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Welcome to The Urbandale Source, a unique annual guide for the residents of Urbandale, provided by the publishers of your local Urbandale Living magazine, as well as the City of Urbandale and local businesses that advertised their goods and services in these pages.

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

If you like this guide, be sure to thank the local advertisers and tell them how much you appreciate the information and their support. If you would like additional copies of The Urbandale Source, please contact our publisher, Shane Goodman, at (515) 953-4822 ext. 305, or email shane@dmcityview.com.

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.

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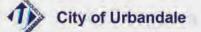
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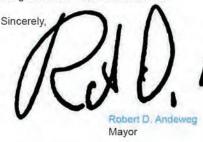
Adam Obrecht Councilmember

The City operates under a Council-Manager form of government. The City Manager carries out the policy direction of the Mayor and five City Council members. To learn more, or to contact the Mayor and City Council visit: www.urbandale.org/council Dear Urbandale Residents,

Sixteen years ago, I was sworn in as your Mayor and set my attention to working with the City Council to make Urbandale a premier community for all generations. This focus is supported by a mission to provide exceptional quality municipal services; to be a financially responsible government; and to act responsively to our community's needs—to your needs.

This year, new councilmembers Amy Croll and Larry McBurney join us in helping to lead Urbandale into the future. In the pages ahead you'll find helpful information for the 2022 calendar year, including upcoming street projects, new parks and amenities, and city services.

I am proud and humbled to serve as your Mayor. Thank you for your dedication to making our community the best it can be for all of us now, and for the generations that come after us.





Development.

We understand that sometimes just getting started with a relocation, renovation, building, or expansion project can be daunting – or exciting! Whether residential or commercial, building a fence or building your business, we're here to help. Two departments in the City focus on development.

The Community Development Department is responsible for the physical development of the City, including: housing and neighborhood development, commercial and industrial development, planning, zoning, building and safety inspections, permits and code enforcement. Give us a call before you begin any construction work or mechanical, electrical or plumbing project and we'll let you know if your project requires a permit and how to get one if it does.

The Economic Development Department works to attract new business investment, encourages the expansion of existing industry and small businesses, and helps businesses access resources for investment and job creation in Urbandale. From selecting a location to navigating the incentive and development process, the Economic Development team will provide the assistance you need with the professional service you expect. The department produces an e-newsletter with information on business development in Urbandale. To subscribe, visit us online at: www.urbandale.org/econdevnews

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The City of Urbandale's Urban Loop is an economic development area along Interstates 35 and 80 where more than 700 acres of land are available for commercial and industrial use: Learn more at www.UrbanLoop.org.



Community Development

Our Community Development team is prepared to assist with:

- · Housing and rental property questions
- · Permits
- · Plats and site plans
- Zoning and rezoning
- Signs
- Variances
- · Building codes
- · Plans and reports
- The regulatory process

Applications Online:

Our cloud-based software allows residents and contractors to easily apply for building permits, and rental property managers and property owners to renew or apply for new housing registrations online without leaving the comfort of home or office.

City staff is able to review your application and interact with you via the portal, and you can review the status of your application at any time. For more information visit:

www.urbandale.org/permitportal

Infrastructure.

Build, maintain and clear.

The **Engineering and Public Works Department** maintains over 500 lane-miles of streets within the City of Urbandale. The department is also responsible for garbage and yard waste collection, conducting traffic safety studies, snow and ice removal, and administering the City's storm water regulations.

Bulk Item Collection

To have your bulk items collected you'll need an appointment, but you don't have to wait for Spring Clean Up! Collection can be arranged for the second or fourth Friday of every month. Call 515-278-3950 to schedule an appointment.

Log and Limb Collection

To have your logs and limbs collected you'll need an appointment. Collection can be arranged for the first or third Friday of the month during yard waste season (April - November). Call 515-278-3950 to schedule an appointment.

Snow Removal

When snow removal operations are anticipated, the City of Urbandale will enact an emergency no-parking ban for all streets. As a general rule, if snow is forecasted, it is best to move your vehicles off the street to avoid getting a ticket or having your vehicle towed. If you have questions as to whether the parking ban has been implemented, check the website or follow us on Twitter or Facebook and look for notifications.



Five projects to know about.

While not a complete list of all the infrastructure projects happening this year, these are the big five to keep your eyes on. Residents can view major projects and general information at www.urbandale.org/projects

Community Entrance Signage Douglas Avenue
Urbanization

170th Street

Hickman Road and 128th Street Road Widening

Community Entrance Signage

This on-going project will place monument signs at key city entrance points to help identify Urbandale for visitors and area residents, convey a welcoming entrance to Urbandale, promote community identify, and support economic development initiatives.

Douglas Avenue Urbanization

The City will continue to urbanize Douglas Avenue by filling in all median and shoulder ditches, installing curbs, gutters, and storm sewer/intakes between 100th Street and Wa/nut Creek. As part of this project streetscape elements, trails, and sidewalks will also be installed throughout the corridor.

170th Street

170th Street from Meredith Drive to Waterford Road (as well as approximately ½ mile of Meredith Drive, east of 170th Street) will be reconstructed as a four-lane roadway with left-turn lanes, sidewalks and blke lanes. Hickman Road and 128th Street

The City is working with the Iowa DOT to add dual left turn lanes and right turn lanes for all legs of the intersection to improve capacity. We're also adding a 10-foot-wide trail along the north side of Hickman Road from Interstate 35/80 to Deer Creek Trail.

Road Widening

This City is widening Aurora Avenue, 104th Street, Sutton Drive, and 100th Street from NW Urbandale Drive to Plum Drive. When completed, it'll be a three lane roadway to allow for one lane in each direction plus left turn lanes at intersections.

Safety.

Three-hundred sixty-five days a year.



The foundation of our community is safety. The Urbandale Police Department and Fire Department work around the clock to provide a high level of service to the community.

Are you planning a vacation? Give the Police Department a call and we'll keep an eye on your home. New addition to your family? We'll check your newborn's car seat and make sure it's properly installed. New pet? We'll help you with the licensing process.

Learn about all our services, events, and building a stronger community at: www.urbandale.org/police

~	Vacation Checks
4	Child Seat Checks
*	Pet Licensing
4	Block Parties
~	Citizen Police Academy
~	Safety City
¥	National Night Out
4	Trunk-or-Treat
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Your Fire Department is a group of highly-trained people who are proud to serve you from three fire stations. We're dedicated to delivering you the highest quality service. In an emergency, when seconds count, Urbandale and Clive have partnered to send the closest fire or EMS unit to your emergency. Our newest station is jointly funded and will protect both Urbandale and Clive residents and businesses. Our stations are located at 7100 Douglas Avenue, 39927 121st Street and 15100 Meredith Drive.

The Urbandale Fire Department offers a wide range of services to help keep you safe. Learn about everything we can do for you at: www.urbandale.org/TireEMS or give us a call at 515-278-3970.

Home Fire Safety Checks
Child Car Seat Checks
Fire Station Tours / Visits
Block & Birthday Parties
First Aid and CPR Training
Blood Pressure Checks
Smoke Alarm Installation
Kids' Fire Academy
Citizen Fire Academy



The City of Urbandale is served by a system of outdoor warning sirens to notify residents when the National Weather Service has issued a tornado warning predicted to impact Urbandale, Clive or West Des Moines. The sirens are also activated during severe thunder storms when winds are greater than 69 MPH. Sirens are tested on the first Saturday of each month at noon. Any time severe weather threatens on a test day or there are icing conditions, the outdoor sirens will not be tested.

During emergencies residents will hear a 3 to 5 minute signal from the sirens. When you hear the sirens and are unsure of the reason, seek shelter immediately, go indoors and tune your radio or TV to one of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) Stations, and listen for essential emergency information. DO NOT call 911, the fire or police departments to ask why the sirens are sounding. During the emergency they are busy getting equipment and staffing to the emergency scene.

Remember, outdoor warning sirens are just that, an out-door warning system. The sirens are NOT meant to be heard inside a home or business but to alert you that you should go indoors. Learn more about the sirens online at: www.urbandale.org/outdoorsirens

Emergency Preparedness.

Over 70% of calls made to 9-1-1 come from mobile phones. When you dial 9-1-1 from a mobile phone, the 9-1-1 call takers have very little information to help you – only your phone number and a very general sense of your location.

This does not bode well in an emergency when seconds count, particularly if you or your loved ones have medical conditions, or if there is a fire. With **Smart911**, you can add key information about members of your household that would help anyone you care for in the event of an emergency, whether the call is from the home or any mobile phone. Learn more and register at: www.urbandale.org/smart911 Have you signed up for **CodeRED** Emergency Notification System? CodeRED is a high-speed telephone communication service for emergency notifications. The system allows the dispatcher to telephone targeted areas of the City in case of an emergency situation that necessitates immediate action.

The system is capable of dialing 50,000 phone numbers per hour. It delivers a recorded message to a live person or an answering machine, making three attempts to connect to any number. Register at: www.urbandale.org/ CodeRED

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Light Up Urbandale at Lions Park December 8, 2021 h

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Administration

Join us.

If you're looking for a career that's fulfilling and rewarding on both a professional and personal level, then the City of Urbandale is where you should be. We value service to our citizens and we're dedicated to growing a dynamic community with excellent emergency response, safe streets, gorgeous parks and trails, and a Library that is unsurpassed in the metro. If you're passionate about your work and want to know that each day your efforts have resulted in a better life for citizens, then check out our employment page. If a position isn't currently open, please fill out a job interest card and we'll let you know when we're recruiting: www.urbandale.org/jobs

Council Meetings.

The City Council meets at 6 PM every other Tuesday online and at City Hall, 3600 86th Street, Urbandale, IA 50322. The Mayor and the five City Council Members are the official governing body of the City of Urbandale. The Mayor and Council Members are elected to 4-year terms, and there is no limit on the number of consecutive terms one can serve. Council meeting agendas are posted online the Friday before each meeting. Learn more at: www.urbandale.org/ meetings

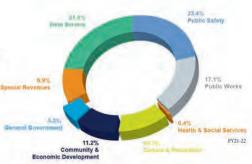
Boards & Commissions.

Joining a public board or commission can be the first step in public service and it's easier than you may think. If you're looking to get involved in your city, serving on a volunteer board or commission is a great way to do it.

Board members and commissioners work with and advise staff, provide recommendations to Council and can make a difference in many aspects of the community. Learn more at: www.urbandale.org/boardsandcommissions

Finance.

The City's total annual operating budget is \$56 million and this chart shows expenditures by category. One way to evaluate a city's priorities is to see where it spends its money. Urbandale prioritizes public safety, excellent infrastructure and a high quality of life for our residents. The bottom line: the average daily cost to provide City services is about \$3.40 per resident.



P. 515.278.3963 E. parks-rec@urbandale.org

Wellness & Leisure.



Looking for activities and events? Anyone can participate in our programs! Classes are offered year round and published to our website when registration becomes available. With the metro area's only city-operated Senior Recreation Center, exciting programs, and virtual options, many of our programs and classes fill quickly! To ensure your best opportunity to enroll, it is important to register early. Registration for all classes and activities is required unless otherwise noted. All fees must accompany your registration. Register by phone or online at

www.urbandale.org/programs

Urbandale has nine open air shelters and three enclosed rental facilities available for private rental to residents and non-residents throughout the year. Rental reservations for the three indoor facilities and open air shelter reservations can be made on our website at

www.urbandale.org/shelters

The City of Urbandale manages and operates the Walker Johnston Sports complex and rents out the fields for tournament and non-tournament play. The complex is located at 9000 Douglas Ave. and four fields are available for rental. For information regarding fees and available rental dates and times, please check the website at www.urbandale.org/fields



Two projects to know about.

While not a complete list of all the park projects happening this year, these are the big two to keep your eyes on in 2022. Residents can view all the projects, cost estimates, and general information at www.urbandale.org/parkprojects



Dog Park and Parking Lot Barrett Boesen Park and Natural Playscape

Dog Park and Parking Lot

A three-acre dog park will be constructed north of the interstate and east of 72nd Street. The park will include fancing with separate sections for large and small dogs, double gated entrance, landscaping, signage, drinking fountain, 24-stall parking lot, and a paved driveway and sidewalk to the dog park entrance.

Barrett Boesen Park and Natural Playscape

Just over seven acres of parkland, located at the southeast comer of Waterford Road and 156th Street, will be developed into a Natural Playscape, and include a 24-car parking lot. A natural playscape is a play environment that consists of elements and textures from the earth such as tree logs, tree stumps, boulders, plants, drainage paths, among others instead of a traditional steel playground or plastic structure that includes slides and climbers.

Fun at any age.

The **Senior Recreation Center** provides a safe, welcoming, and energizing environment where adults 55 and over can enhance their quality of life by engaging in a healthy and active lifestyle. Urbandale is committed to its senior citizens and our Senior Recreation Center is a great example of how our community makes good on that commitment.

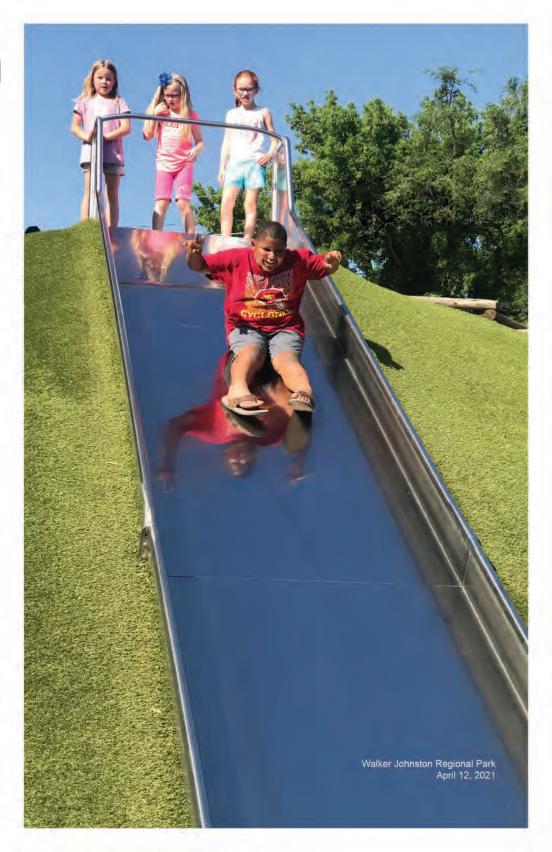
The programs and services offered by the Urbandale Senior Recreation Center that help keep life interesting, enriching, and fun are certainly no secret. With over 40,000 in attendance each year, these seniors certainly challenge the idea that growing old means slowing down! Residents and non-residents are welcome.

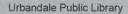
Activities, Programs, & Classes.

Like to work out? Like to sing? Play cards? Ready to master that iPhone or try riding in an Uber? Interested in improving your nutrition? There's something for everyone at the Urbandale Senior Recreation Center. Programs meet Mondays through Fridays, and include fitness classes, art classes, social groups, card games, senior singers, technology classes, trips/tours, and more. Stop in for a tour today!

Newsletter.

The Urbandale Senior Recreation Center's newsletter is a bimonthly newsletter. Read the latest edition on-line at: www.urbandale.org/seniors





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*Call or visit www.urbandalelibrary.org for up-todate information on library hours and services, and to sign up for a library card.

The Urbandale Public Library has been part of the City of Urbandale since 1961.

It's your place is our motto. We pledge to do all we can to make you feel welcome and to deliver services, programs, and resources that meet your unique needs and interests. We offer fiction and nonfiction books, STEAM kits, e-books, e-magazines, online databases and more! We also provide notary services, faxing, test proctoring, a DIY lab, and Adventure Passes. We have events for all ages: story times for children, activities for teens, and a variety of educational and entertaining events for adults.

We're also a resource for individuals, businesses, and other groups who need access to computers, meeting rooms, and study areas. Enjoy the work of local artists in our art gallery or attend one of our free programs for all ages. Looking for a book recommendation or help with research? Contact our expert staff in person or over the phone–we're here to help.

Urbandale Public Library book return located at Webster Elementary, 12955 Aurora Ave.

Water.

The Urbandale Water Utility is committed to providing its customers with clean and safe water at homes and businesses in Urbandale. As a standalone entity from the City, the Utility does not receive tax revenue, but funds its services through water sales. We are happy to help with your questions and concerns. Some of our most frequently asked questions are below. Remember, if you see or suspect a water leak or a main break, call us at 515-278-3940 or in an after-hours emergency at 515-971-1102.

Why is my bill so high?

That could be an indication of a water leak. Visit the Urbandale Water Utility website for information on tips to diagnose what may be happening.

Do I have a backflow device, if so do I need to have it tested?

If you have a pool, hot tub, or an underground irrigation system you likely have a backflow device. Yes, State and local codes require that all backflow devices be tested annually, for additional information check the Backflow Prevention information on our website.

Questions concerning trash containers or pickup:

The Urbandale Water Utility is a billing agent for the City of Urbandale with regard to solid waste and storm water. Questions for those services can be directed to the Public Works Department at 515-278-3950.

- Mow and trim grass and weeds around fire hydrants
- Keep objects clear from fire hydrants at all times
- Do not plant flowers or bushes around fire hydrants
- During winter months, shovel snow away from fire hydrants
- If you notice a fire hydrant that is damaged or suspicious activity around a fire hydrant, please call us.

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P.O. box access hours

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URBANDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



The Urbandale Chamber of Commerce is central Iowa's Business Chamber with more than 725 businesses from Urbandale and around central Iowa as members. Organized 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.

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. The Chamber launched a new website, **www.centraliowa**. **ShopWhereILive.com**, to encourage online shopping with local businesses. Think of it as an Amazon for local businesses. We hope residents will use this tool when shopping online to get the best of both worlds.

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

— Tiffany Menke, IOM

President, Urbandale Chamber of Commerce

Urbandale Chamber of Commerce www.uniquely urbandale.com (515) 331-6855

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



Urbandale United Church of Christ worked with the Kiwanis Club of Urbandale to create and host a small food pantry at the church.

Kiwanis Club of Urbandale

www.facebook.com/UrbandaleKiwanis www.kiwanis.org

Club meetings are every second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Urbandale Golf & Country Club on 86th Street in Urbandale from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Urbandale Lions Club

P.O. Box 7826 Urbandale, Iowa 50323 UrbandaleLionsClub@gmail.com www.facebook.com/urbandalelionsclub www.urbandalelionsclub.org

Urbandale Optimist Club

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-desmoines The club meets Fridays at 11:45 a.m. at the Urbandale Golf & Country Club, 4000 86th St., Urbandale

UCAN

4103 72nd St. P.O. Box 7615 Urbandale, IA 50323 (515) 278-3936 https://urbandalenetwork.org

Urbandale Chamber of Commerce

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Urbandale Education Foundation

11152 Aurora Ave. Urbandale, IA 50322 (515) 457-5000 urbandaleeducationfoundation.com

Urbandale Food Pantry

7611 Douglas Ave., Suite 34/35 Urbandale, IA 50322 (515) 251-6688 info@urbandalefoodpantry.org www.urbandalefoodpantry.org For updates, visit the UrbandaleFoodPantry on Facebook.

Urbandale Public Library Foundation

3520 86th St. Urbandale, IA 50322 (515) 278-3945 www.urbandalelibrary.org/about-us/ foundation/ Meetings are held quarterly on the fourth Monday of the month at the Library, 3520 86th St.

URBANDALE COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK

The Urbandale Community Action Network (UCAN) is a 501(c)3 citizen group providing leadership and ongoing support for comprehensive community-based action to improve the quality of life in Urbandale.

UCAN works collaboratively with local government, churches, civic and community organizations, not for profits, citizens and the business community to accomplish common goals and to help make a difference in the lives of Urbandale residents.

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UCAN

UCAN provides many assistance programs to improve the quality of life of Urbandale residents in need. In offering these programs, UCAN hopes to replace despair with opportunity and hope by focusing on individuals, families, communities and facilitating problem solving.

Programs include: Summer Lunch Program, Back to School Event, Elderly Services, ESL Classes, Holiday Assistance, Mobile Food Pantry/Emergency Supplies, Yard Clean-Up, Winter Gear for Kids.

Community Clothing Closet

The Community Clothing Closet provides clothing items for all ages as well as personal hygiene items free of charge. Any Urbandale resident who presents a photo ID at the sign-in desk may shop once per week.

Donations are welcomed; however, due to limited capacity, sometimes donations are not accepted. Check ahead before delivering donations. Also, call regarding donations in excess of five to six bags or one carload: 515-278-3936 or email Info@UrbandaleNetwork.org.

Donated clothing must be freshly laundered, stain free, in good condition and not outdated. Clothing is needed for children and adults. New socks and underwear of all sizes, children's and teen clothing, and seasonal wear are especially needed.

Other supplies such as laundry products and personal hygiene products such as soap or body wash, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, shaving soap cream, razors, and infant items (diapers and wipes) are also needed.

COMMUNITY **CLOTHING CLOSET**

7509 Douglas Ave., Suite 5 Monday: 9 a.m. to 1 pm.; 5-7 p.m. Thursday: 9 a.m. to 1 pm. Saturday: 9 a.m. to 1 pm.



Isolated Seniors Outreach

UCAN has been reaching out to senior citizens in Urbandale for more than 20 years. Services for seniors include transportation, yard clean up and home deliveries, as well as "Share the Love" with an isolated senior in Urbandale.

Share the Love volunteers make cards and donate small sweet treats, flowers and seasonal items which are delivered to seniors in Urbandale who have few family members or no family in town. Volunteers can be matched with a senior or senior couple for one event or a year.

If you want to collect items for seniors, be matched with a senior or help deliver items, email info@urbandalenetwork.org.

Youth programs

A variety of programs help provide support to kids.

UCAN United Teens provides mentoring help to English Language Learner students from Urbandale High School. Students are supported by a dedicated group of volunteers once a week during the school year.

The students receive help mastering the English language as well as completing job applications, doing homework and understanding U.S. cultural norms. It is a safe space to have fun with their peers while learning new things.

UCAN supports the students at Urbandale School District's Metro West Learning Academy with basic needs such as weekend food bags, personal care bags, holiday support and more. UCAN also provides quarterly incentives such as gift cards to restaurants and gift bags and hosts their graduation celebration.

UCAN provides supplemental food at a variety of locations throughout Urbandale during the summer months when school is not in session. Volunteers assist the Urbandale school district in several locations to serve school-sponsored lunches.

UCAN receives many requests from teachers and the school district outreach workers for essential items for their students. UCAN often provides personal care items and snacks and tries to fulfill any other needs. Last year, a "Cart of Sunshine" was provided for the teachers at Jensen Elementary, which serves many UCAN client families.

Those interested in volunteering for any of UCAN's programs can email Info@UrbandaleNetwork.org for more information on volunteer opportunities.

URBANDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BY VIRGINIA GEE



The Olmsted-Urban House, operated by the Urbandale Historical Society, was built in 1904.

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 42 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

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

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.

The purchase agreement stipulated that

URBANDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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.



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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 2022 celebration, visit https:// uniquelyurbandale.com/fourth-of-july/. Follow on Facebook @urbandale4thofjuly.







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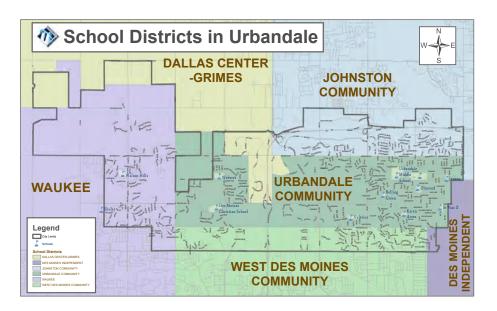
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Urbandale schools

The Urbandale Community School District is comprised of five elementary schools (with another planned), one middle school, one high school and one alternative high school. The district offers comprehensive preschool and before/ after school childcare programs as part of Adventuretime Family Services. Families with elementary students are given the choice to either attend their neighborhood elementary school that operates on a traditional calendar or attend Rolling Green Elementary that operates on a flexible calendar (year-round school).



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SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

The Urbandale Community School District is growing, and to meet the needs of the expanding student base, major construction projects have been completed and a new elementary is under construction at the former Valerius school site.

Construction of the four-section, two-story building is expected to be



The new Urbandale High School Fitness Center features a lane of track and a lane of turf, along with weight lifting equipment, as shown in this DLR Group artist's rendering.

completed in the fall of 2023. It will be similar in design elements and features to the new Olmsted Elementary.



Recently completed projects included the UHS Fitness Center. This \$3.5 million project is on the west side of Urbandale High School. It added additional space for fitness programs and for multi-purpose needs.



The 3,800-squarefoot multi-purpose fitness area can be

This DLR Group artist's rendering depicts the commons of the new elementary.

used for a variety of activities such as yoga, cheer practice and dance practice. A 9,300-square-foot weight/fitness area features free weight training and a single lane of track and one of turf.



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The courtyard at the new elementary will be a well-used space as this DLR Group artist's rendering envisions.

Approximately 4,900 square feet provides common areas such as the lobby, concessions, restrooms and hallways.

The new Olmsted Elementary is a \$29 million project that opened in the fall of 2021.



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URBANDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

The Urbandale Community School District welcomes all students in grades 7-12 to get involved in Urbandale Activities. Urbandale High School athletics, drama, instrumental music, and vocal music all boast a highly decorated history of achieving accomplishments, receiving awards, and developing lifelong friendships and mentorships. The Urbandale Activities Department has collaborated with Character Counts In Iowa and the Institute for Excellence & Ethics from New York in order to build the J-Hawk Foundations program: a customdesigned, research-based program centered on building excellence, character, and leadership development. This program is believed to be the first of its kind in any



high school in the United States. For the latest activities updates, calendar, results, ticket purchases and more, visit **www.j-hawks.com**.



THE URBANDALE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Urbandale Education Foundation (UEF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to enhancing the educational experience of students in the Urbandale Community School District.

Urbandale Dollars for Scholars[®] and the Urbandale Alumni Association are part of the UEF. Together, the groups raise funds through grants and private donations in order to invest in projects and initiatives not supported within existing school budgets.

The Foundation surprised Urbandale teachers with classroom grants as part of the UEF Making A Difference Grant Program. The program is intended to provide Urbandale Community School District educators the opportunity to receive funds for projects and initiatives not supported within existing school budgets. In 2021, UEF supported 20 teacher grants totaling more than \$16,000.

It's through the public's support that the UEF is able to provide classroom grants, student scholarships, alumni connections, and enhanced educational programming for Urbandale students. UEF is a United Way Partner and able to receive donor-directed funds.

As the UEF is a tax-exempt organization it is also able to receive matching contributions from employers. Check with yours today.

For donors desiring to maximize the tax benefit of their contribution, the Endow lowa Tax Credit is equal to 25% of the amount contributed. Visit the "Donate" page on UrbandaleEducationFoundation.com.

PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY UEF:

• **Classroom Grants:** Annually award classroom grants for projects and initiatives not supported within existing school budgets.

• **Student Scholarships:** Annually award scholarships to Urbandale High School graduates. Visit urbandale.DollarsforScholars. org for more information.

• Alumni Connections: Connect UHS alumni, school employees, and community members. UrbandaleAlumni.com

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URBANDALE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Urbandale Alumni Association was founded in 2013 and is a member of the Urbandale Education Foundation. It is a non-profit organization with a 501(c) 3 designation.

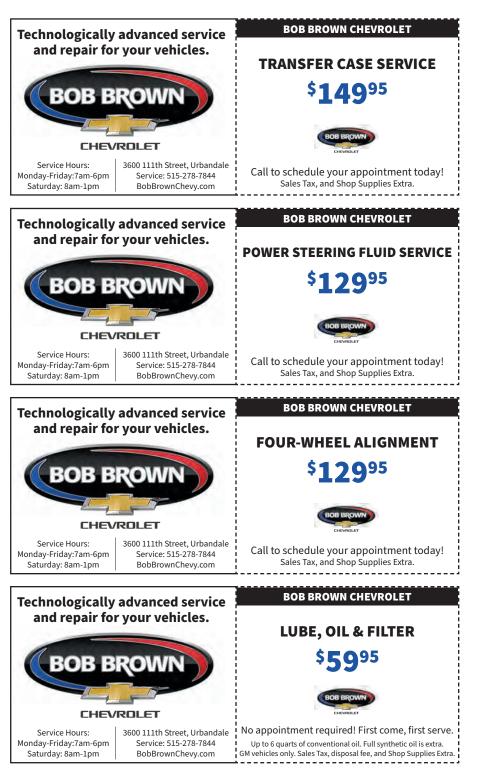
To join, visit https://www.urbandalealumni.com/class_index.cfm.

The organization has announced the first annual UHS Distinguished Alumnus Award and Celebration. The award will recognize an alum who has distinguished themselves since attending UHS. The first celebration will be Sept. 17, 2022. Make sure to nominate your favorite alum by March 31, 2022.

The Alumni Association's website includes newsletters and an "In Memory" page for members.

Co-chairs for the Alumni Association are: Meribeth Haynes, Class of 1976, and Linda Biermann Hoobin, Class of 1973.







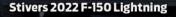
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