

WAVELAND PARK NEWS

SUMMER 2022



DES MOINES, IOWA

Hello, Summer!

Your guide to everything going on in the neighborhood. Plan to be the best kind of busy.

June-September: Uptown Artist's Market

Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Uptown Shopping Center, corner of 42nd and University

Check out artists and local musicians each week.

June 13: Waveland Park Monthly Hang Out

1089 44th Street, 6:30 p.m.

Meet at Mark Johnson's house and ogle his double-size backyard garden. BYO refreshments and chair.

June 17: Waveland Park Twilight Family Walk/Run

Waveland Golf Course, 8:00 p.m. Check-In / 8:15 p.m. Start

Run or walk 9 holes (1.5 miles) or 18 holes (about a 5k) around the oldest public golf course west of the Mississippi—right in our own backyard! Finish at the historic clubhouse for pizza. \$10 for adults/ \$5 for kids.

June 20th: Waveland Park Art Week Activation

Perkins Elementary School / artweekdesmoines.com

July 11: Waveland Park Neighborhood Hang Out

1538 47th Street, 6:30 p.m.

We'll gather in the yard of Todd and Alicia Snell. BYO refreshments and lawn chair.

August 2: National Night Out

Follow us on Facebook for details on our neighborhood event.

National Night Out is an annual campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.

August 8: Cancelled: Waveland Park Hang out

September 12: Waveland Park Monthly Hang Out

Location TBA. Follow us on Facebook for updates.

October 1: Walking Tour of historic Waveland Park.

Follow us on Facebook for updates.

Art Week Des Moines

Each day of the week leading up to the Des Moines Arts Festival (June 24-26), artists will mobilize and show off their work in a different Des Moines neighborhood.

Friday, June 17: The Avenues

Buskers and poets perform and restaurants collaborate with artists on signature dishes.

Saturday, June 18: Oak Park/Highland Park

Artists will show their work at businesses in the district, including a Pride group show.

Sunday, June 19: Drake/Dogtown

Artists take up residence on porches up and down Cottage Grove Avenue, coinciding with the 150th anniversary of that street.

Monday, June 20: Franklin/Waveland Park

In conjunction with World Refugee Day, we'll gather outside Perkins Elementary school and soak up music by local acts, including songs and dance from the Karen Association in Iowa Youth. Get dinner from a food truck and henna tattoos.

Tuesday, June 21: Downtown

Join an architecture/art crawl as different firms host artists. Check out putt putt at Mainframe studios and a reception at County Heritage Gallery.

Wednesday, June 22: Columbus Park

The Art Center partners with artists at the park.

Thursday, June 23: Valley Junction

The final event of the week includes a Big Head parade. Plan to help make the Big Head limbs and march along.

Planning a block party? Apply for a street-closure permit at least 30 days in advance. Visit DSM.city/streetuse to download the form and get additional details. Or call (515) 283-4037.

Pound the Pavement

Everyone outdoors! There are so many fun places to discover in Waveland Park and we've mapped out a bunch of them, perfect for summertime strolling. Check them off as you go (and tag us in your pictures!)

By Jeanne Ambrose



Hop on the **Waveland Trail**. Follow it about 2.25 miles south to meet the Walnut Creek Trail and pedal on to your heart's content. Or, pass the trail head and do your workout at the **Franklin Field Park's** outdoor exercise equipment. **53rd St. and Franklin Ave.**



Say hello to the winged wonders, especially monarchs, feeding on wildflowers and milkweed at **Franklin Library gardens**. While you're there, sign up for their summer reading challenge (see page 4 for details)! **5000 Franklin Ave.**



Stroll all the way down **46th Street**, the longest north-south street in Waveland Park. It runs from Kingman Blvd. to Franklin Ave.—our northern border. (Our other north-south streets jog at University Ave. before picking up again about a half block away, so they don't count.)



Stroll beneath the shady canopy of about 80 **Sycamore trees** arching over Polk Boulevard. Mind the curves as the sidewalks were remade to accommodate the gigantic tree trunks. **Polk Boulevard, south of University Avenue.**



Take a porch tour! So many Waveland Park homes have welcoming porches. Notice the different styles. According to Mark Johnson, Waveland Park's favorite walker and history buff, nearly 95% of the houses on the quarter-mile stretch of **42nd Street between University and Forest** have one.



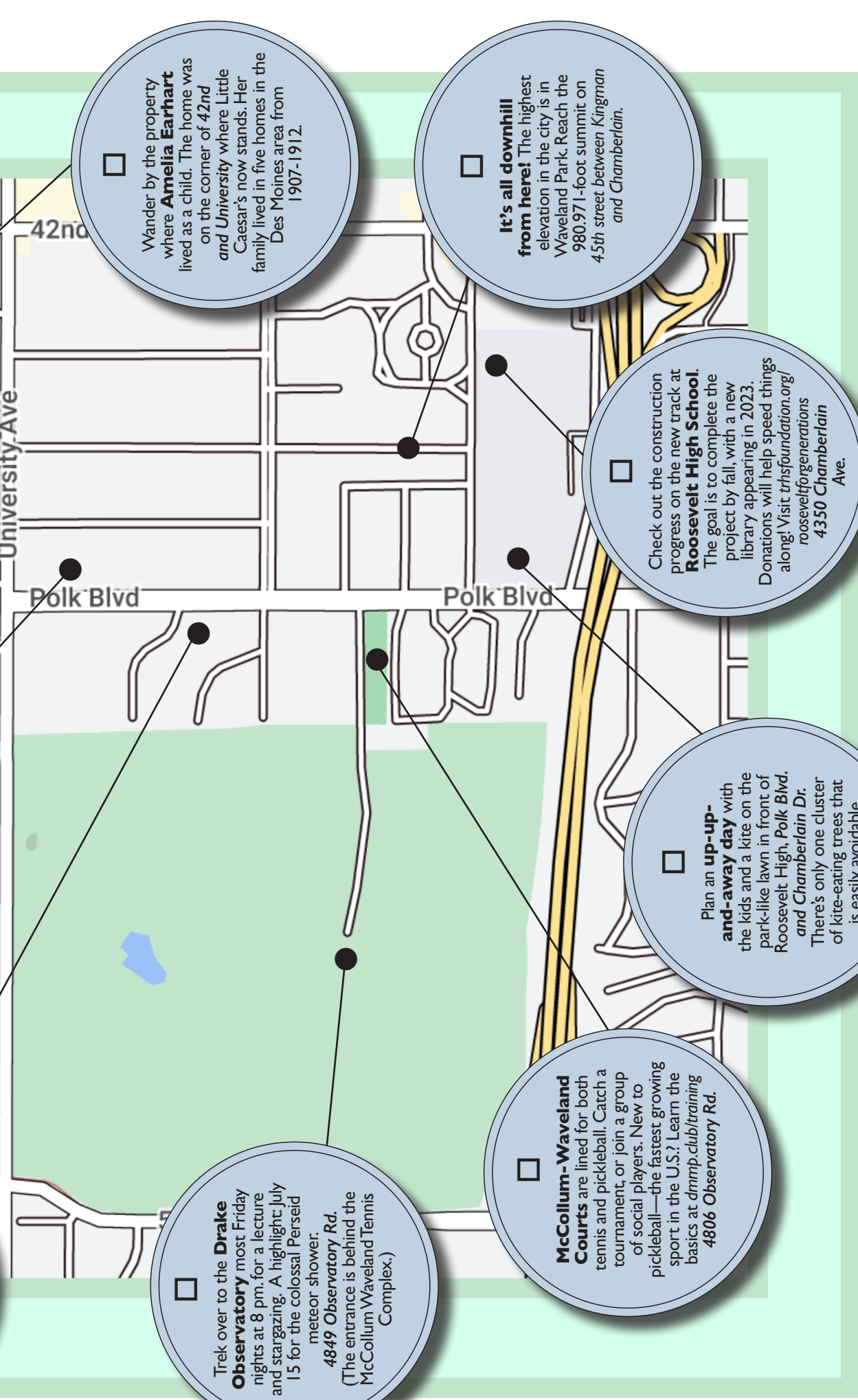
Admire **"America's Most Beautiful Modern Home."** That's what the model home was called when built in 1937 and sponsored by the Des Moines Architects by the Association. (Stay on the sidewalk, please.) **4706 Lakeview Dr.**

Franklin Ave

48th St

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Trek over to the **Drake Observatory** most Friday nights at 8 pm, for a lecture and stargazing. A highlight: July 15 for the colossal Perseid meteor shower.
4849 Observatory Rd.
 (The entrance is behind the McCollum Waveland Tennis Complex.)



McCollum-Waveland Courts are lined for both tennis and pickleball. Catch a tournament, or join a group of social players. New to pickleball—the fastest growing sport in the U.S.? Learn the basics at dmmpp.club/training
4806 Observatory Rd.



Plan an **up-up-and-away day** with the kids and a kite on the park-like lawn in front of Roosevelt High, Polk Blvd. and Chamberlain Dr. There's only one cluster of kite-eating trees that is easily avoidable.



Wander by the property where **Amelia Earhart** lived as a child. The home was on the corner of 42nd and University where Little Caesar's now stands. Her family lived in five homes in the Des Moines area from 1907-1912.



It's all downhill from here! The highest elevation in the city is in Waveland Park. Reach the 980.971-foot summit on 4.5th street between Kingman and Chamberlain.



Check out the construction progress on the new track at **Roosevelt High School**. The goal is to complete the project by fall, with a new library appearing in 2023. Donations will help speed things along! Visit trhsfoundation.org!
rooseveltforgenerations.org
4350 Chamberlain Ave.

DINE IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Some top WP-area picks: **Louie's Wine Dive**, 4040 University Ave.; **La Mie**, 841 42nd St.; **Shawarma City** (there's a picnic table out front), 4944 Franklin Ave.; or **Snookies Malt Shop**, 1810 Beaver Ave. And follow [@VeggieThumper](https://www.instagram.com/VeggieThumper) on Instagram to see where the bus is parked (most Fridays, it's at ACE for lunch!). No seating, but you do get to stand in the sunshine while you wait.

SUPPORT LOCAL

by Ann Thye

Meet Claire and Webster Kranto, owners of **Budu\Bu** at 4715

University Avenue. Claire and Webb met while they were students at Iowa State University ('16, '15), and are busy parents and entrepreneurs. Fun fact is that they are President and Vice President of the Magnolia Park Neighborhood Association on the south side of Des Moines.



Claire and Webb also are founders and directors of Kranto Education Alliance, which provides engaging summer and after school enrichment programs for 15 Des Moines Public Schools and employs more than 50 people. Hip Hop dance and fashion design are just a few of the fun activities they and their staff share. The two also started a video production and social media company, Kranto Professional Media Solutions. Webb serves as Vice Chairman on the State of Iowa Board of Corrections, and also is a Commissioner for the Des Moines Civil and Human Rights Commission.

Budu\Bu is a modern smoke shop and art collective with a West African vibe. Along with a wide range of art and accessory pieces, Claire's own Des Moines-based apparel brand, ArkVayo, is featured. Budu\Bu hosted its first Art Mart in May, featuring 10 artists and live music. We hope they'll host more of these events in Waveland Park!



JOIN THE WPNA!

NAME/BUSINESS NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____
E-MAIL _____

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Note: Waveland Park Neighborhood Association is a nonprofit organization. Your membership could be eligible for a matching gift from your employer.

- o Renewal
- o New Membership
- o \$20.00 Individual/Family Membership
- o \$75.00 Business Membership

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Please make checks payable to WPNA and mail to:
WPNA P.O. Box 30112
Des Moines, IA 50310

Payment via PayPal is available at wavelandpark.org under MEMBERSHIP tab. Include your name, address, and email as a NOTE attached to your payment.

ABOUT THE WPNA

Board Members

President: Anna Mason

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Communications Director:

Katy Kiick Condon

Historian: Mark Johnson

Members at Large:

Charlie Chedester

Nick Coleman

Carol Lunde

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Joe Wallace

The WPNA is a non-partisan nonprofit organization in which all meetings, programs, and events are free and open to the public. It is the purpose of the WPNA to enhance and maintain the quality of life in Waveland Park.

For questions, comments, or to become a member contact:
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Facebook: [/WPNAfb](https://www.facebook.com/WPNAfb)

DMPL Summer Reading

Adults can take part in the **Summer Checkout Challenge**. Ask a librarian for a form, follow the instructions, and turn in the form to be eligible for prize drawings. There will be three different drawings and you can enter multiple times.

All Summer Long is the youth program. It's open to anyone eighteen and younger, with separate categories for children and teens. Kids receive a new book just for signing up, then fill out activity logs to be eligible for a big prize.

Learn more: dmpl.org/summer-reading