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NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE

City News for Neighborhood Association Leaders and Residents
November 2022 | [View as Webpage](#)



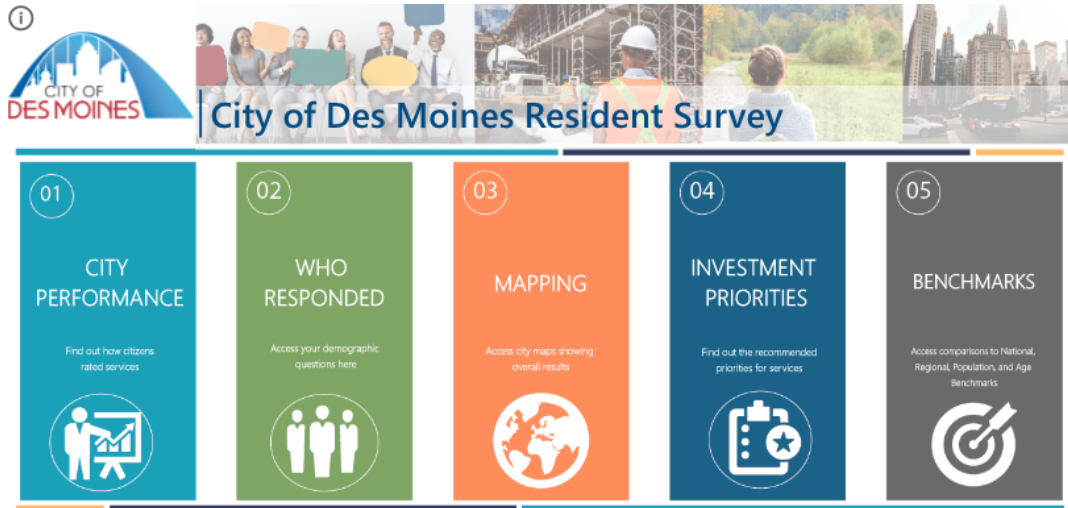
The first snow of the year has arrived. While it might seem too early for snow, it's never too early to be winter prepared. Make sure to slow down and pay attention when traveling, and create an emergency bag to keep in your vehicle.

As we do each month, we encourage you to get your COVID vaccine shot if you have not already. [You can get COVID-19 information here.](#)

Additionally, influenza vaccines are now available. If you want to make an appointment, you can through the [Polk County Health Department](#) or [community flu based clinics](#).

Sign Up to Receive This Newsletter Each Month

The City Wants To Hear Your Feedback: Resident Satisfaction Survey Is Now Available



Every two years, the City of Des Moines manages a survey to allow residents and businesses a chance to give feedback about the services they receive from the City.

This is an essential tool to help us evaluate the quality, effectiveness, and impact of our services. It helps us find smarter solutions by identifying trends and hopefully responding to them in ways that can help us move toward our desired outcomes.

How To Take The Survey

A random selection of residents was sent postcards this fall to fill out the survey. If you were not selected in that process, don't worry, you can still provide your feedback to the City! Click the button below to fill out the survey.

Complete The Survey Here

The survey asks specific questions about the work the City does. The survey should only take 15 to 20 minutes to complete. If you have any questions while completing the survey, please contact ETC Institute at 888-801-5368. Thank you for taking the time to share your opinions. Your feedback will help the City Council set the direction for the future of Des Moines.

Please Take this opportunity to have your voice heard!

Assistance Is Available To Eliminate Lead Poisoning

Lead-based paint: It's not something that is top of mind in everyday life, but it's essential to understand.

Lead-based paint is the primary source of lead poisoning in children in Iowa.

The good news is: Lead poisoning is 100% preventable. Currently,

about 75,000 housing units in Polk County were built before lead-based paint was banned in 1978.

Making homes lead safe can prevent exposure to brain-damaging hazards. If you own a home built before 1978 and have children under the age of 6, contact the Polk County Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at [\(515\) 286-2115](tel:5152862115) to ensure your home receives the needed repairs to become a lead-safe home.

You can also visit [Polk County Health Department](#) for more information.

The good news: Lead poisoning is **100% preventable.**

Take these steps to make your home lead-safe.



Talk with your child's doctor about a simple blood lead test. If you are pregnant or nursing, talk with your doctor about exposure to sources of lead.



Talk with your local health department about **testing paint and dust in your home for lead** if you live in a home built before 1978.



Renovate safely. Common renovation activities (like sanding, cutting, replacing windows, and more) can create hazardous lead dust. If you're planning renovations, use contractors certified by the Environmental Protection Agency (visit www.epa.gov/lead for information).



Remove recalled toys and toy jewelry from children and discard as appropriate. Stay up-to-date on current recalls by visiting the Consumer Product Safety Commission's website: www.cpsc.gov.



Visit www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead to learn more.



YOU'RE INVITED TO **DISCUSS THE CITY'S BUDGET**

Join City Manager Scott Sanders, City Finance Director Nick Schaul, and Des Moines City Council members for a series of public listening posts to discuss the City of Des Moines budget process for fiscal year 2024.

Tues, Dec. 6, 6–7 p.m.

Pioneer Columbus Community Recreation Center
(2100 SE 5th St.)

Thurs, Dec. 8, 6–7 p.m.

Central Library
(1000 Grand Ave.)

Sat, Dec. 10, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Franklin Avenue Library
(5000 Franklin Ave.)

Thurs, Dec. 15, 6–7 p.m.

East Side Library
(2559 Hubbell Ave.)

Learn more and submit your questions online at DSM.city/budget

Women of History Honored with Iowa Achievement Awards

Women Lead Change, a national organization dedicated to the development, advancement and promotion of women, recently announced four honorees for the 2022 Iowa Women of Achievement Awards. This award recognizes the contributions of historical Iowa women who made outstanding and lasting contributions to the citizens of Iowa, the United States, and the world.

To further recognize these essential women of history, the City of Des Moines will add permanent plaques on the Iowa Women of Achievement Bridge downtown.

Below are the four Iowa women that were honored in 2022.



Mary J. Whitely Coggeshall
(1836-1911)

Mary J. Whitely Coggeshall was a state and national leader, orator, and writer in the suffrage movement. She was also recognized as the "Mother of woman suffrage in Iowa."

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Dr. Christine Grant
(1936-2021)

Dr. Christine Grant was the first Director of Women's Athletics at the University of Iowa. She was also a strong advocate for Title IX, and a founding member of the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women.

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Maria, Running Moccasins, Pearson (1932-2003)

Maria, Running Moccasins, Pearson was an internationally known American Indian leader who was considered the "Mother of Repatriation." She worked closely with former Iowa Governor Robert Ray to create the Iowa Burials Protection Act.

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LaMetta Wynn (1933-2021)

LaMetta Wynn became the first black woman to hold the position of mayor in any Iowa municipality, being elected as the Mayor of Clinton in 1995. She also secured \$50 million in federal aid for the city of Clinton by working with Washington D.C. lawmakers.

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Meet the New NBSD Commander

Lt. Tina Kalar was recently appointed as the commander of the Des Moines Police Department's Neighborhood Based Service Delivery Unit (NBSD).

She has been with the DMPD for 23 years, working in various units including patrol, vice and narcotics, traffic, administrative services, and personnel and training. Her previous position was assistant commander at the Des Moines Police Academy.



After graduating from high school in 1993, Lt. Kalar enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, where she served both on active duty and in the Air National Guard. She is currently the first sergeant of the 132d Medical Group, Iowa National Guard. Her deployments include Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates. In 2021, Lt. Kalar was selected as First Sergeant of the Year in Region 4 which includes the states of Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Minnesota, and Ohio.

The NBSD is a unique program that provides a dedicated police officer to specific neighborhoods where they serve as an officer residents can contact. Officer's duties in this role include:

- Monitoring traffic
- Enforcing parking ordinances
- Taking police reports
- Participating in neighborhood association meetings
- Participating in neighborhood events
- Assisting zoning inspectors, public works, and park and recreation staff
- Coordinating police/community outreach programs

You can find out more information about your neighborhood NBSD officer by visiting [Show Me My House](#) and typing in your address.

2022 Focus: Neighborhood Capacity Building

The Monthly Update From Your Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator

Neighborhood Leaders,

It's election season for neighborhood associations!

Board transitions can disrupt the daily operations of a neighborhood association. The **Board Transition Checklist** – found in the **Neighborhood Association Toolkit** – removes some of the stress of transition and helps ensure a smooth transfer of critical files. Use the checklist to identify documents and tasks that need to be transferred to the new board members and to set expectations on deadlines and accountability.

Remember to send me an updated board of directors so that new leaders can begin to receive information and resources from City officials.

Register for the 2023 Neighborhood Leadership Workshops

Four Neighborhood Leadership Workshops are scheduled between January – May 2023. Topics include financial management, filing taxes, how to become a 501(c)3, and grant writing/advertising/sponsorship program development. Workshops are free to all current and incoming neighborhood leaders; advanced registration is required.

[Register online here](#)

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**Polk County's New
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Now Showing: The City Live SkyCam

The City now has a 24/7 live view of the downtown skyline! This camera will provide live views of storms, the Women of Achievement Bridge, Brenton Skating Plaza and more throughout the year.

The camera is available to view at [DSM.city/SkyCam](https://www.dsm.city/SkyCam) and regularly broadcasts on DMTV (Mediacom Channel 7) and our [YouTube page](#).



Thank you for subscribing to our Neighborhood Update!

We'd love to hear what you think about this newsletter. What kinds of information are you interested in, or what would be helpful for your neighborhood? Send your suggestions to communications@dmgov.org.

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