

Our Village Voice








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Hot News from Our Neighbors

Question: Which Internet Provider Do You Use?

Internet services are a big subject of conversation in this neighborhood. This is non-scientific information generated for you from our neighbors, Facebook, emails, and conversation throughout our neighborhood. Pricing and information is supplied by the company's website and has not been independently verified. Thanks to everyone that offered their views and experience with each company listed.

Vendor	Price Per Month	Speed of Service	Service Notes
	\$64.99 (Installation Fees Apply)	1 Gig Service (Cable Connection)	Popular, mostly dependable but there are occasional outages but usually comes back quickly.
	\$89.95 (1st yr. price is \$49.95) (2nd yr. price is \$59.95) (3rd yr. price is \$69.95)	1 Gig Service (Fiber Connection)	Popular, new to our neighborhood. Mostly dependable but if there is an outage service takes a while to get there to fix the problem.
 CenturyLink	\$55.00 (Installation Fees Apply)	100 Mbps Service (DSL Connection)	Popular, mostly dependable but speeds not as fast as others. Not as expensive as other services.
	\$64.99 (4-yr. price guarantee)	1 Gig Service (5G Internet)	No direct reports but new service does come with free NFL Sunday Ticket. And other special deals.
	\$64.99 (Price for one year)	Up to 100 Mbps Service (Satellite Connection)	No direct reports but is available in our neighborhood. They do have limits to how much internet is used.

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Other services are available to us now or in the near future, but not limited to, these vendors: **Google Fiber, Quantum Fiber, Always On, StarLink, and US Cellular**. All of the services researched here said they are good for browsing, shopping, social media, streaming music and podcasts. They also listed great for HD TV Streaming and gaming. Everybody had sign-up specials and deals of various lengths, with different speeds and usage limits.



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: August 15, 2024
Service Calls for the Last 30 Days

30-Service Calls

3-Cases made

1- Arrests

1-Ticket Issued

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

Let's keep this going 😊

Email me: dblor@dmgov.org

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

News Update from Mayor Connie Boesen

Reprinted from the "Mayors Monthly Update"-August 2024



I was proud to join Congressman Zach Nunn, Supervisor Angela Connelly and others to share the good news that we received a \$750,000 investment from the federal government for the Polk County Iowa Life Services Center. When completed, the county's first sobering center will also house psychiatric urgent care and provide crisis intervention services for those experiencing mental health emergencies. Located at 19th and Carpenter Avenue, the Life Services Center will stand for the hope and support a person needs on their darkest days and the opportunity to go a new direction.

Kid's Corner Story

A Story by Kids for Kids

What I Like About Living in Brook Run



Hi, my name is Carmen Lynn. I am 9 years old and I am in fourth grade. I have 1 sibling and his name is Mike.

He is 13 years old. My parents' names are Tim and Kelly. My mom is the president of our neighborhood association.

She helps to coordinate Fun-in-the-Run and this year I helped with

the tattoo table. I also have two pets named Bentley and Pumpkin. I like to play at the Brook Run Park. My favorite thing about Brook Run is having lots of kids to hang out with. My friends and I like to go on lots of walks in the neighborhood.



Apple Pie Bites

from The Magnolia Journal



- 1/2 of a 17.3oz. Pkg. frozen puff pastry sheets (1 sheet) thawed
- 1 1/2 cups finely chopped apples, peeled if desired
- 2 tsp. sugar
- 1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 10 vanilla caramels, unwrapped
- 3 Tbsp. heavy cream
- Chopped toasted pecans to taste
- Sea Salt flakes to taste

Directions

1. **PREHEAT** oven to 400 F. On a lightly floured surface unfold puff pastry sheet. Roll pastry into a 15x10-inch rectangle; cut into twenty-four 2 1/2 inch squares. Fit each square into a 1 3/4 inch muffin cup.
2. **STIR** together apples, sugar, and cinnamon. Spoon into pastry-lined muffin cups. Bake about 15 minutes or until pastry is golden. Cool 5 minutes in pan. Carefully remove bites from pan.
3. **MEANWHILE**, heat and stir caramels and cream over very low heat until melted and smooth. Drizzle bites with caramel sauce and sprinkle with pecans. Sprinkle lightly with sea salt. Serve immediately and enjoy.



***TIP:** If desired, use a high-quality purchased caramel sauce instead of making your own.



News from Linda Westergaard

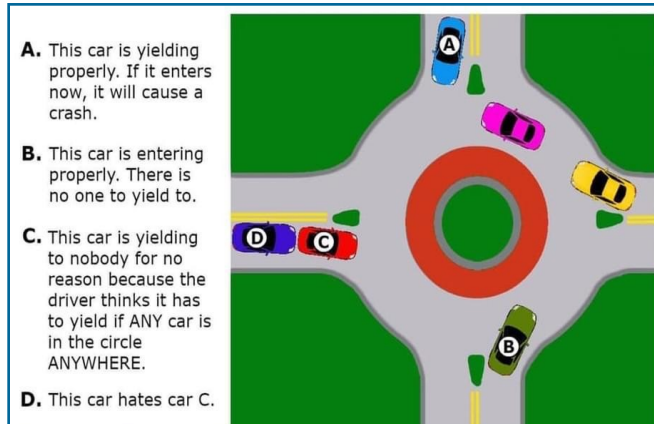
City of Des Moines Council-Ward 2

Traffic circles are a neighborhood calming device. The outside curbs and pedestrian ramps at the intersection are very similar to a typical 4-way intersection with the addition of a center island meant to slow down traffic going through, right, or left. Because large trucks, emergency vehicles,

etc. may need to turn left in front of the circle due to space limitations, the vegetation within the circle needs to be maintained for sight distance across it. Approaching vehicles must yield to traffic already within the circle. If you have questions on Circular Intersections in Des Moines, contact the Traffic & Transportation Division at (515) 283-4973.

I have been hearing from several homeowners who live in Brook Landing that do not have mail boxes. If you live in Brook Landing and do not have access to a mailbox please let me know. Feel Free to email me

at lindaw@dmgov.org and let me know your address. I am working with the developer and the Post Office to see you get access to your mail without having to go to the Post Office.



Linda



News from the BRVOA

www.brookrunvillage.com

MONTHLY MEETING: Wednesday, September 4, 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,

Planning on Brook Run's stream restoration project is progressing, buoyed by overwhelmingly positive feedback from our membership. Especially encouraging is the favorable initial response from most homeowners directly affected by the project. Many of them attended a July informational meeting, which offered an overview of the concept and an opportunity to provide direct input. Polk County planners heading up the project are now holding on-site follow up sessions with property owners to discuss specifics for overcoming streambank erosion and to hear individual concerns. Stream reconstruction is slated for next year. Also, the Board of Directors appreciates the membership's adherence to Association rules, especially broader ones involving storage of trash receptacles and prohibiting long-term parking of trailers, boats, campers and other recreational vehicles. The "use restrictions" in our Covenants are aimed at presenting a favorable overall appearance of the neighborhood – and enhancing property values.

Thank you!

BRVOA Board of Directors

Gary Galasso, of 5010 Brook Ridge Cir.
Pam Schwartz, of 3613 Brook Run Drive.
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Third Quarter Calendar of Events

- ◆ **BRVOA Monthly Meeting**
September 4, 2024 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **BRNA BOD Meeting**
September 18, 2024 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **City of DSM SCRUB Day**
September 21, 2024
- ◆ **Fall Begins** September 22, 2024
- ◆ **Rosh Hashanah**
October 4, 2024
- ◆ **Yom Kippur** October 12, 2024
- ◆ **Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day** October 14, 2024
- ◆ **BRNA Quarterly Meeting**
October 16, 2024 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **City of DSM SCRUB Day**
October 19, 2024
- ◆ **BRNA Halloween Parade**
October 27, 2024
- ◆ **City of DSM Beggars Night**
October 30, 2024
- ◆ **Halloween** October 30, 2024
- ◆ **Diwali** November 1, 2024
- ◆ **Day of the Dead** Nov. 2, 2024
- ◆ **BRVOA Monthly Meeting**
November 6, 2024 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **City of DSM SCRUB Day**
November 16, 2024
- ◆ **Election Day** November 5, 2024
- ◆ **Veteran Day** November 11, 2024
- ◆ **Thanksgiving** November 28, 2024



Our Annual Block Party

Fun-in-the-Run — July 27th from 5:00-9:00pm

Photos by Sara Moody

We had a BLAST!!

Thanks to our Event Coordinator Niki Moore and everyone that volunteered and helped with this year's event. We could not have done it without you!!



“Life in The Run”

What has been going on in the Brook Run Neighborhood



2024 Southeast Polk Rams Baseball Club

Photos and Story Information from Erin Dietz



Photo by Scenic Route Photography



12 Under Rams-Grey Team

The Rams 12U Grey Team had a wonderful 2024 baseball season. They ended up with third place in the Gold bracket at 12U A State tournament with a record of 4-1. The team also participated in the Prairie City Monroe

tournament this summer. Andy Dietz, Brian Knight, and Will Larson were the of coaches for the team this year. They also had a tournament at the famous Field of Dreams in Dyersville, Iowa. They lead pool play in runs scored and ended up with a 2-2 record. At the All-State Showcase Jackson Dietz got 4 doubles, a walk, and a single. He also got to pitch for an inning and struck out all 3 batters he faced. He was nominated for the MVP of the Easton Hype tournament in Kansas City, Missouri this summer.



The BRNA Yard-of-the-Month - August

Photos by Chantelle Cadek

The August 2024 Yard of the Month winners are Denny and Joleen Farrell of 3341 Park Side Drive. Denny retired from Des Moines Water Works 14 years ago and Joleen is the City of Des Moines Sanitation Administrator. Denny is a former competitive fisherman and still enjoys participating in the occasional tournament. The Farrells were given a \$25 Lowe's gift card along with the privilege of having the Yard of the Month sign in their yard.





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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:

September 17 - BRNA BOD Meeting

October 15 - BRNA Quarterly Meeting

October 27 - BRNA Halloween Parade

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

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Laurie Thompson at brookrunna@gmail.com



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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



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