

# CHAUTAUQUA PARK

Quarterly Newsletter

## Spring is in the air!

We're preparing for a busy spring and ready for the weather to warm up!

The CPNA Beautification Committee is preparing to begin gazebo repairs once the weather warms up. Stay tuned for more information at upcoming meetings, we'll be looking for helpful volunteers as we get closer to our target work day in May.

Additionally, many residents of Chautauqua Park are planning to participate in the Block Challenge Grant (see other side for more details). If you're planning exterior work this year, you should check it out!

**Neighborhood Events are back!** We're finalizing the details on a spring event, so please share your email address using the QR code below or follow us on Facebook to make sure you don't miss the announcement!



## We need to hear from YOU!



Please scan this QR code and provide a bit of information about your household! We want to make sure you never miss out on anything fun and beneficial happening in the neighborhood!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARCH 7

#### NEIGHBORHOOD MEETUP

*Tuesday, March 7 @ 6:30pm*

*JF Taylor Education Center*

Chautauqua Park will be hosting several nearby neighborhood association guests, council members and representatives from the County Assessor's office.

### MARCH 28

#### BLOCK CHALLENGE GRANT INFORMATIONAL SESSION

*Thursday, March 23 @ 6:30pm*

*JF Taylor Education Center*

Heather Tamminga from the City of Des Moines along with representatives from NFC and ION will be there to answer your program questions.

### APRIL

#### CPNA GENERAL MEETING

*Tuesday, April 4 @ 6:30pm*

*JF Taylor Education Center*

#### SPRING SOCIAL EVENT

Stay tuned for more details about our Spring Social Event!

# BLOCK CHALLENGE GRANT



The Block Challenge Grant Program brings neighbors together to build community and neighborhood identity while improving the physical appearance of Des Moines' neighborhoods. Since 2021, the Block Challenge Grant Program has awarded \$679,364 in matching funds to 351 households completing exterior home improvement projects. Program participants and the City of Des Moines have made a collective \$2.3 million impact in neighborhood improvements.

In 2023, funding is available to assist approximately 250 program participants or 20 teams. The City of Des Moines will provide up to a 50% matching grant of up to \$2,500 per household depending on team size and location within the City. Households that receive income-based assistance may be eligible for a higher match.

Types of repairs that are eligible:

- Porch and soffit repair
- Porch construction
- Porch painting
- Paint for siding and trim
- Exterior lights
- Flower boxes
- Front doors
- Front windows
- Sidewalk repairs
- Front yard landscaping
- Mailboxes and house plaques/signs
- Shutters
- House numbers
- Junk and debris removal and disposal

## INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING?

**MARCH 28 INFO SESSION (SEE DETAILS REVERSE SIDE)**

**1**

Visit [www.dsm.city/bcgrant](http://www.dsm.city/bcgrant) to review eligibility requirements, process overview, policies and procedures, and frequently asked questions.

**2**

Email Bryce Fratzke ([brycejfrat@me.com](mailto:brycejfrat@me.com)), the Chautauqua Park Planning Lead, to let him know you'd like to be included.

**3**

Begin gathering/building quotes and photos for work you'd like done. All of these will have to be submitted in a single submission. Quotes and photos due April 13.

### Need to reach us?

Send an email to [chautauquaparkdsm@gmail.com](mailto:chautauquaparkdsm@gmail.com) or reach out to anyone on the board!



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