

Our Village Voice



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Hot News Directly from the North Pole

Information from Sandy Selby



The holidays are just around the corner which means Santa will soon be checking his Naughty or Nice List. This year we want to help our Neighborhood Association as so we are asking for a \$2 donation to BRNA for each Nice Certificate requested. Please **Venmo BRNA @brookrunneighborhoodassoc** or **drop the donation in Santa's mailbox at 3720 Brook Ridge Ct.** This is for Brook Run and Brook Landing residents only. The certificates will be available at the Cookies & Cocoa Event on the 15th or delivered the next day.

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Polk County Life Services Center—Now Open!

Tom Hockensmith-Polk County Board of Supervisors



The Polk County Board of Supervisors formally inaugurated the Life Services Center with a ceremonial ribbon-cutting event. This new facility represents an innovative approach to addressing the challenges many individuals face during addiction and mental

health crisis. Polk County Life Services Center is a collaborative effort involving Polk County, the City of Des Moines, Broadlawns Medical Center, and St. Vincent De Paul. This completely renovated building is owned by Polk County. St. Vincent De Paul will provide case management personnel, while Broadlawns Medical Center will offer treatment services for individuals with addiction and mental health issues. Polk County Life Services Center will function as a secure environment that includes a 24-hour crisis observation center, psychiatric urgent care, and a sobering center.



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The Life Services Center is located at 1914 Carpenter Ave. in Des Moines, IA.

Contact Information: BMC Behavioral Health Urgent Care (BHUC): 515-282-5742

BMC Crisis Observation Center (COC): 515-282-5742. St. Vincent De Paul (SVdP) Sobering Center: 515-259-6262



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: December 5, 2024
Service Calls for the Last 30 Days

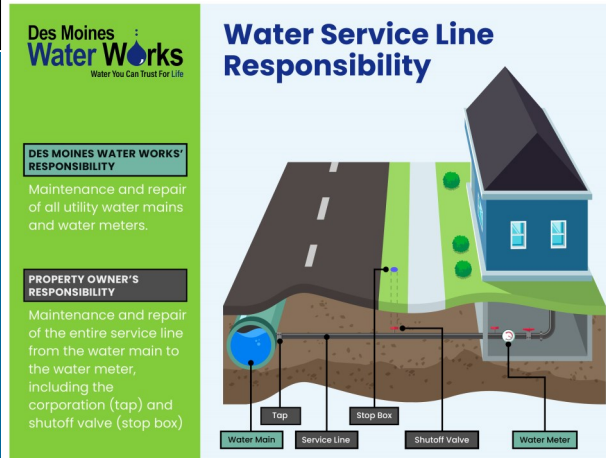
31-Service Calls

- 7-Cases made
- 1- Arrest
- 3-Ticket Issued
- 2-Vandalism
- 1-Suspicious Activity

Email me: dblor@dmgov.org

Have a wonderful Christmas and
Happy New Year's, if I don't see you
all before the year end . 😊

News Update from Des Moines Water Works *Reprinted from the "H2O Line November/December Newsletter"* Melissa Walker—Communications & Outreach Manager



Des Moines Water Works has begun notifying homeowners who have a confirmed lead, galvanized or unknown water service material line. Any affected homeowner received a mailed letter to the address on file with the account. The water service line is the privately owned pipe that brings water from the water main to the water meter inside your home. It is the financial responsibility of the property owner. See graphic to the left. Here are some links that may be helpful:

Lead information on our website: [Des Moines Water Works, IA](#). Service line lookup: [Lead Service Line Inventory](#). Service line inspection/self-reporting survey: [Des Moines Water Works: Customer Self-Reporting Survey](#). A video on how to conduct a service line inspection: [Water Service Line Self Reporting](#).

Kid's Korner

Story Inspired by Students and Written by Elizabeth Ruddy

A Time of Reflection

The last couple months of the year is time for reflection. We take time to think about all the things for which we are grateful.



At Delaware Elementary, students are thankful for so many things including: their parents, their life, cousins, family, people who stand up for them, teachers, and God.

This year, I challenge you to think about how you show your gratitude. How do you show people in your life that you are grateful for them?

Here are just a few ideas from students at Delaware Elementary:

say "thank you", give hugs, listen to your parents, clean the house, be a good listener, give a gift, or say a thankful prayer.

Remember that when giving a gift to someone, it doesn't have to cost money. You could make a coupon book of nice things you could do. You could make a homemade card.

If you have a grateful heart ♥
be sure to show it with your actions.

Fun Holiday Punch

(Non-Alcoholic)

from www.allrecipes.com



Ingredients

- 1/3-cup White Sugar
- 1-quart Cranberry Juice
- 2-cups Unsweetened Pineapple Juice
- 3-tablespoons Almond Extract
- 1 (2-Liter) bottle of Ginger Ale

Directions

1. Combine sugar, cranberry juice, pineapple juice, and almond extract in a large container, mix together and refrigerate until chilled.
2. To serve, pour juice mixture into a punch bowl. Stir in ginger ale.
3. Add fresh cranberries and orange slices for presentation.

***TIP: Make the cranberry and pineapple mixture a day in advance to allow the flavors to meld.**

Nutrition Facts (per serving)

58	0g	14g	0g
Calories	Fat	Carbs	Protein



News from Linda Westergaard

City of Des Moines Council-Ward 2

It is hard to believe we are coming to the end of the year and there is so much going on in the city. City Council will be working on the next city budget and we have confidence our city manager will lead us in the right direction, although there will be some tough decisions to be made. Please plan to attend the Ward 2 budget meeting scheduled for Thursday,

December 19 at 6 PM at the Fourmile Community Center. It is important we hear from you what is important going forward.

The end of the year will surely bring us some cold snowy weather and the city is prepared. Our Public Works Department has more than 2,200 lane miles to clear and fortunately we have more than 200 dedicated employees in Public Works who are out there working to keep us safe no matter what the temperature is. Please be courteous and remember how hard they work for us every single day. Please be sure to go to dsmsnow.org to sign up for text or email alerts that will provide you with the latest public works information.

Our city Information Technology Department has also been busy updating the tools we, as residents, can easily use to learn about issues in our neighborhoods. Here's a quick overview and steps for the Law Enforcement Response Map tool:

- Go to the Law Enforcement Response Map page on the City website.
- Click on the 5-minute Basic Tutorial narrated by Sgt. Paul Parizek.
- The 1-minute Neighborhood Navigation Tutorial guides you through selecting your neighborhood.
- The Advanced Navigation Tutorial guides you in selecting the date range, crimes you want to view, and how to create an account.

I wish you all a safe, peaceful holiday season. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

Linda



News from the BRVOA

www.brookrunvillage.com

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Wednesday, February 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

From the Brook Run Village Owners Association,

The Association's Board of Directors continues to work with the Polk County Public Works Department's water resources staff in planning a major restoration of badly eroded waterways in the neighborhood. Those efforts have included planning sessions with project leaders and engineers as well as arranging and participating in meetings with Brook Run homeowners, especially those whose properties would be directly affected by the work. Construction on the estimated \$2 million stream stabilization project is slated for next summer.

Directors have also been winding up Association business for this year and planning for the next. Heading the tasks are financial matters, including adopting a new budget and preparing the annual dues statement to be mailed to all members in December.

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for a Great 2025 to all Brook Run families!

Steve - Doug - 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.

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Fourth Quarter Calendar of Events

- ◆ **2024 Nice List Deadline**
December 7, 2024
- ◆ **BRNA Cookies & Cocoa**
December 15, 2024 at 3:00pm
- ◆ **Winter Begins**
December 21, 2024
- ◆ **SE Polk Schools Winter Break**
December 23 to January 1, 2025
- ◆ **Christmas Day**
December 25, 2024
- ◆ **First Day of Kwanzaa**
December 26, 2024
- ◆ **First Day of Hanukkah**
December 26, 2024
- ◆ **New Years Day** January 1, 2025
- ◆ **Inauguration Day**
January 20, 2025
- ◆ **Martin L King, Jr. Day**
January 20, 2025
- ◆ **BRNA Quarterly Meeting**
January 21, 2025 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **Lunar New Year**
January 29, 2025
- ◆ **Groundhog Day** February 2, 2025
- ◆ **BRVOA Monthly Meeting**
February 5, 2025 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **Valentine's Day**
February 14, 2025
- ◆ **President's Day**
February 17, 2024
- ◆ **BRNA BOD Meeting**
February 18, 2025 at 6:00pm



SE Polk Theater Program

The Addams Family ran from November 15-17th

Photos and Story from Michelle Haacke (via Facebook)

The cast, crew and parent volunteers rocked it! I was a little partial to Fester (Peyton Haacke)—here are a few of my son's funny faces!



 **Bravo!**

“Life in The Run”

What has been going on in the Brook Run Neighborhood



Cookies & Cocoa
FROM THE BRNA
Date: Sun. 12/15
Time: 3-5 pm
Location: Brook Run Park
(weather permitting)

FREE EVENT

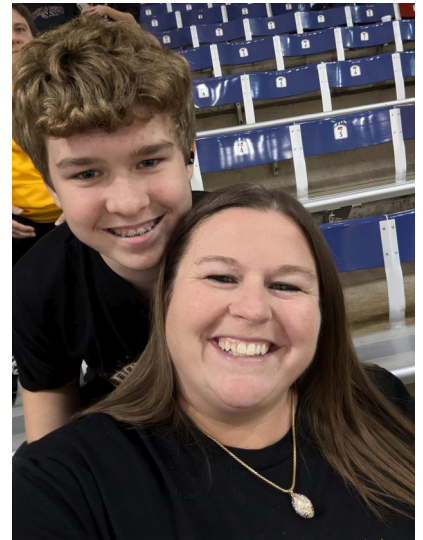
2024 Southeast Polk Rams Football Team

Information and Photos from www.desmoinesregister.com & Niki Moore

The Rams rallied from 11 points down to beat Valley High School 38-35 in the UNI Dome.
This is their fourth 5A championship in a row.



*Niki Moore and
her son Nick
enjoying the
football game at
the UNI Dome in
Cedar Falls, IA*



*SE Polk is on the
way to the close
championship win!!*



Be in the Know About Snow

Reprinted from the "Mayors Monthly Update"-November 2024



We've had a beautiful, mild autumn in Des Moines this year but winter is right around the corner. With the snow, ice and cold weather coming our way the next few months, it's important to know about snow routes, parking restrictions, the deadline to clear your sidewalks and how snow removal works in our Odd/Even Neighborhoods.

Des Moines has 2,200 lane miles to clear with each storm – a monumental task tackled by 200 city employees operating more than 100 pieces of snow removal equipment. Before it snows, make sure you're in the know by going to dmsnow.org, where you can also sign up for text message and email alerts.



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2024 BRNA Board Members:

Kelly Lynn - President

Chantelle Cadek - Secretary

Niki Moore - Special Events

Tye Reiman - Membership

Laurie Thompson - Communications

Taylor Sellers - Neighborhood Relations

Bert Moody - Treasurer

Save the Dates:

Dec. 15 - Cookies & Cocoa Event

January 21 - BRNA Quarterly Meeting

PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2025

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

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:

- Brook Run Residents - \$50.00 per year
- Brook Run Non-Residents - \$100.00 per year

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