 1, 2014. Email Justin Gross at [justingross2@gmail.com](mailto:justingross2@gmail.com) with your name, telephone number and size or sizes of shirts. Please put "t-shirt" in the memo line of your check. If you signed up at the National Night Out, there is no need to sign up again for a t-shirt, just send us your payment before Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> to P.O. Box 12027, Des Moines, IA 50312. Also, for updates about making payments via our soon-to-be established North of Grand PayPal account, please visit <http://northofgrandneighborhood.org/>.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### OPEN STREETS

About a mile of University Avenue transforms into a car-free venue to bike, skate, listen to live music and play games, noon to 4 p.m., Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, near 33<sup>rd</sup> Street and University Avenue. Stop by our historic photo exhibit. Info: [www.dsmove.org](http://www.dsmove.org)

### FALL TREE PLANTING

Thanks to those residents who signed up to plant and care for a street tree. We will contact you soon when those trees will be available. Info: Michael Chilton at [mbchilton@gmail.com](mailto:mbchilton@gmail.com)

### ANNUAL MEETING

Learn more about these community-building activities at our upcoming annual meeting and election 2-3:30 p.m. Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, Scottish Rite Park Penthouse, 2909 Woodland Ave. Please bring a sweet treat to share. Tea and coffee provided. International privacy expert and neighbor Rebecca Herold will give tips to protect your personal information as we head into the holidays. Info: [www.privacyguidance.com](http://www.privacyguidance.com)

### BEAUTIFICATION

Kudos to the City of Des Moines Greenhouse, the dozens of volunteers, and coordinator Mark Siegfried. The lovely corner flower plantings and at BridgePark help create community, curb crime, reduce speeding and deter dumping. Over 7,000 annuals have been ordered for 2015, so contact Mark Siegfried at [marksally2@gmail.com](mailto:marksally2@gmail.com) if you'd like to help.

### Website:

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

### Find us on FACEBOOK:

[www.facebook.com/northofgrand.dsm](http://www.facebook.com/northofgrand.dsm)



### NOG Memberships

If you haven't already, please visit our website, <http://northofgrandneighborhood.org/> to learn about renewing via PayPal, or mail your check to:

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

### 2014 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

If you haven't already, please consider joining or renewing your membership! We value your support!



### UPCOMING SCRUB DAYS 2014

Sept. 20: 7 AM-1 PM MEGA SCRUB, Bell Avenue Business Park, 1901 Bell Ave.  
7 AM-2 PM MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave.  
7 AM-2 PM MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett  
Oct. 18 & Nov. 15: 7 AM-2 PM MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave.  
7 AM-2 PM MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett  
For more information:  
[www.dmgov.org/Departments/PublicWorks](http://www.dmgov.org/Departments/PublicWorks)

### WITH GRATITUDE ...

To Sarah Oltrogge for her many years of service to the North of Grand Board of Directors. If you are curious about upcoming board openings, please contact Justin Gross at [justingross2@gmail.com](mailto:justingross2@gmail.com) or Sarah Oltrogge at [sarah.oltrogge@earthlink.net](mailto:sarah.oltrogge@earthlink.net)

## CENTER-SOLL HISTORY PROJECT

### CONSULTANT CHOSEN

Architectural historian Jennifer Irsfeld James, MAHP has been chosen to survey the history and architecture from 35<sup>th</sup> to 38<sup>th</sup> Streets. She meets the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards and owns a consulting firm, Jennifer James Communications, LC. Contact: (515) 250-7196 or [jenjames123@gmail.com](mailto:jenjames123@gmail.com). We need your help gathering data to determine whether this third portion of our neighborhood may be eligible to the National Register of Historic Places. The City of Des Moines and North of Grand truly appreciate the generous support of the State Historic Society of Iowa's Certified Local Government Grant Program, Polk County Community Betterment Grant Program, Neighborhood Investment Corp., and your membership dues. Info: Colleen Kinney at 664-9183 or [northofgrandpresident@gmail.com](mailto:northofgrandpresident@gmail.com)



## ARCHITECTURAL WALKING TOUR

10-11:30 AM, OCT. 11<sup>TH</sup>, MEET AT 685 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET

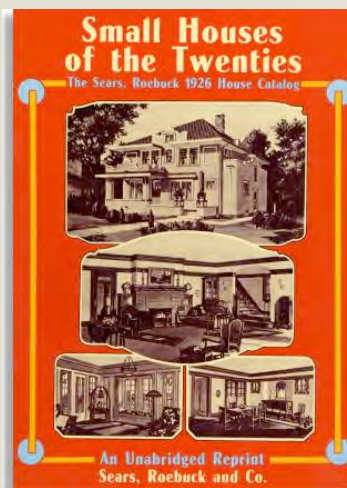
Stroll about 1-2 miles through parts of the Middlesex National Historic District. Architect Tom Wollan will describe the various housing styles that dominate NOG and development of this unique part of the neighborhood.

Have you ever wondered what the difference is between a bungalow and a Cape Cod? Why do some houses in our neighborhood have brick foundations and others have cement block? What is a divided lite? A broken pediment? A rafter tail?

Join us for this walking tour and learn to identify the unique characteristics of the homes in our neighborhoods. Bring a camera or a sketch pad. And lots of questions!

All are welcome!

Free.



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### CITY CONTACTS

- Police: Vince Valdez, 971-0786
- Inspections: Jon Raleigh, 283-4046
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## DES MOINES MARATHON – OCTOBER 19

BETWEEN 8:30 AND 9:30 AM

Cheer for Des Moines Marathon runners at the top of Tonawanda Hill at Grand Avenue  
More info at [www.desmoinesmarathon.com](http://www.desmoinesmarathon.com)