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In this handy publication, you will find information on a variety of topics important to you as a resident in the community.

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Of course, things can change a lot in a year's time, so be sure to contact the individual entities listed here for updates. We try our best to include as much information as possible, but if you notice any errors or omissions, please contact us.

Be sure to place this guide in a spot where you can easily find it and refer to it often. And then get out and enjoy everything that Urbandale has to offer! ■



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How do I sign up for the city of Urbandale monthly email?

The city offers a quick monthly update about all things Urbandale. The newsletter summarizes the month's most useful information so you can quickly stay up to date. You get plenty of email already, that's why the city's official e-newsletter is delivered only once per month. Sign up at www.urbandale.org/news

How do I start or change electric or gas service?

MidAmerican Energy Company provides electric and gas services to Urbandale. MidAmerican Energy Call Center employees can assist with any gas or electric emergencies, help you start, transfer and discontinue service, as well as address billing, payment or service-related questions.

Phone: 888-427-5632

Email: onlinecustomerservice@midamerican.com

Who do I contact if there is a problem with the sanitary sewer?

The city's staff can assist with sewer emergencies and service-related questions.

Phone: 515-278-3950

Email: engpw@urbandale.org

When are trash, recyclables and yard waste collected?

Trash is collected by the city. Household recyclables are collected by Waste Management through the metro area's Curb It! program. Yard waste is collected by the city through the MWA's Compost It! program. Trash, recycling and yard waste are collected Monday through Thursday. Trash and yard waste (April - December) are collected every week, and recycling is collected every other week.

City staff can assist with trash and yard waste service questions, new containers, missed collections and special collection services.

Phone: 515-278-3950

Email: engpw@urbandale.org

Waste Management staff can assist with recycling service questions and missed collection requests.

Phone: 515-244-7336

Who do I contact about water service?

The Urbandale Water Utility provides water services to Urbandale. The utility purchases treated water from the Des Moines Water Works and distributes that water to its Urbandale customers. Water Utility employees can assist with water emergencies, help you start, transfer and discontinue service, as well as address billing, payment or service-related questions.

Phone: 515-278-3940

Website: urbandalewater.org

Email: customerservice@urbandalewater.org

How do I apply for a pet license?

For information about the city's pet policies and to license pets online, visit www.urbandale.org/pet. Licenses expire

annually on Dec. 31 and must be renewed by April 30 each year. A \$25 late fee will be applied beginning May 1. The cost of a one-year license for an unaltered dog is \$29; for an altered dog, \$19; for an unaltered cat, \$27; for an altered cat, \$17.

What are my options for swimming since there is no public pool in Urbandale?

The City of Urbandale partners with the City of Clive, Goldfish Swim School and YMCA of Greater Des Moines to provide aquatics opportunities at a subsidized rate for Urbandale residents. Urbandale residents can buy pool passes for the Clive Aquatic Center from the city of Clive at the same rate as Clive residents. Ask about discounted opportunities for Urbandale residents at Goldfish Swim School and YMCA of Greater Des Moines.

Is the Polk County Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden open to the public?

The public is invited to visit the garden at 92nd and Dewey Gibbs Road in Urbandale, near Valerius Elementary School. The Demonstration Garden is the oldest ISU Extension, Polk County Master Gardener project. It is a cooperative arrangement between Polk County Extension, Urbandale Community School District, and the city of Urbandale. The mature fruit tree orchard and many deciduous bushes and shrubs are also a learning lab where Master Gardener trainees receive hands-on experience in proper pruning techniques each spring. The City of Urbandale was a major contributor to the hardscaped paths added in 2013, 2015 and 2017 which allow people with disabilities



and parents of small children in strollers easier access to displays. View information about Demonstration Garden events, history, and other information by visiting <https://polkcountymastergardeners.org/Demonstration-Garden>.



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Is there a veterans memorial in Urbandale?

The Urbandale Veterans Memorial was dedicated on Nov. 12, 2012. It is located on the east side of the Charles Gabus Memorial Tree Park and Gardens, which is located just south of the Urbandale Public Library. The memorial features five granite columns. Each column is engraved with the insignia of a branch of the United States Military (Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Navy). Surrounding the columns is a brick plaza featuring dedication bricks that are engraved with service members names, branch of service, and conflict they fought in. In the center of the memorial flies

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The Urbandale Veterans Memorial is a partnership between the Urbandale Community Action Network (UCAN), Urbandale Friends of the Parks, the City of Urbandale and private sponsorships. The American Legion post in Urbandale (No. 663) and community members sold bricks to help raise funds for the project. The architecture firm Shive Hattery and landscape architect Jon Crose designed the memorial. See a listing of names included in the memorial at www.urbandale.org/362/Veterans-Memorial. ■



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The mayor and city council meet at 6 p.m. every other Tuesday at City Hall. The mayor acts as the presiding officer of the council and does not vote. The mayor and the five councilmembers are the official governing body of the city of Urbandale. They are elected to four-year terms, and there is no limit on the number of consecutive terms one can serve. Each councilmember serves at large, representing all residents in the city.

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The library’s mission: The Urbandale Public Library is committed to providing diverse resources for life-long learning and enjoyment.



URBANDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION, INC.

The Urbandale Public Library Foundation was created in 1988 to handle donations to further the growth of the Urbandale Public Library. Meetings are held quarterly on the fourth Monday of the month at the Library.

The Foundation is a tax-free entity, so all contributions are tax-deductible. Memorial contributions can also be made to the Urbandale Public Library Foundation. All memorials are posted in the lobby with the name of the person you are honoring and the donor’s name. Books, trees, benches, and special collections are all examples of how memorial contributions have been used in the past.

If you would like to discuss your donation with someone, call the library director at 515-278-3945. ■

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Urbandale Lions Club

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Urbandale Optimist Club

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www.urbandaleoptimists.org
The club meets the second Monday of every month at the Cozy Cafe in Johnston. Contact the club through its website.

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

rotary6000.org/clubinfo/northwest-des-moines
The club meets Fridays at 11:45 a.m. at the Urbandale Golf & Country Club, 4000 86th St., Urbandale

Urbandale Chamber of Commerce

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UCAN (Urbandale Community Action Network)

515-334-2632
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Administrative office
3600 75th St. (lower level of Aldersgate Church), Urbandale
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Urbandale Schools and Alumni Foundation

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www.urbandalehistoricalsociety.org ■

URBANDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BY VIRGINIA GEE

Urbandale celebrated its centennial as an incorporated community in 2017. Helping to provide information for this event were members of the Urbandale Historical Society.

The Society was organized 43 years ago, making it one of Urbandale's oldest existing organizations. From a meeting of a few interested people at the Urbandale Library, the group has expanded to now sponsoring a community-wide celebration — the annual Ice Cream Social, which is held in the summer at the Olmsted-Urban House, 4010 70th St. Families enjoy visiting with friends, listening to music, looking at old cars and visiting the Olmsted-Urban House and the Wayne Robbins Barn.

The initial goal of the Historical Society was to collect, preserve and maintain historical memorabilia of Urbandale for the purpose of education and information. Members chose as their motto, "Preserving yesterday and today for tomorrow."

Materials collected were initially stored in a room at Olmsted Elementary School. When the space at Olmsted was needed for classes, the Society looked for another site. A proposal was even made to build a replica of Urbandale's original two-room schoolhouse to be located in one of the city parks.

Meanwhile, interest was growing in preserving the old farmhouse at 70th and Airline, built by the Olmsted family in 1904. In 1949, the house had been purchased by Karl and Matie Urban, who lived there with their son, John, for many years.

In 1987, the property became available for purchase. Historical Society President Madeline Kaloides worked with the finance committee, outside donors, city officials and the city council with a proposal to use Hotel-Motel Tax funds to buy the property. This was quite a challenge for a growing organization that had only been in existence for 10 years.

Urbandale Historical Society
www.urbandalehistoricalsociety.org
515-270-2917

The purchase agreement stipulated that the Urban name would be retained. Because the Olmsted family, as original owners, had played a significant role in the town's history, it was agreed the building would officially be known as the Olmsted-Urban House.

The Historical Society finally had a headquarters and a place to store and make available historical information and memorabilia related to Urbandale. Filing cabinets were obtained, shelving planned to display artifacts, reference materials arranged and years of clippings and photographs organized in notebooks by subject matter.

The house was structurally sound, but city regulations required foundation repair, upgrading the entire electrical system, making the house handicapped accessible and providing a new paved parking lot. Renovation of the interior and choice of décor and furnishings took place over the years with the work of special committees, many volunteers and consultation with several Questers groups. The house was meant to help depict — for school children, youth groups and other visitors — a sense of what family life in Urbandale was like in the 1920s and 1930s.

The Society celebrated the farmhouse being added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2019.

This is also a place to hold a variety of special activities and program meetings, all open to the public. In addition to the Open House event held in connection with the Ice Cream Social, other activities are scheduled throughout the year. Take these opportunities to come and learn more about Urbandale history. ■

URBANDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Urbandale Chamber of Commerce is central Iowa's Business Chamber with more than 825 businesses from Urbandale, Windsor Heights and around central Iowa as members. Organized more than 60 years ago, the Chamber believes businesses of all size have a voice. We believe businesses thrive when connected to the right people, and we know the right people! We value a diverse community and embrace inclusion because we are stronger together. In 2023, the Chamber acquired the Windsor Heights Chamber and now powers the Windsor Heights Chamber as well.

The Chamber works closely with the City of Urbandale to ensure a strong business climate in our community. How can residents help our business community? We encourage you to shop local.

For more information about the Chamber, call 515-331-6855 or visit www.uniquelyurbandale.com.

- **Tiffany Menke, IOM, President, Urbandale Chamber of Commerce**



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Visit the website to view the current newsletter and calendars to see what programs are scheduled. Offerings include arts and crafts classes; cards and games groups; day trips; educational classes on topics from technology to history to nutrition; fitness classes; a music group and concerts; special seasonal events and more.

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A monthly health service provided by EveryStep includes nail trim/foot care, blood sugar, and blood pressure testing. Information on booking an appointment is available in the newsletter.

Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) volunteers offer Medicare enrollment assistance by phone and in-person by appointment. Call 515-278-3907 to schedule an appointment.

The Urbandale Community Action Network provides free, limited transportation for Urbandale seniors in need. Visit www.UrbandaleNetwork.org or call the Urbandale Community Action Network at 515-334-2632 to receive an application. ■

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The Urbandale 4th of July Celebration is the longest-running annual event in Urbandale, dating back to the 1950s. Every year, a group of volunteers puts together this three-day event held at Lions Park. The days leading up to and on the 4th of July are filled with a carnival, street dances, bands, a 5K, a car show, a parade and, of course, fireworks.

For updates and schedule of events for the 2024 celebration, visit uniquelyurbandale.com/fourth-of-july. Follow on Facebook @urbandale4thofjuly. ■



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PARKS AND RECREATION

Facilities at a glance: A Parks Facilities chart, with a list of amenities at each of the city’s parks, is available at www.urbandale.org/facilities.

REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS

Urbandale Parks and Recreation Department offers a slew of youth programs, adult programs, adaptive programs and senior programs. Go online for information about all of the offerings and to register. Each activity has a link under the description so you can easily register. Classes, events and programs are available both virtually and in-person. Visit www.urbandale.org/fun.

CITY PARKS

www.urbandale.org/Facilities

Urbandale offers many beautiful parks and outdoor recreational opportunities around almost every corner. Explore and enjoy the city’s 55-plus parks, 50-plus miles of trails and 1,000 acres of parkland. You will find numerous sports fields, open and closed shelters, and facilities for rent.

All-Inclusive Playground

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There are more than 20,000 kids with disabilities in the Des Moines Metro, and most playgrounds do not give these children an opportunity to experience the fun and joy of being outdoors with their peers. Thanks to the public’s support, Urbandale Parks and Recreation built an inclusive playground for



children and families of all needs, enhancing the play experience for all metro residents.

The playground is located next to the Urbandale Miracle League field in Northview Park. Northview Park is also the home of the Urbandale Little League complex, owned by the city and leased to the Urbandale Little League.

PARKS AND RECREATION
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Recreation Jan Herke
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Miracle League Field

Located at Northview Park

4871 78th St. No. 1068

The Miracle League is a free baseball/softball league for children with special needs from ages 5-18 and adults 19 and older. The Miracle League is just like baseball. Players will bat, round the bases, catch, throw and hit home runs. Each player has a buddy who gets to assist them, and the game is about making sure everyone participates and scores. And every game ends in a tie! A special rubberized playing surface allows accessibility.

The league is open to all Greater Des Moines residents. To play in the Urbandale Miracle League, register at www.Urbandale.org/Register.

Charles Gabus Memorial Tree Park and Gardens

Would you like to honor a loved one while also helping to beautify the community? Find out how to make a memorial gift at www.urbandale.org/DocumentCenter/View/2434/MEMORIAL-Program--Tribute-BROCHURE-?bidId=. A donation to one of Urbandale's parks offers a unique opportunity to honor the special people in your life. Gifts may be purchased in memory of a friend or relative, or to celebrate an anniversary, significant achievement or other special event. Or, you may simply wish to make a contribution by investing in the beautification of local parks for generations of Urbandale residents to enjoy.

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The Urbandale Dog Park opened in the fall of 2023. It is an off-leash, 6-acre park located at 4905 68th St. Amenities include 24 parking stalls, separated large and small dog areas, a drinking fountain, benches and open green space.

Hours: Monday, 10 a.m. to sunset
Other days, 6:30 a.m. to sunset. Gates are locked after hours.

Monday mornings from 6:30-10 a.m., the Dog Park will be closed for maintenance. The Dog Park may also be closed periodically at other times due to maintenance. The City will communicate this to users via email and website.

The Annual Urbandale Resident Dog Pass is \$15. The Annual Non-Resident

Dog Pass is \$45 for 2024. Passes are good for the calendar year and expire Dec. 31. The gates at the Dog Park are locked. Once you purchase and receive your annual pass, you will receive a code to enter the park.

For regulations and link to order a dog pass, visit www.urbandale.org/DogPark.

Walker Johnston Skateboard Park

For a list of regulations for the skatepark, visit www.urbandale.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/Walker-Johnston-Skateboard-park-47. Area boarders can enjoy the following amenities: two escalated quarter pipes (each 20 feet wide), two sets of stairs with rails, 90-degree bank street hip, fun box and street spine.

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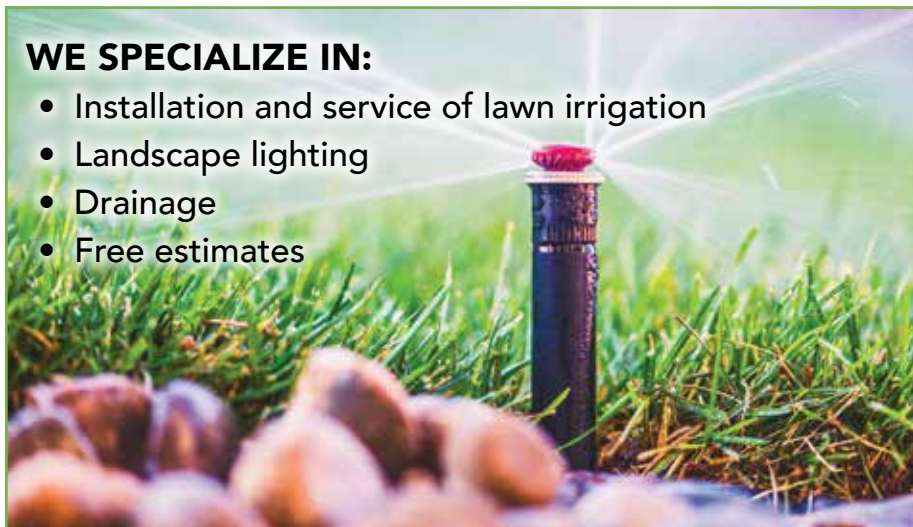
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Pickleball courts are located at Walker Johnston Park, 9000 Douglas Ave.

Tennis and pickleball court nets are taken down for the season generally in early November. Nets are put back up in the spring as weather allows.

Art Park Exhibition

Each year, the Urbandale Public Art Committee selects four artists to display their sculptures at the Art Park Exhibition located next to City Hall at 3600 86th St. View and learn about each of the four 2023 sculptures at www.urbandale.org/artpark. ■



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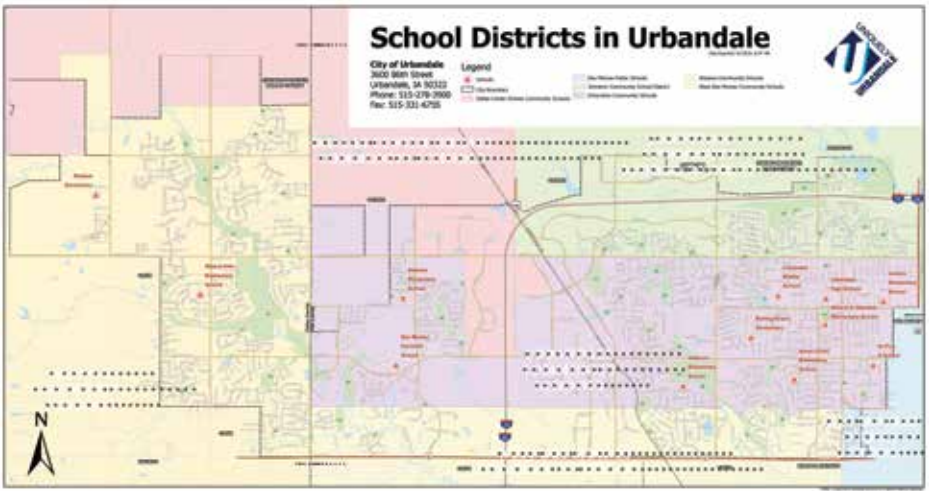


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