

Waveland Park News

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What's New, Neighbor?

Tour a few of the new places to shop, eat, and play popping up around Waveland Park **BY ANN THYE**



HUCKLEBERRY HOME

1141 42nd ST.
UPTOWN SHOPPING CENTER

@HUCKLEBERRYHOME515

Huckleberry Home opened on March 15th this year in the former Zumi space in the Uptown Shopping Center. Owner Desiree Gould scours estate sales and works with local artisans to curate an eclectic collection of one-of-a-

kind antique, vintage, and handmade pieces.

Des's desire to create is strong, and she is always busy making things as she spends time at the store. She was placing classic art prints in vintage frames as she shared with me about her business. She also paints mandala art, makes dream catchers, sews, makes jewelry, and refinishes furniture. Her current project is turning a vintage hutch into a small bar. Be on the watch for Huckleberry Happy Hour to be held on summer Fridays from 3-6 p.m.

If you have a green thumb, or hope to develop one, the shop receives a new delivery nearly every week of healthy, beautiful houseplants supplied by De Jong Greenhouses in Pella. You might buy a macramé hanger and pot for your new pothos, or walk away with a floral painting by her sister-in-

law, quilted items made by her mother-in-law, or earrings crafted from a local artist's vintage button collection.

Desiree is becoming a fixture at the other businesses in the shopping center. Most of her mornings begin at Friedrich's Coffee with a white mocha iced coffee (no whip, and a dash of cinnamon, please). And it's hard to pass up lunch at the new Vietnamese and Chinese restaurant, All Pho You. She can see it from her front door, their milk tea and Boba drinks are delicious, and Desiree swears their chicken fried rice is the best she has ever tasted. Her foster dogs are the beneficiaries of many treats and toys from Bone-A-Patreat.

Welcome to the neighborhood, Huckleberry Home!

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Join Us!

It takes more than an address to become an *official Waveland Parker...*

Every year, the Waveland Park Neighborhood Association plans outings, parties, and tours to help our neighbors gather and experience the best of living between 235 and Franklin.

Annual membership is inexpensive—just \$20 per household or \$75 for businesses. Your dues help us fund events and offer perks like this quarterly newsletter, streetscaping activities, Easter Egg hunts, Food trucks, and live music.

See the back page for sign up details, or visit wavelandpark.org/membership.

See you at the next event!

“WHAT’S NEW” CONTINUED



ALL PHO YOU

4120 UNIVERSITY AVE. (515) 279-4711

ALLPHOYOU.DSM.COM @ALLPHOYOU.DSM

In the midst of Covid, our neighborhood welcomed a new restaurant, All Pho You. They offer dining in or carry out, and also have a nice patio in the back, left. The restaurant features an extensive menu of authentic Vietnamese and Chinese cuisine. They also serve Vietnamese iced coffee and many flavors of Boba bubble tea drinks and smoothies. There are

more than 25 choices! The owner, Lena, her family and staff all work together to provide great service for dining in, and speedy service for takeout. Open daily 11-8:30; Sunday 11-8; closed Wednesdays.



FAUSTINO'S TAQUERIA

4944 FRANKLIN AVE. (515) 255-1410

FAUSTINOSTAQUERIA.COM

On the northern border of Waveland Park, Asael Faustino and his wife, Sky, along with his brothers Jose and David, opened a restaurant featuring eight different kinds of street tacos and food from the Guerrero area of Central Mexico. A few neighborhood favorites: Vampiros Tacos—a grilled corn tortilla refried beans, meat, guacamole, and crumbled cheese on top, and Esquite—street corn. Hit their salsa bar to sample different types and spice levels.

Monday-Thursday 10-9:30; Friday and Saturday 10-10:30; closed Sundays.



POP & NOD

84742nd ST. POPANDNOD.COM @POPANDNOD

Owner Mallory Halverson is going to make you smile. Stop into her boutique clothing and accessories shop for your afternoon rush of dopamine, a laugh at some irreverent items, and walk away with a dress for your next summer bbq. This June the shop will play host to a permanent jewelry maker, but there are frequent special events, so stay in the know with the Pop and Nod instagram. Part of every purchase

goes to Count the Kicks, a non-profit aiming to reduce the stillbirth rate across the country. Open daily 11-3; Saturdays 10:30-2:30; closed Sunday.



JOUJOU

906 42nd ST. JOUJOU.DSM.COM @JOUJOU.DSM

Amanda Wiebers and Jenny Johnson opened the doors of JouJou, their Montessori-style indoor playspace, in 2022 for little ones looking to play and explore. Adults will be at ease, too, with complimentary drinks, comfy seating, and great design (like the murals by artist Marissa Hernandez). This summer, they're offering half-off happy hour from 3-6 p.m. every Wednesday. Open M/T/TH 9:30-

4:30; Wednesday 10:30-6; Friday 9:30-12:30; Sunday 9:30-2:30; closed Saturdays.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, June 12

Waveland Park Monthly Meeting Backyard Summer Series

6:30 p.m.

The Lunde House: 933 43rd Street

Friday, June 16

Twilight Run

7:30 p.m. Waveland Golf Course

Run, walk, or stroll through the oldest municipal golf course west of the Mississippi! Follow the cart paths through either 9 holes (about 1.5 miles) or 18 holes (3.5 miles), and see our neighborhood park in a whole new (lack of) light. There will be pizza, drinks, Snookie's ice cream, and glow sticks, plus—new this year—a fun run sprint for kids. Register now!
wavelandpark.org/shop

Saturday, June 30

Blood Drive

1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

We're partnering with neighbors Capital Chiropractic for a blood drive. Each pint of blood donated can save up to three lives! Schedule an appointment at tinyurl.com/28xkb88j

Monday, July 10

Waveland Park Monthly Meeting Backyard Summer Series

6:30 p.m.

The Gernes House: 1005 45th Street

August 1

National Night Out

12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Follow us on Facebook for details!

Monday, September 11

Waveland Park Monthly Meeting Backyard Summer Series

6:30 p.m.

The LoRang House: 1010 43rd St

SEEKING LOCAL ARTISANS

Join Uptown Shopping Center's ART MARKET

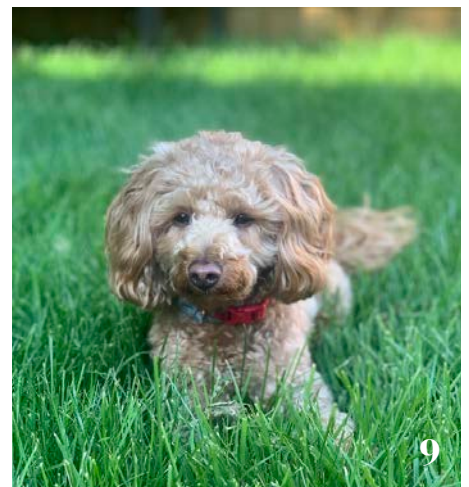
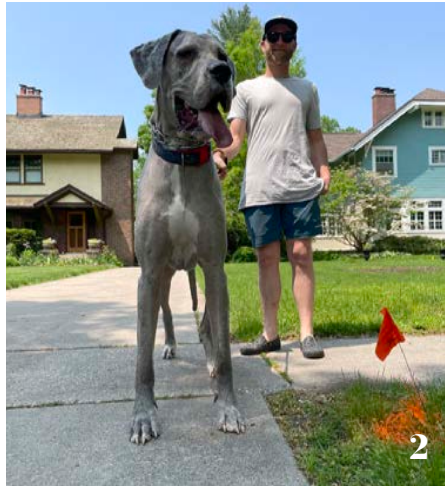
June through September, every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information and a link to the application, please contact: Lu at LuSpaine@gmail.com or Des at HuckleberryHome515@gmail.com

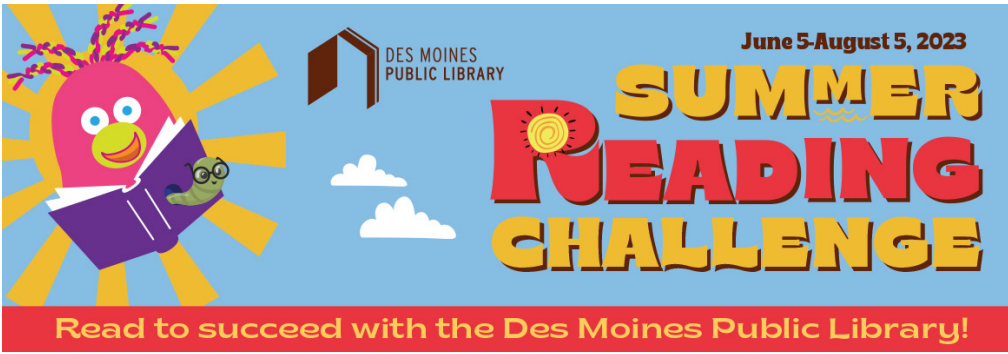
Neighborhood Characters

BY TODD HOTCHKISS

We are all characters in each others' lives. Sometimes we play starring roles, sometimes we're extras. But sometimes the extras steal the show for a moment. And in Waveland Park, it's the dogs (and at least one cat) that deserve top billing. Here are a few of our local celebrities.

1 PIP: 10 years old. Walks to Friedrich's every day where she balances treats on her nose. **2 REX:** One of two Great Danes in the neighborhood, is five. **3 LEVI:** 3½ year old Lagotto Romagnolo. His fancy UKC full name is "Jotell's Double-Stuffed Oreo." He's a champion sniffer—just ask him about his nosework competition ribbons. **4 CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT:** A rescued Greyhound racer, 9 years old. Captain can be seen walking with Clancy and his son, Jay. **5 TINY:** Visits homes on 45th street; loves to roll in loose dirt. **6 KINGMAN:** Beagle mix looking for his next game of tug of war. **7 EMMY:** Roommates with Kingman, loves a good splash pad. **8 ANNABELLE:** German Shepherd/husky mix. Keeps her backyard safe from squirrels. **9 DAISY:** A Mini Golden Doodle who enjoys perusing Bone-A-Patreat and getting her haircut in the Zoom & Groom mobile salon.





FRANKLIN LIBRARY:

Summer Reading Challenge

BY KEVIN C. KRETSCHMER

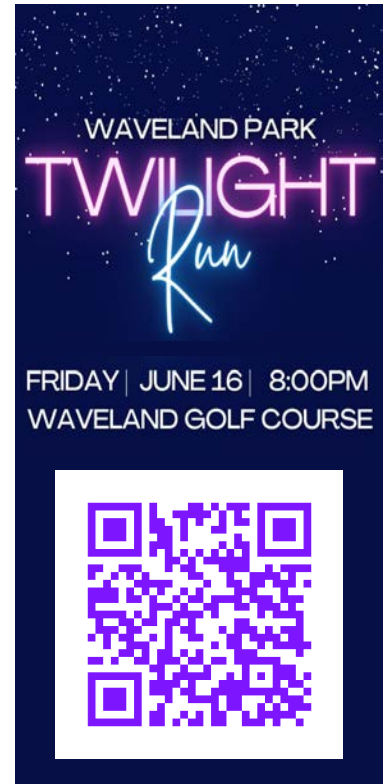
The Des Moines Public Library's Summer Reading Challenge is in full swing! The program gives children of all ages a chance to earn prizes just for reading and doing fun activities. On average, children lose about two months of reading skills over the summer months if they stop reading regularly while school is out. That's why the library's Summer Reading Challenge is so important, it's a way to keep kids engaged with

books and learning to help stop the "summer slide."

There is no cost to participate, and kids get a free book just by registering at any DMPL location or online. The program continues through Saturday, August 5. Once registered, completing the challenge is easy—just read, do activities, and attend library programs like story times, science demonstrations, and art activities. These programs are designed to captivate children while also stimulating their minds. There will also be various passive programs, such as scavenger hunts and take-home projects. When they complete the challenge, kids receive another small prize, and become eligible for our grand prize drawings in August.

The library hasn't forgotten about our adult readers! They can take part in the 2023 Summer Checkout Challenge. Adults can read books and complete literacy activities to enter into a drawing for prizes.

All family members can visit the Franklin Avenue Library or any of DMPL's other locations to sign up for one of our summer reading challenges! The library is home to hundreds of free programs all summer long. Pick up a copy of *Engage*, the library's programming magazine, or go to dmpl.org/summer-reading for more information to start planning your summer of fun and learning at the library!



ABOUT THE WPNA

Board Members

- President:** Nick Coleman
- Treasurer:** Richard Knapp
- Secretary:** Ann Thye
- Members at Large:**
 - Chris LoRang
 - Megan Ross
 - Joe Wallace
 - Molly House
 - Matt Ohloff
 - Carol Lunde
 - Kathy Roate
 - John Smith

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: Waveland Park Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 30112, Des Moines, IA 50310
Email: info@wavelandpark.org
Web: wavelandpark.org
Facebook: /WPNAfb

Join the WPNA!

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MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

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

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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.