

# Waveland Park News

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## Art Show

A Drake professor teams up with local kids to light up the neighborhood **BY KATY CONDON**



Take a beat between loading bags of groceries, and you'll see that the Uptown Shopping Center (corner of 42nd and University), has raised the bar on holiday light displays. For the second year in a row, Uptown, Invest DSM, and Franklin Avenue Neighbors are hosting a collaborative art show between Drake Professor Edward Kelly and a group

of local student artists from Perkins Elementary and Nisaa African Family Services—a local non-profit dedicated to ending domestic violence and sexual assault in African Immigrants and Refugee communities ([nisaa-afs.org](http://nisaa-afs.org)). Children were invited to submit drawings, which Kelly sculpted in glowing lights. The art is on view now and not to be missed.



## SHOP LOCAL

Announcing our 2024 Waveland Park Business Directory

**BY ANN THYE**

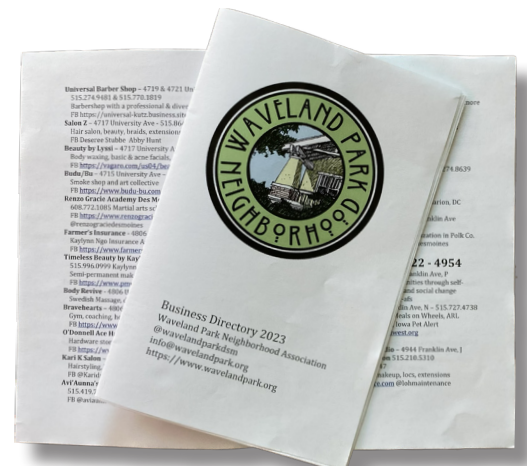
It's finally here! We gathered information on every shop, school, and place of worship we could find in Waveland Park, all so you can easily support local businesses this holiday season—and beyond!

This is our first business directory in recent memory, and we want to include all businesses in our neighborhood and bordering streets.

Please share any we may have missed, and we will add them.

And let us know if there are any other changes or additions you would like to see. If you are an entrepreneur in our Waveland Park Neighborhood, we'd like to get the word out for your business as well. Send emails with information or questions to [annthye@gmail.com](mailto:annthye@gmail.com) and [info@wavelandpark.org](mailto:info@wavelandpark.org)

Download your free copy of the 2024 Waveland Park Business Guide at [wavelandpark.org/business-directory](http://wavelandpark.org/business-directory) or hover your phone's camera here:



## LOCAL CELEBRITY Meet Newt!

Spot the nearly two year-old dachshund sauntering around California Drive or Roosevelt High School. Newt enjoys acing his classes in agility school and blowing off steam curled around the shoulders of his people.



## Wreaths hung. Lights strung. Let's **LIGHT UP WAVELAND PARK!**

Last year's winners (the 1500 block of 47th Street) will be hitting the streets over the next few weeks to look for the best and brightest displays in the neighborhood. Winners will be announced on December 22 on Facebook. Prizes delivered in 2024!



## Cold Weather Favorites

They won't freeze with these! Find wind-breaking jackets, breathable tights, warm gloves and more to keep them cruising through the cold.



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## FRANKLIN AVENUE LIBRARY NEWS

# New “Community Crafting” Series

BY KEVIN C. KRETSCHMER

In response to numerous requests for additional hands-on crafting programs (yes, we take our programming surveys very seriously!), the Franklin Avenue Library will institute a monthly series called “Community Crafting” beginning in January. Each program will provide an educational and artistic outlet for community members. Sessions will occur on either a Saturday or Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

The series kicks off with “Winter Nature Journaling” on Saturday, January 20. Nature journal entries include words, pictures, and numbers, whichever mode is most comfortable for you. Kathy E. Esch, Bachelors of Fine Arts and, Master Gardener and Master Naturalist, will be the instructor. Attendees may bring their own sketchbooks, drawing pencils and erasers, but all necessary materials will be provided. Preregistration is required and will open Wednesday, December 27.

The following session, on Sunday, February 11, will feature a landscaping specialist from the Ted Lare Garden Center. On Saturday, March 23, join us for “Watercolors with Paige and Nikki!” during which local artist Paige Knotts will demonstrate painting techniques with assistance from Franklin Supervising Librarian Nikki Hayter.

For more information on these and all upcoming programs, please visit [dmpl.org](http://dmpl.org).



# COMING SOON: NEW HOURS



Beginning Tuesday, January 2, Franklin Avenue Library's open hours will change.

**9 AM-8 PM Monday-Thursday**  
**9 AM-6 PM Friday**  
**10 AM-5 PM Saturday**  
**12-4 PM Sunday**

### PICKUP WINDOW

**10 AM-8 PM Monday-Thursday**  
**10 AM-6 PM Friday**  
**10 AM-5 PM Saturday**  
**CLOSED Sunday**

## A WARM WELCOME

# New Neighbor Gift Bags

Are you new to Waveland Park? We'd love to help you discover all the perks of our neighborhood. Simply drop a line to your neighbor Kathy on 45th street, and she'll coordinate the delivery of a bag with everything

you need to hit the ground running. Please spread the word to new neighbors anytime you see someone move in.



**Sign up for a bag or to help hand them out.**

Contact Kathy Roat [kathycmconsultant@gmail.com](mailto:kathycmconsultant@gmail.com) or text (515) 988-8088

# MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Start off 2024 with an updated Waveland Park Neighborhood Association membership! Your annual dues go toward the outings, parties, and tours that help our neighbors gather and experience the best of living between 235 and Franklin. Simply mail in this form, visit [wavelandpark.org/membership](http://wavelandpark.org/membership), or sign up at one of our monthly meetings, held the second Monday of each month. See you soon!

# 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.

- Renewal
- \$20.00 Individual/Family Membership
- New Membership
- \$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](http://wavelandpark.org) under MEMBERSHIP tab. Include your name, address, and email as a NOTE attached to your payment.

## ABOUT THE WPNA

### Board Members

**President:** Nick Coleman

**Treasurer:** Rich Knapp

**Secretary:** Ann Thye

### Members at Large:

- Chris LoRang
- Megan Ross
- Joe Wallace
- Molly House
- Matt Ohloff
- Carol Lunde
- Kathy Roat
- 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](mailto:info@wavelandpark.org)

**Web:** [wavelandpark.org](http://wavelandpark.org)

**Facebook:** /WPNAfb



## GIFT GUIDE

For the Waveland Parker who has everything, [wavelandpark.org/shop](http://wavelandpark.org/shop)

## ATTENTION BUSINESSES! Promote Directly to Your Neighbors

This newsletter is published quarterly and is delivered to more than 1,200 homes and businesses in the area. For information on advertising, contact

Ann Thye: [annthye@gmail.com](mailto:annthye@gmail.com)

And don't forget to sign up or renew your membership. Click the "Business Membership" button at [wavelandpark.org/membership](http://wavelandpark.org/membership) or scan here.



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