

Our Village Voice



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Polk County Announces: Water Quality Scientific Assessment *Tom Hockensmith-Polk County Board of Supervisors*



Polk County, Iowa is proud to announce the completion of a comprehensive scientific assessment focused on the water quality of the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers. This groundbreaking study was led by a team of fifteen distinguished scientific advisors, in collaboration with nine key data partners including City of Des Moines, Des Moines Water Works, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, National Agricultural Statistics Service, United States Army Corps of Engineers, and United States Geological Survey.

The Central Iowa Scientific Water Research Assessment team logged over 4,000 hours of research and analysis. The project has now concluded with the issuance of the Currents of Change: Final Scientific Assessment of Source Water Research Report, which provides all supporting data and analysis and fully outlines clear projects and pathways (local, regional, and statewide) for improved source water quality in the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers.

The assessment provides an in-depth investigation into the current state of conditions across central Iowa, with a primary emphasis on river flow, drinking water, ecological health, and recreational impacts. By carefully analyzing these critical components of water quality, the study aims to provide actionable insights and recommendations for future projects to ensure the sustainability and vitality of Iowa's water resources.

Key findings from the assessment highlight the intricate balance between river flow and the surrounding ecosystems, illustrating the direct effects on drinking water quality and the broader ecological health of the region. Furthermore, the study elaborates on how these factors influence recreational activities and the overall well-being of the community. Polk County is committed to leveraging this valuable scientific data to foster informed decision-making and proactive measures that will enhance the quality of life for its residents while preserving the natural beauty and integrity of its waterways. Currents of Change would not have been possible without generous funding from the 2023 Polk County, Iowa Board of Supervisors who commissioned this project using American Rescue Plan Act dollars.

For more information on the assessment and its findings, please visit: <https://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/>

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Great News That Brook Run Can Use!



Newsletter Updates

from Des Moines Mayor Connie Bosen

Summer seems to have flown by! I hope you all were able to enjoy all the wonderful seasonal events, camps, and facilities that Des Moines has to offer. I am excited to share some recent updates and upcoming events with you as we head into the fall season.

Brook Run Park Communication Board

The City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation team has installed a new Communication Board in Brook Run Park. This new installation features icons, symbols, and colors that help bridge the gap between verbal and nonverbal communication. This is a step forward in ensuring all children can enjoy the city's wonderful parks.

This installment was prompted by an email mix-up from someone hoping to reach the City of Des Moines in Washington. You can learn more about the Communication Board and the story behind it here: https://youtu.be/5Krx0iYMi8I?si=rtq_-l6_tjxz0w2A



Fall/Winter Seasonal Positions

The City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department is now hiring for all Fall and Winter seasonal positions. Whether it's helping with our fall sports programs or working at the skating rink, our part-time and full-time seasonal positions are essential to supporting youth programming and ensuring fall and winter fun for all.

I also want to thank all of our summer seasonal staff who helped keep all our aquatics facilities, camps, and sports running smoothly. I know that many residents took advantage of all the great summer programs Des Moines has to offer.

Visit [DSM.city/ParkJobs](https://dsm.city/parkjobs) for all the details on openings for the City's seasonal positions.

SCRUB Events

There are only three more chances to participate in SCRUB this year. The final MEGA SCRUB will take place on September 20 at Bell Avenue Business Park.

SCRUB provides residents with the opportunity to get rid of yard waste and debris which can be especially beneficial after all the extreme weather we have experienced this summer.

The remaining SCRUB events are as follows:

Saturday, September 20:

Metro Central Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave., 7 AM - 2 PM

City of Des Moines Compost Center, 1601 Harriet St., 7 AM - 2 PM

MEGA SCRUB: Bell Avenue Business Park, 1901 Bell Ave., 7 AM - 1 PM

Saturday, October 18

Metro Central Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave., 7 AM - 2 PM

City of Des Moines Compost Center, 1601 Harriet St., 7 AM - 2 PM

Saturday, November 15

Metro Central Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave.,
7 AM - 2 PM

City of Des Moines Compost Center, 1601 Harriet St.,
7 AM - 2 PM

For more information on guidelines regarding user requirements, vehicle requirements, unloading procedures, and accepted item, please visit dsm.city/SCRUB.

I am excited to see what the second half of this year brings for our city. As always, I encourage you all to stay connected and engaged with your city government and each other.



Kid's Korner

Information Submitted by Elizabeth Ruddy

Happy New (School) Year!

Are you new to the neighborhood? Starting a new school this year? Hoping to make new friendships this school year? Let's think about ways to get to know each other better and make new connections this school year.

"Ask Questions"

- ◆ How is this school different from your last school? How is it the same?
- ◆ If you could live anywhere in the world, where would you live?
- ◆ What do you like to do on the weekends?
- ◆ Do you have any brothers or sisters?
- ◆ What do you like to do after school?
- ◆ Do you play any sports?
- ◆ What's your favorite hot lunch?
- ◆ Create your own list of questions!

- * **Listen to Their Response**
- * **Ask Follow Up Questions**
- * **Share About Yourself**
- * **Make Connections**

Let's make an effort to make everyone feel welcome and included this school year.



News from the BRVOA

www.brookrunvillage.com

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING:

Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at 6:00pm

via Zoom Link (<https://weitz.zoom.us/j/96052099622?pwd=kWOHar4MoYvUciaKJYpJ3lqWoXRqVq.1>)

BROOK RUN VILLAGE OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Submitted by Pam Schwartz, Secretary

The Brook Run Village Owners Association's Board of Directors has hired HRC Association Management as BRVOA's managing agent. HRC's contract commences September 1, 2025. Brook Run Village homeowners will be receiving an introductory letter from HRC soon. Those who haven't provided an email address or don't have internet service will receive the notification by US Mail. Be sure to check your inbox and be on the lookout for an email from Hubbell Realty (hoa@hrcassociationmanagement.com). Homeowners are urged to read the information, especially the instructions on how to connect to HRC's online portal. The portal provides each member with a secure login experience to make payments, access contact and account information, and review Association documents and announcements.

Important Contacts:

- **HOA Management Company: HRC Association Management • Phone (24/7 Service): (515) 280-2014 • Email: hoa@hrcassociationmanagement.com**

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

New Property Manager

HRC Association Management
Phone: (515) 280-2014
hoa@hrcassociationmanagement.com

2025 Quarterly Calendar of Events

- ◆ **BRVOA Annual Meeting**
September 3, 2025 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **National Grandparents Day**
September 7, 2025
- ◆ **Patriot Day**
September 11, 2025
- ◆ **BRNA BOD Meeting**
September 16, 2025 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **1st Day of Autumn**
September 22, 2025
- ◆ **Rosh Hashanah**
September 23, 2025
- ◆ **BRVOA Monthly Meeting**
October 1, 2025 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **Yom Kippur** October 2, 2025
- ◆ **Columbus Day** October 13, 2025
- ◆ **Indigenous Peoples' Day**
October 13, 2025
- ◆ **Diwali** October 21, 2025
- ◆ **BRNA Quarterly Meeting**
October 21, 2025 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **Halloween** October 31, 2025
- ◆ **Daylight Saving Time Ends**
November 2, 2025
- ◆ **Election Day** November 4, 2025
- ◆ **BRVOA Monthly Meeting**
November 5, 2025 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **Veterans Day**
November 4, 2025
- ◆ **BRNA BOD Meeting**
November 18, 2025 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **Thanksgiving**
November 27, 2025

2025 Brook Run “Fun-in-the-Run”

Whatta Blast!!

Photos by Sara Moody



Thank You to Our Sponsors!!



“Life in The Run”

What has been going on in the Brook Run Neighborhood

We would like to hear from you. Please take some time to fill out this survey to let us know how to make this event even better next year: <https://forms.gle/hgvSTzvPvBTFzfca8>



SE Polk Football Team Wins First Game

The first football game of the year was won by SE Polk Rams with their 30-14 win over Ankeny Centennial on Friday, August 29th



Photo by Niki Moore



Photo from The Des Moines Register

This Girl Got Skillz!!

Information and Photos from Tonya Hoover

In July, 7th Grader and Goalkeeper Willow Phondeth attended the 2025 Iowa Soccer Camp at Grinnell College. Willow and her sister Cora live in Brook Run neighborhood with their parents Somprasong & Tonya Phondeth. This year Willow has battled injury only to come back and shine as a great goalkeeper.

Go Willow!!



July Yard of the Month Winner

Eric Less—5417 Brook View Drive, Brook Landing



“Info You Need to Know”



Crispy Honey Sriracha Chicken Wings

Recipe Supplied by Sara Moody

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons baking powder
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 2 1/2 pounds chicken wing sections

Honey Sriracha Glaze

- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/3 cup sriracha sauce
- 1 tablespoon seasoned rice vinegar
- 1/4 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1 pinch sesame seeds, or as desired



Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C). Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil and place an oven-proof wire rack over the foil.
2. Whisk baking powder, salt, black pepper, and paprika together in a small bowl.
3. Place chicken wings in a large bowl. Sprinkle 1/2 of the baking powder mixture over wings and toss to coat. Repeat with remaining baking powder mixture, tossing well to coat.
4. Arrange wings on the rack of the prepared baking sheet.
5. Bake in the preheated oven for 20 minutes. Turn wings and continue baking for 20 minutes. Turn wings again and bake until wings are browned and crispy, about 15 minutes more. Transfer wings to a large bowl.
6. For the glaze: Whisk honey, sriracha sauce, rice vinegar, and sesame oil together in a bowl until smooth. Drizzle glaze over wings and toss to coat completely.
7. Transfer wings to a serving platter and sprinkle sesame seeds over the top.

Brook Run Neighborhood Business Partners

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Laurie Thompson at brookrunna@gmail.com

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2025



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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:

- ◆ September 16 - BRNA BOD Meeting
- ◆ October 21 - BRNA Quarterly Meeting
- ◆ November 18 - BRNA BOD Meeting



To Think About
Volunteering for
the BRNA Board
for 2026!!

Des Moines Police Department
Neighborhood Liaison

Officer Steve W. Walters
515-333-7399

Report Date: August 27, 2025

56-Service Calls

19-Cases made

4- Arrests

Please let me know if there is anything I
can help with in your neighborhood.

Email me: DMeunsaveng@dmgov.org

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).



**For 2025 we want your business to sponsor the BRNA.
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