



A Quarterly Newsletter of the
Salisbury Oaks Neighborhood Association [SONA]
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Neighbors joining to build a better community

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Join your neighbors for SONA's celebration of "National Night Out" with a Potluck Picnic!

Tuesday, August 2 6:00-8:00
Greenwood Park Shelter &
Splash pad (open till 8:00 for us)

Bring a salad, side, or dessert
Beverages, BBQ sliders, &
table service provided
Live music



President's message...

SONA neighbors,

It's a privilege and pleasure for me to introduce myself to you. My husband, Paolo Bartesaghi, and I moved to 43rd Street in 2000 and have enjoyed every moment of this wonderful neighborhood. We have three English cocker spaniels that keep us entertained. I work as Sr. data analyst for Wright Service Corp in Des Moines and am also treasurer for The Bridge which is a downtown organization of four churches that sponsor The Connection Café, a free mid-day meal provided to those who are homeless and the working poor. I enjoy baking and playing the piano/organ and can sometimes be heard striking the carillon bells at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral on Sunday mornings.



The newly elected SONA Board meets regularly and is energetic and busy at work with developing a new website, creating a calendar of events, and promoting SONA throughout the area and beyond. Be sure to mark your calendars for the National Neighborhood Night Out on August. 2 at Greenwood Park (Jay Spence enclosed shelter) at 6:00pm. Drinks and meat will be provided so we ask that you bring a side/salad/dessert to share.

Our new website address is...www.sonadsm.com

Please continue to enjoy your summer in this fantastic neighborhood and continue to welcome new neighbors. Don't hesitate to contact me or the Board with any ideas, questions, or concerns.

Thank you and I look forward to getting to know you.

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Tree Happenings in our Community

Re-creating the canopy along Grand Avenue

For the last few years Trees Forever has been planting a variety of species of trees along Grand Avenue. Volunteers have planted trees from Central Campus to 42nd Street and plan to continue west to 63rd Street. The plan is to recreate the canopy similar to one that existed along Grand until Dutch Elm Disease hit Des Moines in the 1960s. Red Buds, Dogwoods, Chinkapin Oak, and Kentucky Coffee trees have been planted.



Trees planted at no charge in front of your house!

Des Moines residents have the opportunity to have a tree planted on the space near the street in the right-of-way area at no charge. There are a limited number of trees available. You will receive a letter notifying you once they have received your request. Visit DSM.city/Forestry/Street Tree Program to order your tree.

Interested in Saving an Ash Tree?

Apply to preserve an ash tree near you subject to removal due to the Emerald Ash Borer insect. Due to the ongoing environmental damage and loss of ash trees to this invasive insect, the City has been working since 2007 to treat and remove ash trees on public property and City parks. The City is responsible for the cost of all removals, but is looking for residents who are interested in preserving ash trees that are located on City right-of-way or in parks, at their own expense.



Interested in saving an ash tree? Complete the required paperwork by submitting an Application that may be obtained from the City of Des Moines Public Works Forestry Division. They will contact you so they can visit to evaluate the condition of the ash tree to determine if it is healthy enough to be saved. You will be notified whatever the outcome. There is a list of qualified contractors who can provide the injection treatment which is 99.9% effective. The applicant must then coordinate with the contractor and pay for the treatment of the tree. For more information visit DSM.city/AdoptATree

Benefits

There are many reasons to plant trees in our neighborhood. According to the Coalition For Iowa's Woodlands and Trees, many benefits are provided by trees...

- Shade and energy savings
- Improved water quality
- Storm water management
- Pollinator and wildlife habitat
- Increased property values
- Beauty in our communities

Support the association that supports you!!!

Renew or become a member of
**Salisbury Oaks Neighborhood
Association**

Dues: \$10 per household per calendar year Join now for 2022

Mail this form with your check to: SONA, PO Box 12042, Des Moines, IA 50312

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **E-mail** _____

Salisbury Oaks Neighborhood Association Calendar

July 14..... SONA Board meeting
Aug 2..... Annual Picnic & quarterly membership meeting
Sept. TBA Board meeting
Nov 17..... Quarterly meeting

Our backyard gem...The Salisbury House and Gardens!!!

The Salisbury House hosts a variety of entertaining and noteworthy public events and programs throughout the year.



Every summer, **Shakespeare on the Lawn** brings William Shakespeare's plays to life under the stars with the majestic south terrace and gardens as the backdrop. The event pays homage to the half-beam ceiling inside the Great Hall that was acquired from the White Hart Inn in Salisbury, England. In 1603, the English Court and William Shakespeare traveled to Salisbury, England and it is likely that they stood under these very beams.

Check out the SH&G website and purchase tickets to events go to www.salisburyhouse.org/

Some of the dogs in our neighborhood...



on their walk
down 42nd Street
during the first
part of Covid