

# Our Village Voice



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## News Update from Mayor Connie Boesen

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Parks are a critical part of Des Moines, and is a frequent topic of conversation with residents, and it is clear that they mean so much to you. Our Parks and Recreation Department kicked off the month by unveiling improvements to Cohen Park (1000 Scott Ave.) The improvements include new and exciting active recreation amenities like a half basketball court, a bouldering area, an interactive ball wall called Sutū, various site furnishings, and signage in conjunction with the relocated historic water trough. The Cohen Park improvement project aligns perfectly with our [LiveDSM](#) goal of investing in neighborhood parks and ensuring that every household is within a 10-minute walk of a park or green space.



### **News from Tom Hockensmith**

Chair, Polk County Board of Supervisors - District 4  
[Tom.Hockensmith@polkcountyia.gov](mailto:Tom.Hockensmith@polkcountyia.gov)

## Sleepy Hollow



I am very excited to have this transformation recreational facility located on the East Side of Des Moines. Experience the thrills of sliding down the largest all-weather tubing hill in the world. This is truly an all-weather fun park! There is plenty of space to relax with a beverage and/or snack and take in all the action around you. More information can be found at: <https://sleepyhollowsportspark.com/>.

## Fourmile Mountain Bike Park on Des Moines' Eastern Border

The proposed mountain bike park will be a four-mile, soft-surface trail system north of Copper Creek Lake Park. The trails will be classified as bike-optimized. That means the trails will be designed for mountain biking, but can be used by everyone. The features will be easily navigated over or around, by foot or wheels. You can expect to see the trail system utilized by bikers, hikers, walkers, bird watchers, trail runners, and more. Even in the winter, the trails will be in use by fat tire bikers. Residents from nearby Copper Creek Lake Park will be able to enjoy the paved walking trail around the lake before breaking off into the new mountain bike park to experience the natural trails. It will be a local park amenity where residents and avid outdoor recreation enthusiasts can capture hours of enjoyment!

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# Information That Brook Run Can Use

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



Please Volunteer to  
Help TODAY at:  
brookrunna@gmail.com

Report Date: May 21, 2024  
Service Calls for the Last 30 Days

### 31-Service Calls

- 4-Cases made
- 1-Suspicious Activity
- 1-Ticket Issued

"It looks pretty safe & quiet in  
your neighborhood".

Let's keep this going 😊

Email me: [dblor@dmgov.org](mailto:dblor@dmgov.org)

I hope to see everyone at your next  
BRNA Quarterly Meeting in July.

## Rock the Chalk Winners

Story & Photos by Laurie Thompson

Thank you to everyone who participated in this event. We have got a lot of artistic talent in Brook Run and Brook Landing! We know it was not easy to choose who to vote for, but you all helped us determine the three winners! Each winner will get their "Kick-Off to Summer" prize pack.



## Kid's Corner Story

Advice for Kids from Kids



### Words of Wisdom:

How can you keep your mind and body active during the summer?



Get Up! Get Out! Stay Active!

- |  |                        |   |
|--|------------------------|---|
| * Go to the beach                      | * Play basketball      | * Go for a run  |
| * Sign up for swimming lessons         | * Listen to Music      | * Write   |
| * Ride a bike                          | * Jump on a trampoline | * Practice handwriting                                      |
| * Go to the pool                       | * Talk to your parents | * Multiplication Flash Cards                                |
| * Go swimming                          | * Play soccer          | * Read, Read Books, Keep Reading                            |
| * Go for a walk                        | * Take a field trip    | * Clean your room   |
| * Sign up for a sport                  | * Go to the park       | * Go to the Mall of America                                 |
| * Put on a swimsuit and lay in the sun | * iReady               | * Go to Fun in the Run                                      |
| * Exercise                             | * Go to the library    | * Have a Sleepover  |
| * Run with your friends                | * Visit Adventureland  | * Go out of town to see family                              |
| * Play a sport                         | * Play outside         | * Walk, Run, and Play outside (don't forget to drink water) |
| * Climb a tree                         | * Go camping           |   |

Be Happy!

Have Fun!

Be Kind to Others!

## News from Linda Westergaard

### *City of Des Moines Council-Ward 2*



Summer is here and it is hard to believe we are almost half way through 2024. As I drive through the neighborhood I see how good everything looks and the park is always busy with residents enjoying the outdoors.

To address frequent odor complaints and improve quality of life in Des Moines, the Neighborhood Inspections Division (NID) installed 10 odors monitors in October of 2023 in several locations around the City's Municipal Service Center 2 (MSC 2) located on Maury Street. The monitors provide real-time measurements of odor-causing chemical compounds and feed the data into a web-based dashboard managed by NID staff. There is

a complaint form on the city website for our resident's convenience to report odors you may smell. Several of the businesses who have contributed to the odors have or are in the process of installing odor reduction systems.

Please report any unpleasant odors by using the complaint form on the city website. [DSM.city/odor](https://dsm.city/odor).

Please remember to keep our stormwater grates clear of debris. When mowing please do not mow grass into the street. The pollutants are harmful to our waterways. Some don't realize it is against a city ordinance to let your mowed grass go right into the street where it is washed down the storm drain.

Did you know Central Iowa Shelter and Services (CISS) offers free meals to anyone 18 or younger. With school out for the summer we want to make sure our youth are getting fed. Meals sites will begin on June 13, Monday through Friday between 3 and 4:30 PM at the Fourmile Community Center located at 3711 Easton Blvd. There are numerous other sites also available. To find a site go to [www.summermealsia.org](http://www.summermealsia.org)

I want to hear from you, please let me know your thoughts about our city and what we can do to make it better. My contact information is [lindaw@dmgov.org](mailto:lindaw@dmgov.org). Have a great summer and thank you for inviting me to your neighborhood events.



## News from the BRVOA

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

**Annual HOA MEETING: Wednesday, June 3, 2024 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 annual meeting is imminent and your involvement is important! Refer to the [BrookRunVillage.com](http://BrookRunVillage.com) website for:

- Information on director candidates
- Board statement on a proposed erosion-control project
- PDF of the ballot/proxy

Meeting dates are June 3-5, beginning at 6 p.m. Be sure to register if you plan to attend the meeting via Zoom.

Reminder: Limited fishing is allowed at two of the Association's ponds from April through October. Fishing is permitted from 8 a.m. to sunset at two designated areas, and access is limited to approved paths. Violators are subject to Association fines and could also face trespassing actions. Full details are available at the website.

#### 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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## Second Quarter Brook Run Calendar of Events

- ◆ **BRVOA Monthly Meeting**  
June 3,4,5, 2024 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **City of DSM Pride Parade**  
June 8, 2024
- ◆ **Iowa Juneteenth Events Week**  
June 9-15, 2024
- ◆ **Flag Day** June 14, 2024
- ◆ **BRNA Garage Sale Weekend**  
June 14-15, 2024
- ◆ **City of DSM SCRUB Day**  
June 15, 2024
- ◆ **Father's Day** June 16, 2024
- ◆ **Eid al-Adha** June 17, 2024
- ◆ **BRNA BOD Meeting**  
June 18, 2024 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **Independence Day** July 4, 2024
- ◆ **BRNA Quarterly Meeting**  
July 16, 2024 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **Ashura** July 17, 2024
- ◆ **City of DSM SCRUB Day**  
July 20, 2024
- ◆ **BRNA Fun-in-the-Run Event**  
July 27, 2024 at 5-9:00pm
- ◆ **BRVOA Monthly Meeting**  
August 7, 2024 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **City of DSM SCRUB Day**  
August 17, 2024
- ◆ **BRNA BOD Meeting**  
August 20, 2024 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **Labor Day** September 2, 2024





# The Brook Run Graduation Celebrations

Nolan Haacke

*Story and Photos courtesy of Michelle Haacke*

Congratulations Nolan! 🥳

Next stop: DMACC's two-year paramedic program at the Ankeny campus!



## *“Life in The Run”*

*What has been going on in the Brook Run Neighborhood*

Kaine Hasenwinkel

*Story and Photos courtesy of Lori Ruble*



Kaine graduated and will enter the Apprentice Program with the Carpenters Local 106 in Altoona, Iowa.

His sister, Norah and his mother Lori are so proud of him.





# Our Crazy Brook Run/Landing Spring Weather

*A hard rain is coming in on May 7th*



*Photo by Stephanie Ayersman*

***Fallen Tree after a May 24th storm***



*Photo by Bert Moody*

***Lightning Storm on May 19th***



*Photo by Bert Moody*

It has been a crazy Spring for wild weather. We have had Lots & Lots & Lots of rain. We were able to catch a view of the Northern Lights and have had some BEAUTIFUL days stuck in-between some rough ones. Just remember.....

**Summer Begins**

June 20th

3:51pm

(Old Farmer's Almanac)

***Aurora Borealis on May 10th***



*Photo by Kelly Lynn*

## **Grady Fees**

*Story and Photos courtesy of Jessica Fees*



Here are a couple of pictures from Grady Fees' graduation and party. We had our party in our backyard and had a great time with around 100 people.





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### 2024 BRNA Board Members:

Kelly Lynn - President

Chantelle Cadek - Secretary

Nikki Moore - Special Events

Tye Reiman - Membership

Laurie Thompson - Communications

Taylor Sellers - Neighborhood Relations

Bert Moody - Treasurer

### Save the Dates:

June 18 - BRNA BOD Meeting

July 16 - BRNA Quarterly Meeting

July 27 - BRNA's Fun-in-the-Run

## Join the BRNA for 2024

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.

## 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)



For 2024 we want your business to sponsor the BRNA. Your Business Membership helps our neighborhood activities. Show your support of Brook Run:

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



## Brook Run Neighborhood Association



We need you to volunteer to help out with the events we have planned for 2024. You can volunteer to help all year or for just a specific event. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Email [brookrunna@gmail.com](mailto:brookrunna@gmail.com) with any questions.