

OUR VILLAGE VOICE



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SEP Theater Features Willy Wonka

Photos by Laurie Dickenson, Sandy Selby, and Cindi McClure

Story by Cindi McClure

Southeast Polk Junior High students put on a spectacular show of Willy Wonka Jr at the end of April for the school's annual musical. The audience followed five children after winning golden tickets into Willy Wonka's esteemed chocolate factory. Once within the factory, anything can and did happen!

Great acting was done by all, including, but not limited to, fellow Brook Run neighborhood kids Delaney Bahr (Violet Beauregarde), Porter McClure (Mike Teavee), Brady Stairs (Grandpa Joe) and Chloe Dickinson (Candy Kid/Oompa Loompa).



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News from Tom Hockensmith

Chair, Polk County Board of Supervisors

Polk County, Iowa is working with the Cities of Des Moines and Pleasant Hill to study and develop a plan to improve the Easton Boulevard corridor from Fourmile Creek to NE 56th Street. The corridor study will review existing traffic volumes, crash history, and adjacent land uses. The corridor serves as an east/west collector roadway for neighborhoods that feed schools, businesses, and connect communities.

The corridor study will make recommendations on transportation modes to be accommodated, such as vehicles, bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit. Intersections with side streets will be evaluated for alternative configurations and traffic control. The curve located at the intersection between NW 38th Street and Easton Boulevard will also be reviewed for adjustment to bring the roadway alignment into current design standards. A high level review of potential environmental constraints will also be part of the corridor study. Concepts will be developed along with estimates of cost to convert the corridor from the two-lane urban roadway into the recommended roadway resulting from the corridor study.

The time anticipated for the corridor study is approximately three to four months. Thank you for the opportunity to provide an article for this Newsletter



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 the Brook Run Neighborhood?



Kid's Corner Story

A Story by kids for kids

Hi! My name is Melanie Blanco Acosta.

I am 9 years old in 3rd grade. When I was in 2nd grade I was always scared to get really mean teachers. I always thought to myself what if it is really hard, but I guess I was wrong because when I went to 3rd grade it was really fun! My teacher was very funny and we started to be a class family because of that.

I have my two very besties at home. They are my dogs Oreo and Rocky. I like to walk with my dogs. I also have two sisters. Ashley is 16 and in 11th grade and my other sister is Leslie and she is 13 and in 7th grade. Leslie's dog is Oreo and my dog is Rocky. My dog is very, very big and her dog is small.

I have one more thing I still need to talk about myself. One thing that I love about myself is being Mexican. I love being Mexican because I can speak fluently in Spanish. Well, I mean of course I can because that is where my family is from and where some of my family members still live. I love my family very much!



"Life in The Run"

SE Polk Little League Baseball



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

Date: May 24, 2023
Service Calls for the Last 30 Days

7 Service Calls

- 3-Theft
- 1-Fraud
- 1-Reckless use of firearm
- 1-Animal
- 1-Other

Email: dblor@dmgov.org

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



Jackson Dietz scores the first run of a recent SE Polk Little League game.

Haacke Receives Award



On March 4th Brook Run's own Peyton Haacke received the Best Soloist Award at the Fort Madison "Stars in the Spotlight" Show Choir Competition.



Did you know?
Brook Run Park
is now back open!
Photos by Deborah Vogt



News from Linda Westergaard

City of Des Moines Council-Ward 2



Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to again contribute to your newsletter. I am so proud to represent the NE quadrant of the city. I am especially proud of the dedicated city employees for making my job representing you so easy. In May our own Public Works Director, Jonathan Gano, was recognized by the American Public Works Association (APWA) as a 2023 Top Ten Public Works Leader. Jonathan is dedicated to improving the quality of life in our community through the advancement of public works services and technology.

Public Works is responsible for the City's sanitation, streets maintenance, forestry, sewer operations and stormwater management while also operating the Des Moines Metro Wastewater Reclamation Authority (WRA). Brook Run has lost a lot of Ash trees due to disease and Jonathan has done an outstanding job with Forestry and Trees Forever (a local nonprofit) to get new trees planted in Brook Run. The Department of Public Works provides day-to-day maintenance of the City's infrastructure services in the areas of enterprise sewer maintenance and facility operation; levee reconstruction for Birdland and Central Place; sanitation, street maintenance, city storm and sanitary sewer operations; and emergency response for snow and ice, flood mitigation, and windstorm mitigation. Jonathan is one of many hard-working dedicated city employees. We are all aware of the flooding potential Brook Run experiences and thanks to our City Engineer Steve Naber and Jonathan Gano we are working on solutions. The city listened to your concerns, and we now have two new storm basins that will help in mitigating flooding in the neighborhood.

Please always feel free to reach out to me at any time at 515-988-4288 or via email at Lindaw@dmgov.org

News from the BRVOA

www.brookrunvillage.com

NEXT HOA MEETING: Monday, June 5, 2023 at 6:00pm

Online audio conference via [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us)

BROOK RUN VILLAGE OWNERS ASSOCIATION:

Submitted by Pam Schwartz, Secretary

The Annual Members Meeting of the Brook Run Village Owners Association is scheduled for June 5, 2023 at 6 p.m. via Zoom.us. Should a quorum not be met on June 5, the meeting will reconvene on Tuesday, June 6 and again on June 7, if necessary, both beginning at 6 p.m. and also on Zoom. A regular in-person board meeting is scheduled for June 7 at Des Moines Fire Station #11 on East 42nd Street. It will begin at 6 p.m. or following a rescheduled annual meeting.

Association members were sent an email containing a link to access the proxy form and election ballot for the annual meeting. Those not registered for emails were to receive these forms via regular mail. Three board seats are up for election. Members not planning to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit a proxy and ballot online or by mail to Edge Property Management at the address provided on the form.

Also provided in the meeting mailings is Brook Run Village's policy on fishing in the Association's ponds. Please review and respect the rules, which are now in effect.

Also, BRVOA directors are gathering information and will be interviewing area property management companies to succeed Edge, whose contract expires soon. The hiring of a new management company should occur in the weeks ahead, with an announcement of the change sometime after August 1.

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.

Edge Property Management
8520 New York Ave.
Urbandale, IA 50322
Email: service@edgepropertymgmt.com
Phone: (515) 965-7740

Brook Run Calendar of Events

- ◆ **BRNA BOD Meeting**
June 20, 2023 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **BRVOA Monthly Meeting**
June 5, 6, 7, 2023 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **DSM Free Flicks Movies**
June 9, 2023 at 6:30pm
"Luca"
- ◆ **Iowa Juneteenth Week**
June 12-17, 2023
- ◆ **BRNA Garage Sale Weekend**
June 16-17, 2023
- ◆ **Women's Game Night-\$10**
June 17 2023 at 4:00pm
- ◆ **Flag Day** June 14, 2023
- ◆ **Father's Day** June 18, 2023
- ◆ **DSM Free Flicks Movies**
June 23, 2023 at 6:30pm
"Lightyear"
- ◆ **Eid al-Adha -** June 29, 2023
- ◆ **Independence Day-** July 4, 2023
- ◆ **DSM Free Flicks Movies**
July 7, 2023 at 6:30pm
"DC League of Super Pets"
- ◆ **DSM Free Flicks Movies**
July 14, 2023 at 6:30pm
"Minions: The Rise of Gru"
- ◆ **BRNA's Fun-in-the-Run**
July 15, 2023 - 5:00-9:00pm
- ◆ **BRNA BOD Meeting**
July 18, 2023 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **DSM Free Flicks Movies**
July 21, 2023 at 6:30pm "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever"
- ◆ **DSM Free Flicks Movies**
August 4, 2023 at 6:30pm
"Finding Nemo"



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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:

Starts June 1st - You've Been Flocked

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 on the middle of the Home Page. You can also make payments via Venmo to @BrookRunNeighborhoodAssoc.

Our Neighborhood Business Partners

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Smart cat!

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**JUNE 17, 2023 4PM-6PM
WOMEN'S GAME NIGHT
BANQUET**

\$10 per person

FOOD **SILENT AUCTION** **PRIZES**
GAMES



R.S.V.P.- Lt. Kristen 515-782-1727

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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

