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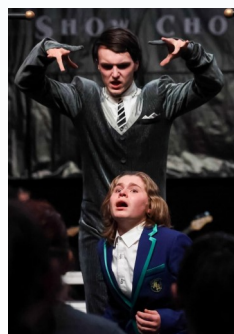
## SE Polk Theater Program

Photos by Chris Anderson and Dina Parker

If you're looking to get out this spring for a fun and enjoyable night, come support the Southeast Polk Vocal Music Department at Musical Sweets on March 24th and 25th. The event offers sweet treats, a silent auction and of course the music provided by two vocal ensembles, senior soloists and three competitive show choirs: Sudden Impulse, Vocal Gold, and Ramification.

One of the show choirs that you'll get to see by attending Musical Sweets is the all-women's prep show choir, Vocal Gold. Their theme this season is I Am A Work In Progress and takes us through the journey of becoming more comfortable in your own skin and learning that it is okay to be a work in progress. Vocal Gold already this year has received 1st Place in the Women's Division at Waukee

Story by Peyton Haacke



Starstruck, 2nd Place in the Prep Division at Davenport North's The Big Dance and 1st Place in the Women's Division, Best Soloist and 4th Runner Up in Finals at North Polk Comet Sensation!

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## Beverly Nolte, A Brook Run Treasure



By Bert Moody

The Brook Run Neighborhood Association would like to recognize our longtime Secretary Ms. Beverly Nolte. She volunteered many years on our Board and at our events through rain, cold, snow, and heat. Her dedication and accuracy has guided our meetings and helped us to survive and thrive. After many years as the BRNA Secretary she has stepped down from the Board due to health reasons. Her service has been invaluable but her friendship has been a blessing. We wanted her to know we will miss her smile and her hard work. **Thanks Bev!!** Don't be surprised if we show up at your door with questions or looking for your advice. 😊 Also, a BIG thanks to our neighbor Wonhyong Chon for stepping up to be the 2023 Secretary.



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**.

# What's Going on in Brook Run Neighborhood

## Theater Program.....continued from Page 1

The other group performing at the event is the Varsity Show Choir, Ramification. This year's theme revolves around Schubert's dark tale, the Erlkönig. The performance starts off with the children of a boarding school telling the chilling story of Mr. Splitfoot. When one lone child gets separated from the rest and has a real interaction with the dark creature, the audience is left wondering whether or not this child will make it out alive. Already this season, Ramification has received 3rd Runner Up at Waukee Starstruck along with a Best Soloist award and at Davenport North's The Big Dance, the team received Best Visuals and Grand Champions. At their most recent competition, North Polk Comet Sensation, they received 1st Runner Up, The People's Choice Award, Best Vocals and The Comet Sensation Award which is awarded to the team that shows the overall best sportsmanship throughout the day.



Southeast Polk High School also has four in-school choral offerings -- two of which will be

performing at Musical Sweets: The Women's Chorale and Chamber Singers. Every group works endless hours to put on the best show that they can. For more information, visit <https://sites.google.com/a/southeastpolk.org/sep-vocal-music/home> or the Southeast Polk Vocal Music Facebook Page. We would love to see you at Musical Sweets to support us and this outstanding program!



# "Life in The Run"

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

**Date: February 22, 2023  
Service Calls for the Last 30 Days**

### **4 Service Calls**

- 1-Fraud
- 1-Burglary
- 1-Theft-2nd Degree
- 1-Other

**It has been very quiet in your area for the last 30 days**

**TIPS:** We are still in the winter season and this season burglaries can be pretty high. If anyone is going on a vacation, please have them contact 515-283-4811 to put their property as a vacation watch home, so a territory car can drive by on their daily patrol routine. I hope to see everyone at your next BRNA Quarterly Meeting.

## The Brook Run Pirate-Potter House

The Pirate Potter House, located at 3720 Brook Ridge Ct. is owned by John & Sandy Selby. They moved to Brook Run in June of 2001. Over the past 2 decades their mission has been to create memories and bring the holidays to life.

This has been done through May Baskets-Valentine Boxes-Costumed characters-Birthday signs- Nice Certificates- Santa Letters-Peter and Petunia Easter Bunnies, Inflatables, Christmas Parties and displays, and one of their larger events Halloween. During Halloween their efforts along with some wonderful volunteers from the neighborhood have raised more than \$10,000 in 3 years for the Salvation Army. The BRNA will be the recipient of their fundraising efforts this Halloween.

The next planned event will be March 22 -26th featuring The Easter Bunnies.



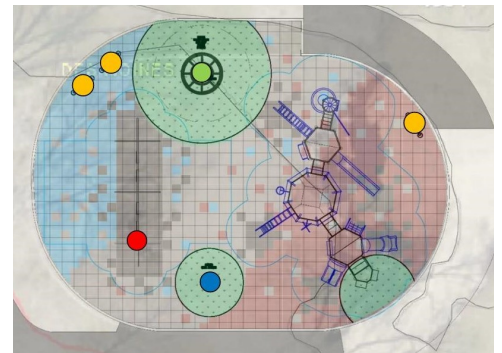
## Brook Run Park Timeline Completion Date: June 2023

Brook Run Park Improvements will include updated playground equipment and safety surfacing to the existing playground. Additionally, the millings trail connecting the Park from Village Run Drive will be replaced with a concrete sidewalk connection that is ADA accessible. New playground equipment



includes a We-Go-Round, Chill Spinner, Bucket Seat, and 3 new ground panels with different puzzles. The engineered wood fibers will be converted to rubberized tile safety surfacing and will match the existing playground equipment. The Parks and Recreation

Department has been selecting playgrounds to be updated to be more inclusive for children with physical and cognitive disabilities. Brook Run Park was selected for these updates.





## News from Linda Westergaard

### City of Des Moines Council-Ward 2



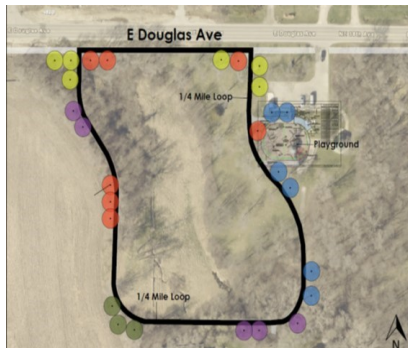
I'm excited to announce that the Des Moines Fire Department recently celebrated the graduation of the 98th class of firefighters. Public Safety is important to everyone and it has been one of my highest priorities since taking office as I have worked hard to make sure that we have a fully staffed

Fire Department and Police Department. The opening of Fire Station 11 at 42nd and Hubbell has resulted in quicker response times to the Brook Run neighborhood and all of Northeast Des Moines. If you have not yet toured Station 11 please stop by some time and take a look around. It is a state-of-the-art building that offers our first responders an environmentally safe workspace. Nationally we have one of the best firehouses in the nation at Station 11.

I represent Des Moines on the Fourmile Creek Watershed Management Authority (WMA) Board. We all know Fourmile Creek has been prone to flooding for many years and has impacted residents in the Brook Run neighborhood. The Four-mile WMA has created a masterplan that will convert additional land along the watershed into a more natural state that will promote water quality and reduce the possibility of flooding. The city is also adding additional basins to the north of Brook Run that will prevent the rapid movement of water during heavy rains. The city will continue to work with the neighborhood on streambank stabilization efforts.

The new walking trail in your neighborhood will be an improvement for all to enjoy. One walk around the loop is nearly a quarter mile. The playground was originally planned to be completed fall 2022. The DURASafe playground surfacing must be completed by certified/specialty installers when weather conditions are favorable. The crews travel the region during the "weather window" when the work can be done. The installers did fall behind due to weather, and they are planning to make your park first on their stop this season. So, if the weather cooperates the playground and park should be completed in June. (Please see attached map)

Please always feel free to reach out to me at any time at 515-988-4288 or via email at [Lindaw@dmgov.org](mailto:Lindaw@dmgov.org)



## News from the BRVOA

[www.brookrunvillage.com](http://www.brookrunvillage.com)

**NEXT HOA MEETING: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 6:00pm**  
**Firehouse #11 - 4150 E 42nd St. Des Moines, IA 50317**

### BRVOA Policy on Fishing in Common Areas:

The Brook Run Village HOA governing board has adopted regulations for fishing in Association-owned ponds. The rules are designed to meet Association needs in the areas of liability, safety, security and privacy while also providing clarity to Brook Run Village residents who fish. The Brook Run Village ponds were constructed solely for storm water retention. Except for fishing in areas designated by the regulations, no other recreation is permitted on the ponds. The fishing policy is available in full on the Brook Run website ([www.brookrunvillage.com](http://www.brookrunvillage.com)) under the Association's list of "Recorded Documents" as well as the Polk County Records website.

The Board and the Stormwater Committee continue to work with the Polk County Public Works Department's watershed management group in seeking federal and state funding to rehabilitate eroded streambanks in Brook Run Village. Dredging may also be an option for all three of the storm water retention ponds and future dam access as part of the overall watershed management work. The Brook Run Village Owner's Association Board of Directors meets the first Wednesday of the month with the agenda and previous months minutes posted on the approved media sites. The location of the meeting is in the meeting room of the Des Moines Fire Station 11, 4150 East 42nd Street & corner of Hubbell Avenue, Des Moines.

### 2023 BRVOA Board of Directors

Gary Galasso, of 5010 Brook Ridge Cir.  
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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## Brook Run Calendar of Events

- ◆ **BRNA BOD Meeting**  
March 21, 2023 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **BRVOA Monthly Meeting**  
March 6, 2023 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **Daylight Savings Time**  
March 12, 2023
- ◆ **St. Patrick's Day**  
March 17, 2023
- ◆ **Grandview Little League  
Clean-up Day**  
March 18, 2023
- ◆ **Spring Begins - March 20, 2023**
- ◆ **Delaware Elementary  
Spirit Night-Urban Air-Ankeny**  
March 21, 2023 - 4-8:00pm
- ◆ **Delaware Elementary  
Bingo Night-March 24, 2023**
- ◆ **Grandview Little League  
Clean-up Day**  
March 25, 2023
- ◆ **The Easter Bunnies**  
March 22-26th  
**Pirate-Potter House**
- ◆ **Grandview Little League  
Opening Day**  
April 1, 2023
- ◆ **Delaware Elementary  
Ram-A-Thon-April 1, 2023**
- ◆ **Passover - April 5, 2023**
- ◆ **Easter Sunday - April 9, 2023**
- ◆ **BRNA Quarterly Meeting  
All Members Welcome**  
April 18, 2023 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **Mother's Day - May 14, 2023**
- ◆ **BRNA BOD Meeting**  
May 16, 2023 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **Memorial Day - May 29, 2023**



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### 2023 BRNA Board Members:

Kelly Lynn - President

Wonhyong Chon - Secretary

Erin Dietz - Special Events

Deborah Vogt - Membership

Laurie Thompson - Communications

Roger Brown - Neighborhood Relations

Bert Moody - Treasurer

### Save the Dates:

June 16-17 - Garage Sales

July 15 - Fun-in-the-Run

## Join the BRNA

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](http://www.brookrun.fun) on the middle of the Home Page. You can also make payments via Venmo to [@BrookRunNeighborhoodAssoc](https://www.venmo.com/BrookRunNeighborhoodAssoc).

## Our 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](mailto:brookrunna@gmail.com)



Contact Ben Taylor at:  
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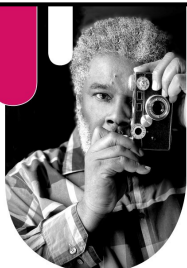


**We want your business to help  
sponsor the BRNA.**

**Your Business Membership helps our  
neighborhood activities:**

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

Your sponsorship will also be  
advertised at our neighborhood events.



**Check Us Out!!**

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