Welcome to Norwalk!

The first settlers came to Norwalk area about 1846, the year that the state of Iowa was established. The first construction on the site that is now Norwalk began with a log cabin built by Samuel Snyder. The following year more families settled in the little town then known as Pyra. A post office was established June 18, 1856. George W. Swan laid out the town and erected a hotel. Mr. Swan, who was born in Norwalk, Connecticut, and was associated with a newspaper in Norwalk, Ohio, changed the town’s name to Norwalk.

The first railroad into town was constructed in 1882 - a narrow gauge line from Des Moines to Cainsville, Missouri. In the 1890’s the railroad was acquired by a subsidiary of the Burlington Railroad and was widened to standard gauge. Its primary use was for shipping the farmers’ livestock to various markets.

The line was abandoned in 1947, after a flood had severely damaged the North River bridge. Norwalk was incorporated in 1900 with Adam Stiffler serving as its first mayor. At the time, the town was one square mile in size. Since then, Norwalk has grown to over eleven square miles and a population of nearly 10,000 residents. The city continues to grow after annexing neighborhoods such as Lakewood, Echo Valley Estates, Rolling Green, and Colonial Meadows. New residents and businesses continue to arrive in Norwalk to enjoy its numerous recreational opportunities (including three golf courses) and its family-friendly atmosphere.
Can our veterinary tech be your neighbor?

She takes care of your pets. She is the caring woman that keeps your furry friends in good health. But she may not be able to afford to live near her work and be a part of your community.

Affordable housing makes it possible for hard-working people like our veterinary tech to enjoy safe and stable housing. And she helps keep your pets healthy, contributing to the high quality of life you enjoy.

Everyone benefits from affordable housing!

The average annual salary of a veterinary tech in Des Moines is: $26,868

If a single veterinary tech paid 30% of her income on rent monthly, she could pay: $672

In Norwalk, our veterinary tech could afford this number of rental homes: 195

Meet the rest of our neighbors at: canibeyourneighbor.com

Who are your neighbors?

In Norwalk...

- 277 households make less than $25,000 per year, or...
- 8% of the city.

- 884 rental homes

- 2,463 owner-occupied

- 159 renter households pay 30 to 50% of their income each month on rent.
- 74 renter households pay over 50% of their income each month on rent.
Welcome to Greenwood!

By the late 1860s, Grand Avenue west of downtown was growing quickly. As more people moved to the area, there was an increasing desire for city services. In 1881, the City of Greenwood Park was incorporated, covering the area between 28th and 42nd Streets, Center Street on the north, and the Raccoon River on the south. The city would last only nine years before being annexed by the City of Des Moines.

The southeastern quarter of the original City of Greenwood Park is what we today call the Greenwood Historic Neighborhood. The first homes, developed during the late 1800s into the 1920s, consisted of large, architect-designed homes. These homes on large lots were occupied by leading businessmen and incorporated elements of Tudor, Prairie, and Craftsman styles into their stained glass, elaborate entrances, and beautiful woodwork. A second phase of housing was built between the two World Wars and consisted of more moderate homes occupied by middle and upper class residents. Although smaller in size, these Tudor and Colonial Revival style homes blend well with earlier architectural styles.

While the physical development of the Greenwood Historic Neighborhood is intriguing, it pales in comparison to the unique individuals who have called it home. Greenwood Historic has been the home of some of Des Moines’ most accomplished people, including a Vice President of the United States, two U.S. Secretaries of Agriculture, a U.S. Senator, five major publishers, a four-star general, Drake University presidents, and numerous bishops, doctors, lawyers, inventors, entrepreneurs, and men and women civic leaders.
Can our paramedic be your neighbor?

She rushes to your side in case of emergency. She is on call to help you when you need it most. But she may not be able to afford to live near her work and be a part of your community.

Affordable housing makes it possible for hard-working people like our paramedic to enjoy safe and stable housing. And she helps keep you in good health, contributing to the high quality of life you enjoy.

Everyone benefits from affordable housing!

The average annual salary of a paramedic in Des Moines is: $37,879

If a single paramedic paid 30% of her income on rent monthly, she could pay: $947

In Greenwood, our paramedic could afford this number of rental homes: 257

Meet the rest of our neighbors at: canibeyourneighbor.com

Who are your neighbors?

In Greenwood...

269 households make less than $25,000 per year, or...

21% of the neighborhood.

458 RENTAL HOMES

845 OWNER-OCCUPIED

112 renter households pay 30 to 50% of their income each month on rent.

120 renter households pay over 50% of their income each month on rent.