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## **MHNA's Annual Meeting on January 16**

Please join the Merle Hay Neighborhood Association for our annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 16 at the Northwest Community Center, 5110 Franklin Ave. It's going to be a busy evening with lots of great information about neighborhood happenings and opportunities to get involved.

We expect to be joined by Des Moines' newly elected at-large City Councilman, Carl Voss. We'll also have the president's annual report, neighborhood news, public safety updates, and perhaps most importantly - refreshments.

The meeting will conclude with officer and board elections. If you would like to run for a seat, please send an email to [merlehayneighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:merlehayneighborhood@gmail.com) and we will connect you with our nominating committee. Dues must be current to run for a seat as an officer or board member.

Looking ahead, we encourage everyone to mark your calendars for MHNA's 2020 quarterly meetings on April 16, July 16, and October 15. The April and July meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m., and the October meeting and annual supper will begin at 6 p.m. All meetings will be held at the Northwest Community Center.

Please join us and spread the word among your neighbors. Everyone is welcome! The more people who get involved, the more we can accomplish. It's our neighborhood. Let's work together to make it better.

## Become a Member of MHNA!

Please renew your membership dues for 2020, or join MHNA for the first time. Your membership supports the only organization that is solely dedicated to improving safety, stability, and quality of life in the Merle Hay neighborhood.

**So what does MHNA do?** The short answer is: A little bit of everything. Think of us as the neighborhood's eyes and ears. We work with the mayor and city council, police, the parks department, public works, engineering, county officials, and the school system. We work on civic issues big and small to help make the Merle Hay neighborhood a better place to live, work, and play. We host the neighborhood's annual National Night Out celebration, produce the newsletter, and plant flowers to beautify the neighborhood each spring. MHNA worked with city and county leaders to bring improvements to Tower Park, and we are actively advocating for programs that will improve our housing stock and commercial districts. We look forward to making some exciting announcements in 2020!

MHNA membership is open to anyone who lives or owns a business within MHNA's boundaries. Annual dues are payable at the annual meeting in January, or can be mailed to the association at: P.O. Box 31036, Des Moines, IA 50310. Members may take part in MHNA decision-making on planning, development, zoning, infrastructure, streets and parks, beautification, and other community service and education projects, and social events. Associate memberships are available to those outside MHNA's boundaries, though associate members may not vote on MHNA business.

Membership dues are as follows:

- \$10 for a church, school, or other non-profit
- \$15 for an individual
- \$30 for a couple
- \$30 for a business

***Please join us, get involved, and urge your neighbors to do the same!***

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Tower Park Sprayground Dedication Ceremony. From L to R: Ben Page, Director, Des Moines Parks & Rec Department; Councilman Bill Gray; MHNA Secretary Jason Pulliam; George Davis, Parks & Recreation Board; Councilman Chris Coleman; Mayor Frank Cownie.