



Date August 27, 2012

**AMENDING THE WESTERN VALLEY HIGH MANOR NEIGHBORHOOD
BOUNDARY TO BE E 30th STRET AND THE NORTHERN LAUREL HILL
NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARY TO BE DEAN AVENUE.**

WHEREAS, on May 24, 1993, by Roll Call No. 93-2026, the City Council approved the Neighborhood Recognition Policy (the "Policy") which establishes procedures for the formal recognition of neighborhood associations by the City of Des Moines, and authorizes Recognized neighborhoods to advise the City on issues of concern; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 1995, by Roll Call No. 95-1152, the Valley High Manor Neighborhood Association was Recognized by the City of Des Moines with boundaries of E University Ave on the north, the city limits on the east, Williams St on the west, and Dean Ave on the south; and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 1994, by Roll Call No. 94-2119, the Laurel Hill Neighborhood Association was Recognized by the City of Des Moines with boundaries of E Walnut St on the north, E 38th St on the east, E 30th St on the west, and Maury St on the south; and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2012, the Valley High Manor Neighborhood Association presented a petition to staff requesting that their western boundary be extended to E 30th Street. A copy of the petition and map showing the proposed area and signatures are attached as Exhibit A and B; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2012, the Neighborhood Revitalization Board voted to recommend to the City Council that the City of Des Moines amend the western boundary of the Valley High Manor neighborhood to E 30th Street. A letter outlining the NRB's recommendation is attached as Exhibit C.

WHEREAS, the proposed boundary would create an overlap with the Laurel Hill Neighborhood as shown on the map in Exhibit D; and

WHEREAS, the current Presidents of the Valley High Manor and Laurel Hill Neighborhood Associations have agreed that Dean Avenue be the boundary between the two neighborhoods in order to avoid any overlap.



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the western boundary of the Valley High Manor neighborhood be amended to E 30th Street and the northern boundary of the Laurel Hill neighborhood be amended to Dean Avenue.

(Council Communication Number 12 - 464)

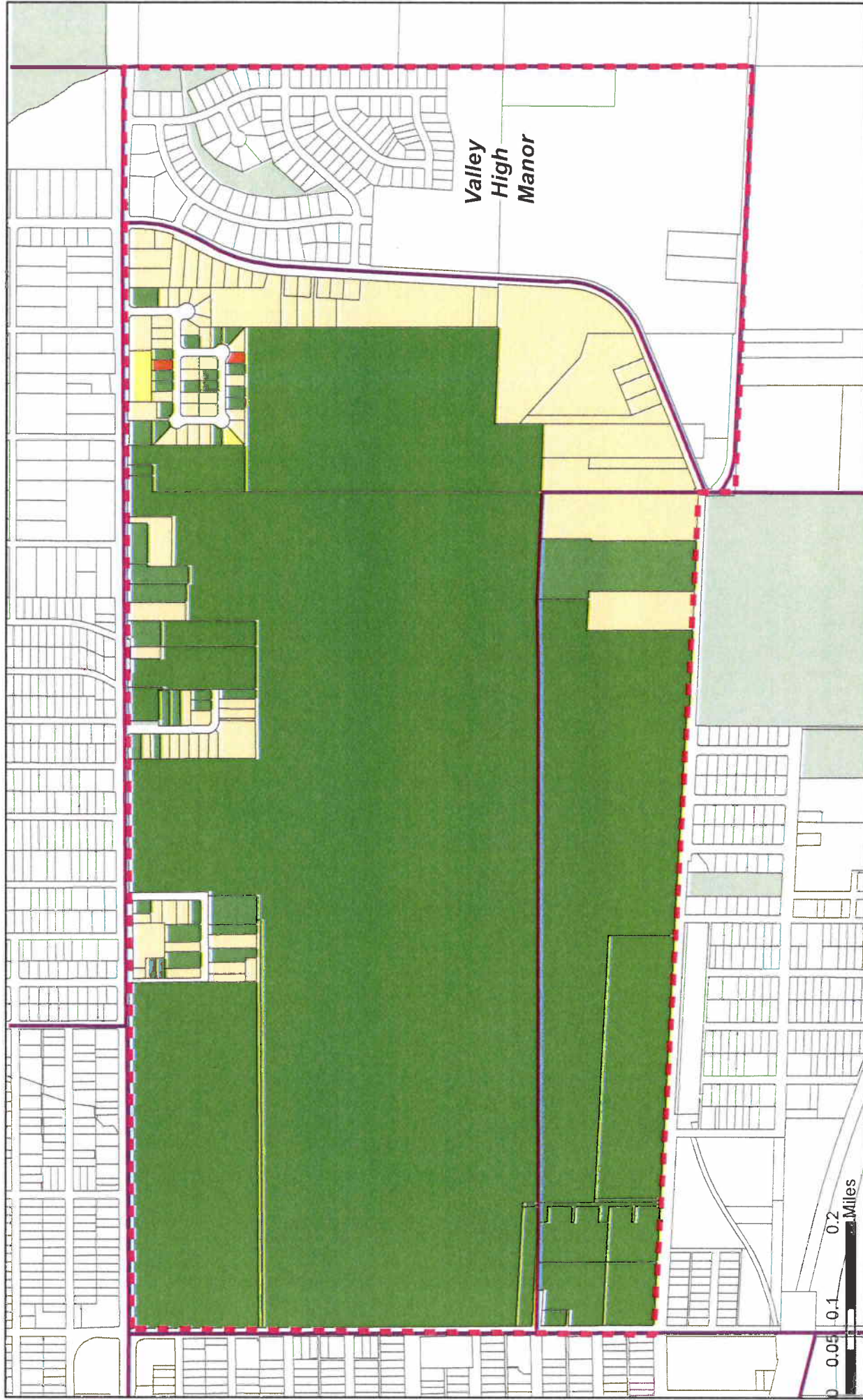
MOVED by _____ to adopt.

FORM APPROVED:

Michael F. Kelley
Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT	<p align="center">CERTIFICATE</p> <p>I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.</p> <p>IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.</p> <p align="right">_____ City Clerk</p>
COWNIE					
COLEMAN					
GRIESS					
HENSLEY					
MAHAFFEY					
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MOTION CARRIED APPROVED					
<p align="right">_____ Mayor</p>					

Valley High Manor Petition Signatures

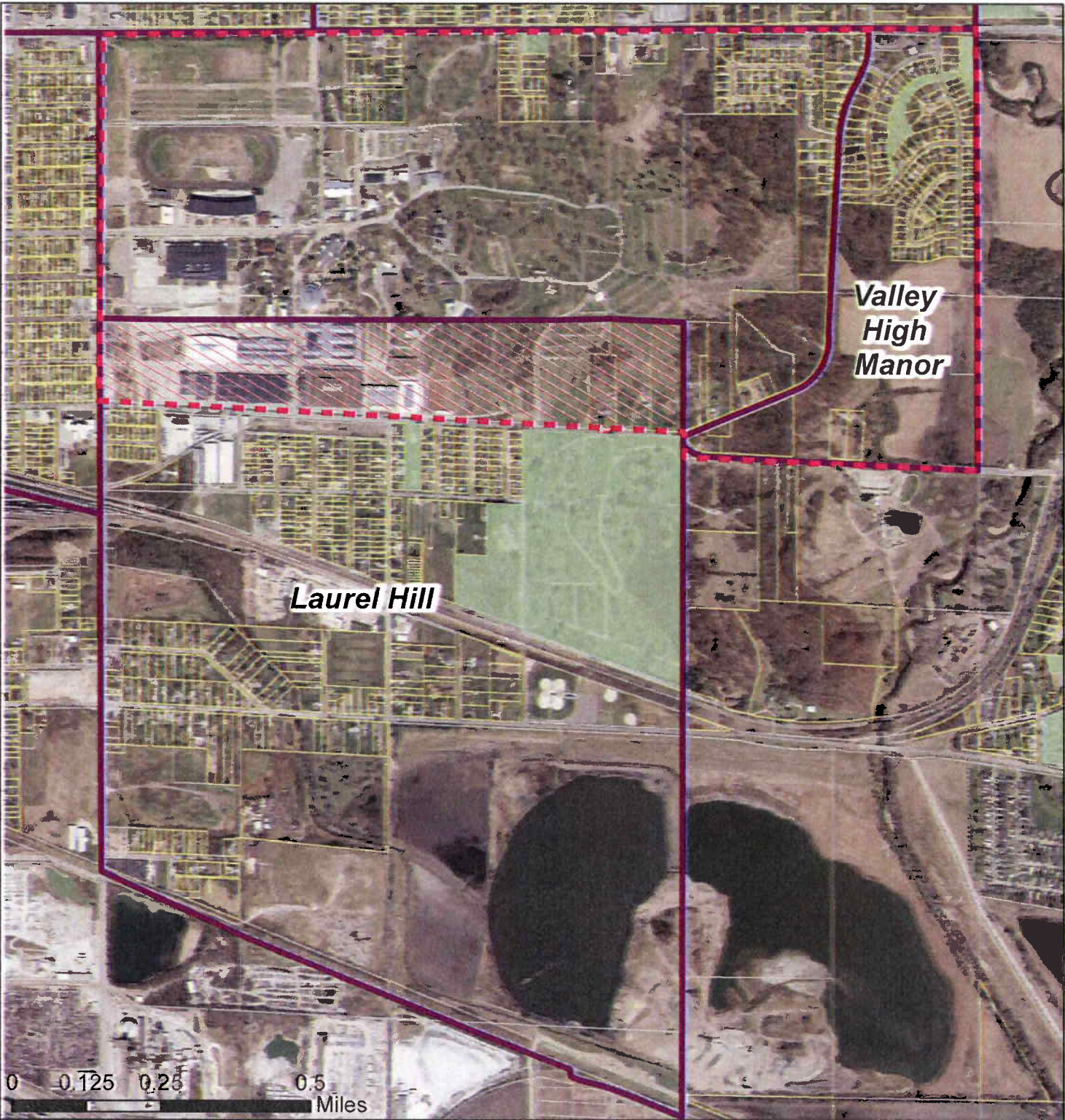


NOTE: Not all signatures were mapped, as some addresses were not provided. Property belonging to the Iowa State Fair is marked as a YES, based on signature from Gary Slater. Also, Valley High Manor has indicated that there is a page of signatures missing from what they provided to City staff.







Legend

- Neighborhood Boundaries
- VHM Proposed Boundary 2012
- Park
- Parcels
- Yes
- Yes - Iowa State Fair
- No
- Unsure / Don't Care
- No Signature

Valley High Manor Proposed Boundary



Legend

	VHM Proposed Boundary 2012		Overlapping Area
	Neighborhood Boundaries		
	Park		
	Parcels		
	Residential Parcels		

Map Prepared 8.08.12





**Community Development Department
Neighborhood Revitalization Board**

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August 20, 2012

The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council,

At our meeting on August 1, 2012, Harlan Donaldson, President of the Valley High Manor Neighborhood Association, presented a petition proposing to expand the neighborhood boundaries. The current neighborhood boundaries are E University Ave on the north, the city limits on the east, Williams Street on the west, and Dean Ave on the south. The proposed expansion would extend the neighborhood west to E 30th Street, incorporating an area of the city that is not currently represented by a neighborhood association, including the Iowa State Fairgrounds. The Valley High Manor Neighborhood Association did extensive outreach among their current members and in the proposed new area to explore the desire for such a change. The petition included signatures from both residents and businesses located in the proposed area, as well as a representative of the Iowa State Fairgrounds.

The Neighborhood Revitalization Board approves of this change and therefore recommends that Council take action to amend the western boundary of the Valley High Manor neighborhood to E 30th Street on the west.

Sincerely,


Laura B. Mundy, Chair
Neighborhood Revitalization Board



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Mardi letter

Hello Neighbor,

I am writing to invite you to become a part of Valley High Manor Neighborhood, our established and City Recognized, Neighborhood. The benefits for you are:

- You would have an assigned police officer by virtue of being in a neighborhood.
- Statistics on crimes can be pulled up as an entire neighborhood instead of being kept only block by block which is all that is done with "unincorporated" areas of the City.
- Neighborhoods have more leverage with the City Council than individual neighbors.

The Valley High Manor Neighborhood is every home East of Williams Street on the South side of University. We are checking to see if your homes West of us down to E 30th Street, are interested.

Please join us at the Four Mile Center, E 37th and Easton, on April 19th at 6:30 to get acquainted and find out what other benefits come to Recognized Neighborhoods. Let's see if we have enough common interests and problems to warrant moving the boundaries.

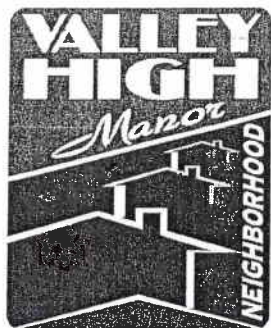
If you want to find out more about us go to this link
http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Valley_High_Manor

Or just Google us

Harlan Donaldson

Pres. Valley High Manor

followed by
newsletter in May



Summer 2012

Message from VHMN Association President:

An open letter to all: If you are receiving this you are located within our proposed new boundaries. Everything applies to you too.

The Neighborhood Garage Sale - on Saturday, June 9th is open to all. We will have a **HUGE** sign out at Winegardener and University w/a smaller sign under it "announcing everywhere S. of Univ., all the way to the Fairgrounds". We will also have it listed in the Register. I will be making the rounds that day asking for *free will* donations to cover the onetime sign cost.

Scrub Day - You can visit any city sites on the 3rd Saturday of each month through November. Visit the city website for details. The Transfer Station is also open on these dates.

Street Clean - We will be cleaning up Dean and Williams on Saturday, June 23rd 9AM, (Rain date is June 30th). Meet in the out parking area of Sleepy Hollow. We should be done by 1 pm. Dress appropriately in good walking shoes and gloves. There is poison ivy along the road so long sleeves and pants are recommended.

National Night Out - August 7, 2012

We are looking for someone to take a leading role in organizing a National Night Out. For many years groups have had block parties, cookouts, and other special events, with a special emphasis on our police-community partnership. Contact any VHMNA board member for more information.

www.neighborhoodlink.com/desmoines/vhmna

Neighborhood Picnic - If you are interested in organizing just a Neighborhood picnic this summer contact Harlan Donaldson.

Report weeds - To report properties for not mowing their yards or otherwise keeping weeds down, contact Public Works at: <http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/PublicWorks/pages/reportProblems.aspx>

Vacation Watch - Des Moines Police Department offers a vacation watch service while you are out of town. Contact DMPD Dispatch 283-4811 to list your address so officers can do extra patrols. Also, advise all of your neighbors of this benefit.

Other happenings this Summer - Post Garage Sale we will be canvassing homes West of Williams to get your inputs on the boundary change.

Association meeting - July 19th 6:30 pm at Four Mile Center. All are invited.

Membership News -

This year we are offering a free 1st year membership just for coming to a meeting and giving your contact information. And we are offering a free "next year" membership to existing members for referring a new member.

Past members, will be considered as new members again this yr. Contact Connie Ballard for more information.

Contact the officers below with questions or problems.

Pres	Harlan Donaldson	263-4922	Valleyhighpresiden@Yahoo.Com
Vp	Dennis Fry	210-6922	Frydml1@mchsi.com
Sec	Brenda Peel	249-2285	Bkpcats@Juno.Com
Treas	Connie Ballard	266-5588	Cballard4211@Gmail.Com
Board	Carol Stewart	266-4772	Rubybagonia@Gmail.Com
Board	Mary Smith	265-0665	Mpsmith1@Hotmail.Com
Board	Patti Burdette	266-4976	Cherokee_Sioux55@Yahoo.Com
Board	Steve O'brien	418-7526	

City Liaisons:

Doua Lor 515-971-0792
Des Moines Police Department
dblor@dmgov.org

Dennis Rule - 515-208-0317
Neighborhood Inspection Division
darule@dmgov.org

Des Moines website
<http://www.dmgov.org>

Petition to change the boundary for the Valley High Manor
Neighborhood from Williams Street on the South side of University to
include all of the area South side of University to East 30th
Street to Dean Ave.

NAME	ADDRESS	YES	NO	DON'T CARE	CONTACT
Gary D Glater	3303 E University Ave.				IA State Fair
Yes - Tracy Johnson	3749 E ^{Yes} Univ Ave				Iowa Diecast Toys
Ernesto E. Gomez	Yes 3729 E University				Gomez Tire
B. Gillespie	3709 E University	Yes			Encrown Animal Hospital
B. Roman	1117 E 41st [#]	yes			
Alicha Rivers	4001 ³ E University	Yes			
Ryan Van Meter	4001 ⁷ E University				
Jesse Fuller	4000 Maple St.	Yes			
David Smith	4008 Maple	Yes			
Linda Chumbley	4014 Maple	Yes			
M. R. Boston	4020 Maple St		NO		Don't
Janet Carlson	4024 Maple	Yes			Don't
DENNIS SORESEN	3704 DEAN	Yes			
Jonny Faust	3350 Sims Dr	Yes			Duplicate

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NAME	ADDRESS	YES	NO	DON'T CARE	CONTACT
Mary Eichhorn	4011 Timber Lane	Yes			maryeichhorn@msn.com Eichhorn Mary
Miss Foreman	4021 Timber Ln	Yes			MissForeman@gmail.com
Ren VanElsen	4027 Timber Ln		NO		
William P. H.	1001 East 40 th St	Yes			
Bob Whisenand SR	1005 E 40 St	Yes			
Amelio Rocha	1021 E 40th St	Yes			
Mike Benshoof	4101 E 41 St	Yes			
Jack Switzer	401 Maple	Yes			
Holly Siakhasone	1106 40th St.	Yes			
Mike Kelly	1006 E 40th St				515-556-8550
Max Smith	1000 E. 40th			Don't Care	
Carol/Vincent	4007 Timber Lane	Yes			crojlv@mchsi.com
Sherenacke	4010 Timber Lane	Yes			515-480-8742
Lana Clem	4016 Timber Ln	Yes			

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NAME	ADDRESS	YES	NO	DON'T CARE	CONTACT
Brandon Decker III		Yes			515-509-0535
Mary Churchill	3430	Yes			515-975-0425
Glenda Wingfield	3414	Yes			515-266-3673
Jerry & Luc Forest		Yes			515-262-5508
Marty Wellander				Yes	333-2172
Bill Phillips		Yes			299-2952
Gabby Havel		Yes			515-263-8485
Mary Giboy		Yes			262-7658
John C. Swicker		Yes			(515) 979-3212
John Pizer	1106 E 36 th St				710-5521
Erin Brechler	1101 E 30 th St				318-9948
Bobbi McMahon					250-2714
Karl Loez					266-4291
Beverly Ford					

Glenn J. Niles

3626 MAPLE DR. LA 50317

1025 E. 36th Ct DSM 50317

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		Not Sure or			
NAME	ADDRESS	YES	NO	DON'T CARE	CONTACT
Kathy Daggett	4021 E University			X	282-8847
Jessie E King	4023 E UNIV			X	979-7983