

Our Village Voice



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515 Walnut Tower Groundbreaking

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Recently on a Wednesday morning, I gathered with City leaders and community partners at 515 Walnut Street in Downtown Des Moines to break ground on a transformative project that will reshape the skyline.

This project is the most significant residential development in the history of our downtown core. It will feature 390 residential units, connect seamlessly with our skywalk system, and create over 700 jobs during construction. Beyond the steel and glass, this project is about people. It is about our commitment to creating a city where opportunity thrives, and families can live and grow.

This isn't just the construction of a building, it represents a vision of the future. A vision of a vibrant downtown filled with energy and life.



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Polk County Working Through 2025 Budget

Tom Hockensmith-Polk County Board of Supervisors



Polk County has been actively engaged in the budget process, carefully reviewing priorities to ensure responsible financial planning for the upcoming fiscal year. Polk County continues to operate one of the most effective local governments in the state. We have a balanced budget and have maintained or reduced the levy rate, with the exception of increases for the Courts Master Plan and new Patrol Headquarters, as approved by voter referendums. Polk County continues to manage the financial impact of HF 718 enacted during the 2023 legislative session. HF 718 effectively reduces the County's revenue growth from taxable valuation increases by 2 to 3 percentage points annually. Polk County will continue to cautiously approach



growth in ongoing costs and implement cost-savings as appropriate. Residents may access Polk County's 2025 budget website that includes department budget presentations and livestream recordings by clicking here: <https://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/board-of-supervisors/2025-budget-information/>



We publish quarterly, so if you have information, photographs, or ideas please send them to our email address: brookrunna@gmail.com or contact our Editor, **Bert Moody**.

Information That Brook Run Can Use

Des Moines Police Department Neighborhood LIAISON
Sgt. Dua Lor
515-971-0792

Report Date: February 19, 2025
Service Calls for the Last 30 Days

34-Service Calls

7-Cases made
1- Arrest
1-Ticket Issued
3-Stolen Motor Vehicles

- ** Due to cold weather please don't let your car run unlocked. This is when people will look to take your vehicle.
- ** Burglaries cleared by DMPD 2023 was 22.9 percent compared to the National Average is 8.8 percent.
- ** Good News: Another Police Academy will start in March or April. Get your application in. 😊

Email me: dblor@dmgov.org



Slow Cooker Corned Beef & Cabbage

from www.thepioneerwoman.com

Ingredients

FOR THE CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE:

- 2 large carrots, peeled
- 1 yellow onion, peeled
- 6 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1 (3- to 4-lb.) package corned beef brisket, with seasoning packet
- 1/2 head savoy cabbage
- 1 lb. small red-skinned potatoes



FOR THE HONEY MUSTARD:

- 1/2 cup grainy mustard
- 2 Tbsp. honey

Directions

For the corned beef and cabbage:

1. Cut the carrots into 3-inch long pieces. Cut the onion in half, leaving the root end intact. Cut each half into 3 wedges (6 total). Place the carrots, onion, and thyme in the bottom of a 6- to 8-quart slow cooker.
2. Place the corned beef, fat-cap side up, over top of the carrots and onions in the slow cooker. Cover with 1 quart of water and sprinkle with the seasoning packet. Cover and cook on high for 5 hours.
3. **For the honey mustard:** In a small bowl, mix together the mustard and honey.
4. Cut the cabbage into 4 wedges, leaving the core intact. Place the potatoes in the slow cooker around the sides of the corned beef and place the cabbage over top. Cover and cook on high until the corned beef is tender and the cabbage and potatoes are soft, about 2 hours more.
5. Slice the corned beef and serve with the vegetables and honey mustard.



"Books were my pass to personal freedom. I learned to read at age three, and soon discovered there was a whole world to conquer that went beyond our farm in Mississippi".

- Oprah Winfrey

Kid's Korner

Written by Gracie G., Emma K., Charley B., and Elizabeth Ruddy

Words of Wisdom

Advice for Kids from Kids



Friendship Advice



How do you build a friendship?

- *Make them feel welcome
- *Share your stories
- *Be a loyal friend
- *Play with them more often
- *Do activities together
- *Hang out with each other
- *Share funny moments and memories
- *Share what you have in common
- *Share what you don't have in common
- *Celebrate your differences
- *Be each other's cheerleader



How do you repair a broken friendship?

- *Seek first to understand, then to be understood
- *Say you're sorry and build trust again
- *Listen without getting defensive
- *Build each other up
- *Talk it out, Talk it out, Talk it out!

Weather Changes Lead to Potholes

How to Report Them?



With these drastic weather changes this month, we are entering pothole season earlier than usual. The freezing temperatures and snow followed by warm weather causes the ground and road to shift, resulting in increased potholes.

If you spot a pothole, report it online at [DSM.City/Report](https://www.dsmcity.com/Report) through the [myDSMmobile app](#) or call 515-283-4950.



News from the BRVOA

www.brookrunvillage.com

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 6:00pm

Firehouse #11, 4150 E 42nd St., Des Moines, IA 50317

BROOK RUN VILLAGE OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Submitted by Pam Schwartz, Secretary

HOA Communications

Directors of the Brook Run Village Owners Association use various means in efforts to keep members informed of the organization's business. The board sends direct mail pieces to distribute the annual dues statements and budget reports, as well as annual meeting notices. It also maintains a special website – BrookRunVillage.com – to provide meeting notices and official statements, and to serve as a database for meeting minutes, the Association's governing documents, and other neighborhood information. In addition, directors utilize the neighborhood association's Facebook page for timely announcements or on occasion to reply to a question or comment. The BRVOA board can also be contacted by email at BrookRunVillage@gmail.com.

Board of Directors: Doug - Steve - Jason - Pam - Marty

BRVOA Board of Directors

Doug Miller, of 3502 Village Run Drive
Pam Schwartz, of 3613 Brook Run Drive.
Jason Bahr, of 5115 Walnut Ridge Drive.
Marty Chebuhar, of 3717 Brook Run Drive.
Steve McClure, of 3615 Park Side Drive.

Property Manager

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First Quarter Calendar of Events

- ◆ **First Night of Ramadan**
March 1, 2025
- ◆ **Ash Wednesday** March 5, 2025
- ◆ **BRVOA Monthly Meeting**
March 5, 2025 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **International Women's Day**
March 8, 2025
- ◆ **Daylight Savings Time Begins**
March 9, 2025
- ◆ **Holi** March 14, 2025
- ◆ **St. Patrick's Day** March 17, 2025
- ◆ **BRNA BOD Meeting**
March 18, 2025
- ◆ **1st Day of Spring** March 20, 2025
- ◆ **BRVOA Monthly Meeting**
April 2, 2025 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **Easter Pictures-**
3720 Brook Ridge Ct.
April 10-13, 2025
- ◆ **Passover** April 12, 2025
- ◆ **Palm Sunday** April 13, 2025
- ◆ **BRNA Quarterly Meeting**
April 15, 2025 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **Good Friday** April 18, 2025
- ◆ **Easter Sunday** April 20, 2025
- ◆ **Earth Day** April 22, 2025
- ◆ **Cinco de Mayo** May 5, 2025
- ◆ **BRVOA Monthly Meeting**
May 7, 2025 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **Mother's Day** May 11, 2025
- ◆ **BRNA BOD Meeting**
May 20, 2025 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **Memorial Day** May 26, 2025



In Case You Missed It!!

Photo and Story from SE Polk Community School District Facebook Page

Congratulations to the #1 SE Polk award-winning musicians honored at the January 23rd board meeting! The Iowa High School All-State Band and Orchestra Members, Iowa High School All-State Choir Members, Iowa Opus Honor Choir Members, and the All Iowa 8th Grade Honor Band Members.

Let's celebrate these incredible students and their outstanding achievements in music!



Finally a Break in the Weather

After almost two weeks of brutal below zero weather we got a break! On February 23rd on Walnut Ridge Drive we found Rachel & Bowen having some fun and enjoying a little warmer weather



“Life in The Run”

What has been going on in the Brook Run Neighborhood

Get Ready for a Little Easter Fun!!



Meet Our New 2025 BRNA President

By Chantelle Cadek

Brook Run Neighborhood Association President



Hello! My name is Chantelle Cadek and I am excited to step into the role of President for our BRNA board. I grew up in Carlisle then went to Drake and have lived in Des Moines ever since. I work as an account supervisor at an ad agency downtown. I also volunteer with the Walk to End Alzheimer's and serve as president of the American Advertising Federation of Des Moines.

My husband Brian, son Jameson (4) and I moved to the neighborhood in 2022 and love living in Brook Run. In my free time, I love attending live music shows and concerts. My favorite genres are jam, funk, bluegrass, and '60s and '70s classic rock.

We have some great things headed your way in 2025 including a spring event and enhancements for our signature Fun in the Run event in July. Stay tuned to our Facebook group for the latest updates!



Special Thanks to Kelly Lynn



The Brook Run Neighborhood Association would like to send a **BIG THANKS** to Kelly Lynn for her service to our Board. Kelly resigned in January this year after serving on our board for 4 years, 3 as President of this organization. We also would like to thank her husband Tim and their children Mike & Carmen for letting us "borrow" her many, many times both day and night. She brought order & organization to the BRNA, and although we are sad to see her go, we wish her the best in all of her future endeavors.





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2025 BRNA Board Members:

Chantelle Cadek - President

Taylor Sellers - Secretary

Niki Moore - Special Events

Open Position - Membership

Tye Reiman - Neighborhood Relations

Laurie Thompson - Communications

Bert Moody - Treasurer

Save the Dates:

- ◆ March 18 - BRNA BOD Meeting
- ◆ April 15 - BRNA Quarterly Meeting
- ◆ 2025 Fun-in-the-Run—July 26

Join the BRNA for 2025

NAME/BUSINESS NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Membership Levels:

Note: Brook Run Neighborhood Association is a non-profit organization. Your membership could be eligible for a matching gift from your employer.

- ◆ \$25.00 Individual/Family Membership
- ◆ \$50.00 Neighborhood Business Membership
- ◆ \$100.00 Outside the Neighborhood Business Membership
- ◆ \$200.00

Fill out this cut-out and send a check to BRNA, P.O. Box 57607, Des Moines, IA 50317. Online Payments via PayPal is available at www.brookrun.fun on the middle of the Home Page. You can also make payments via Venmo to [@BrookRunNeighborhoodAssoc](https://www.venmo.com/BrookRunNeighborhoodAssoc).

Brook Run Neighborhood Business Partners

Please support the businesses that support us!!

Contact our Advertising Manager to place your ad here:

Laurie Thompson at brookrunna@gmail.com



**For 2025 we want your business to sponsor the BRNA.
Business Memberships helps sponsor neighborhood events.**

Show your support for Brook Run Activities:

AND IT BRINGS YOU GREAT CUSTOMERS!!

- Fund the Fun - \$100.00 per year
- Super Supporter - \$200.00 per year
- Premier Sponsor - \$300.00 per year

Get Each Package Details at www.brookrun.fun

**Your Business Should
Consider Supporting Us
in 2025!!**