Welcome to Bondurant!

The first scene in the history drama of Bondurant began in the year 1857 when Mr. A. C. Bondurant, the honored founder of the town left his home in Sangamon County, Illinois. He was 28 years old when he joined the westward movement to our state, with one great ambition in his heart - that of founding a town.

Mr. Bondurant departed his home in Illinois for Iowa City, where the railroad ended. There he bought a horse which he rode westward to the present site of Bondurant. He liked the land and made arrangements to buy 160 acres from the government. This land was nothing but grass and ponds at the time – nearby settlers called the area “Bondurant’s frog ponds.”

A community of settlers grew around the area, especially after the opening of a new railroad in 1883. Mr. Bondurant gave the right of way for two miles of track and territory for the yards. In return, the Railway Company gave the station his name, although there had been some thought of calling it “Florenceville” after Mr. Bondurant’s daughter.

Around this time, the town’s first store was built. The main floor was used for store purposes but the upper floor was used for school, Church and lodge meetings. This building is still in use today by the Bondurant Hardware Company.

Bondurant is proud of a history that is centered around rugged, earnest, enterprising pioneers who were eager to build a great future for this town on the rolling prairies of Iowa.
Can our **bank teller** be your neighbor?

He’s the man across the counter at your neighborhood bank. You trust him to take care of your money. But he may not be able to afford to live near his work and be a part of your community.

Affordable housing makes it possible for hard-working people like our bank teller to enjoy safe and stable housing. And he helps you keep your finances in order, contributing to the high quality of life you enjoy.

Everyone benefits from affordable housing!

The average annual salary of a bank teller in Des Moines is: **$24,539**

If a single bank teller paid 30% of his income on rent monthly, he could pay: **$613**

In Bondurant, our bank teller could afford this number of rental homes: **59**

Meet the rest of our neighbors at: [canibeyourneighbor.com](http://canibeyourneighbor.com)

Who are your neighbors?

*In Bondurant...*

- **116** households make less than **$25,000 per year**, or...
  - **9%** of the city.

- **220** rental homes

- **1,078** owner-occupied

Renters pay **over 30%** of their income each month on rent.
Welcome to King Irving!

The King Irving neighborhood developed primarily during the first several decades of the twentieth century, although the eastern edge of the neighborhood, along 10th Street, developed in the 1890s due to its proximity to the 9th Street streetcar line. These homes, some of which were architect designed, were built in the Victorian style, similar to those that were built in the adjacent River Bend Neighborhood. The rest of the neighborhood developed during the early part of the twentieth century, primarily during the 1910s and 1920s. The dominant architectural style is Arts and Crafts, including many bungalows and four squares.

Located within the King Irving neighborhood is the Goddard Court bungalow court, which was built in 1916 and is located west of 14th Street just north of University Avenue. Goddard Court is one of two remaining bungalow courts in Des Moines, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

King Irving also has another structure that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Basilica of St. John, which is located on University Avenue between 19th Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway, was opened in 1926, although work began on the building in 1913. The Basilica is noted for its Romanesque architecture and its resemblance to St. Paul’s Basilica in Rome.

During the early twentieth century the neighborhood had a variety of commercial businesses that served neighborhood residents and the surrounding community. Some of these businesses included movie theaters, grocery stores, drug stores, gas stations and nightclubs.
Can our **welder** be your neighbor?

He’s the steady hand fusing white-hot metal pipes for that new house next door. He probably helped build your house, your office, your bike, or your car. But he may not be able to afford to live near his work and be a part of your community.

Affordable housing makes it possible for hard-working people like our welder to enjoy safe and stable housing. And he helps build our buildings, contributing to the high quality of life you enjoy.

Everyone benefits from affordable housing!

The average annual salary of a welder in Des Moines is: **$38,939**

If a single welder paid 30% of his income on rent monthly, he could pay: **$973**

In King Irving, our welder could afford this number of rental homes: **475**

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