



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines
www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines / Fridays @ 11:45 - Cozy Cafe 8535 Birchwood Ct.

June 6, 2025

This Week's Program:

**Marquas Ashworth
Center at Sixth**

Arranged By:

Jack Bell

Greeter:

Dianne Downing

Invocation:

Kelly Peterson

Sergeant:

Bill Grask

Scribe:

Jack Bell

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Future Programs

6/13: Tour & Lunch
Urbandale Food Pantry

6/20: TBA

6/27: TBA

Prez Sez

Tim Olejniczak



I hope that everyone is having a great week so far and had a great weekend! This last weekend I went to the new mission impossible movie, and it did not disappoint, if you are a mission impossible fan I highly recommend seeing it. I am still amazed how Tom Cruise does his own stunts, and after this movie and the stunts involved my respect for him as an actor increased even more. I may have the exact wording wrong, but one phrase stuck out to me on why Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) and his team do what they do and it's "for those we'll never know" and that really stuck out to me. Yes, I know it is a movie, but the team is willing to constantly put their lives on the line for those they will never know. That made me also think about Rotary and everything we do especially the winter coats for kids, and the clothing drive at lifetime. Why do we do this? It is truly for people that we will never know, but we want to make our community a better place even for people we have never met. We will most likely never know the kid who gets a coat, the person who receives clothes for our clothing drive and even though we will most likely never know those people, we still are able to know that we are making an impact in other peoples lives.

Some other quick notes, I will be gone this Friday. I am going on a trip a group of people (mainly family), but also some friends where there will be 16 of us going on a cruise together. I will hopefully be back for the food pantry tour though as my plane is supposed to land at 10:30am that morning so fingers crossed that everything goes well and no delays!

Echoing the food pantry, reminder that the meeting on 6/13 is going to be held at the Urbandale food pantry and we are going to start the meeting at 11:45 that day. Pizza, drinks, and cookies (cookies depend on if my flight is on time) will be provided. We are going to have a very short meeting and will most likely skip the Sargent and start our tour around 12:15 so we have plenty of time for the tour and questions.

Third, we still have our fundraiser going on and the tickets are selling themselves this year, with six total coupons that value is unbelievable on that card. If you need more cards, please see Joe. If you have money from card sells, please give that to Joe or Bill. Thank you so much to everyone for all the hard work going into selling, we are off to a great start and looking forward to seeing us finish strong!

Lastly, we have our golf tournament September 12th. I will be getting together with Ed when I get back from my trip to really heat up the push to get teams and sponsors signed up. If you are wanting to play or sponsor, please let Ed or myself know. Or, if you have a company that you would like to talk to about fielding a team or sponsoring our event, please let Ed or myself know. The more sponsorships and players we get the better, let's make this our top earning tournament yet!

I hope that everyone has a great rest of your week, and I will see you next week!

Tim

Scribbles

Jan Herke & Kristin Brostrom - Urbandale Parks & Rec

Jan Herke, Director of Parks and Recreation and Kristin Brostrom, Assistant Director of Engineering updated the club on numerous initiatives underway in Urbandale.

Parks and Recreation is busy as ever as school is out for summer. P&R implements over 560 programs and 22 special events through the year. The department has an electric van stocked with games and equipment that visits a handful of parks in areas that are more remote from some of the city facilities. This gives children who have limited access to larger parks opportunities to enjoy these activities. One the other end of the age spectrum, the Senior Center has over 1,000 active members and who rack up over 40,000 visits per year.



Urbandale has many aging playgrounds that are scheduled to be upgraded and refreshed in the coming months. Walker Johnston park has evolved greatly over the past decade, but is in need of major upgrades to some of the existing facilities. Before committing substantial funds Walker Johnston will develop a Master Plan to be certain the vision of the park will serve residents well into the future.

Speaking of serving citizens into the future.... Urbandale also is working on several Complete Streets projects. The philosophy behind complete streets is that with a bit of extra planning up front the streets can be more usable for all users, automobiles, cyclists and pedestrians. Aurora avenue currently has capacity for 40,000 trips per day, but only has between 6,000 and 7,000. It will move to 2 lanes with bike lanes for most of the street between 70th and 86th. It will be 3 lanes with a turning lane near the schools. This should calm traffic, make cycling safer and move some cyclists from the side walks to streets as a benefit to pedestrians. 70th Street from Hickman to Meredith will get a similar treatment enhancing usability for all users.

Other topics, too numerous to mention, were also touched on. This presentation demonstrates the Urbandale is a vibrant, growing community blessed with talented and forward focused officials to keep the city on its path to an even brighter future.

Mark McAndrews, Scribe

Upcoming Events

Club Meeting at Urbandale Food Pantry

Friday, June 13th at 11:45 am

Installation Meeting June 27th

Items for the Nor'Wester should be submitted by end of the day each Monday. Please send to:

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Future Information

Ed Arnold - Program Chair



	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Jun 13	Leray Glendenning	Doyle Sanders	Tony Hunt	Dan Boes
Jun 20	Bill Grask	Julia Taylor	Marv Johnson	Bill D. Corwin
Jun 27	Tony Hunt	Wendi Wilson	Joe Kobes	Dianne Downing
<i>Can't complete your assigned duty?</i> Please assist Tim Olejniczak by finding your substitute!				

