

Watrous Heights Neighborhood Association

Neighbors Meeting

AGENDA

Neighbors Meeting Monday May 16th 2022 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting is in the South Union Elementary School Library (room 201).

The Current School System rules regarding Covid is that wearing facemask during the meeting is **OPTIONAL** We will have facemasks available at the meeting for anyone that wants to wear a facemask for the Covid-19 protection provided.

For any of our neighbors that are eligible for the Vaccine and have not yet received their vaccination; Please get vaccinated. It is free. Many pharmacies do not require an appointment. Your vaccination will supply protection for you, your family, and your neighbors. We thank all of you that have been fully vaccinated.

For Any Neighbor attending our **WHNA Meeting for the first time** at South Union Elementary School; you will need to enter the building from the East Parking Lot.

You must enter that lot from East Leach Ave at the east end of the School Building. You will see a couple of our Watrous Heights Yard Signs promoting the meeting; which will be placed on both sides of the driveway entering from East Leach Avenue into the East Parking Lot.

Drive toward the south side of the lot and you will see a double-door entrance into the school. That is the Entrance you need to use. If the door is locked when you get there, you will see a buzzer just to the right side of the doors. Push the buzzer and someone will come to let you inside.

We meet in the Library (room 201). The Library is directly ahead (west) down the hallway on you right side (North Side). The meetings start at 6:00 pm. I am normally in the Library getting set-up by 5:45 pm.

Our Featured Speaker is Maggie McClelland, Director of Iowa Confluence Water Trails. She will be talking about the \$125 million effort to create a regional water trails network, including the addition of **three whitewater amenities** to the Raccoon and Des Moines Rivers in downtown Des Moines.

You will have an opportunity to ask her questions.

WHNA Support People Reports:

Josh Raleigh, City Inspector. Josh will update status regarding homes now scheduled to be demolished in the WHNA area. He often will provide information regarding homes in our area that will be demolished eventually. He will also answer questions from the neighbors.

Joel Van Roekel, Parks and Rec. He normally updates the latest timely information regarding Parks and Rec events. Joel also will answer questions regarding what his department does to help our neighbors. This help covers a wide range of help and/or projects.

Sgt. Scarlet. She will review current crime reports for the WHNA area. She will also answer questions you may have. She also will answer questions or make suggestions for you regarding how to handle any local area of concern you may have regarding the police; if she is available for this meeting.

WHNA has grown. Official approval.

Need more on WHNA Board – especially from newer areas.

Need volunteers to help on special projects like NNO event.

This summer – we want to set up local neighbor gatherings. If you have a space, we will help put it together.

Andrea and Brad with help from their daughters just had a gathering. That was the first of these local neighbor gathering events for this summer.

Until the Covid risk is completely defeated; we are planning on scheduling as many outside events as we can; like the National Night Out Event in August and hopefully, several other smaller, more restrictive block-parties. This will depend on the CDC and City limitations for meeting sizes and any required covid restrictions.

Any Neighbor that believes they have any area that would be good for a block party or even just for a Neighborhood Meeting to be held outside, weather permitting; please email me or contact me at (515) 287-1976.

We also expect to have Lt. Larry Davey from the Des Moines Police Department at our WHNA meeting. Lt. Davey will be retiring very soon, and this will be our last chance to thank him for his years of service and for the many times he has been at our meetings and helped WHNA.

Dave Johnston, President
Watrous Heights Neighborhood Association

Close of WHNA Neighbors Meeting. The WHNA Zoom Board Meeting follows immediately and is open to anyone that wants to attend.