

WATERBURY NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

From the Waterbury Neighborhood Association



Bryan Bunton,
WNA President

From the President!

As the heat finally tapers off and we make our way towards fall, it's a good time to reflect back on a busy summer. The WNA started off with a large tree planting effort, kudos going to CJ Stephens, David Jahn and the City of Des Moines, and numerous volunteers who put well over 100 trees into the ground. It looks like most of the new growth is doing well, a testament to residents for consistent watering during the dry months we've had. We then partnered up with Cornerstone Community Credit Union to bring Waterbury its first Jazz in July event, which was well received and attended by the neighborhood. I heard

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Roll Out the Barrels!

It's Oktoberfest Time

- ◆ *Saturday, Oct. 6, 4 to 7:30 p.m., Cornerstone Community Credit Union, 61st and Grand*

Football is back, the air is crisp and fall colors are here. Time again for the annual Waterbury Neighborhood Oktoberfest, set for Saturday, Oct. 6, from 4 to 7:30 p.m., on the Great Lawn behind Cornerstone Community Credit Union. This year's bash is sponsored by Cornerstone and the Waterbury Neighborhood Association (WNA).

Check out the food, entertainment and family activities planned for this year:

- Uncle Wendell's BBQ and a side available for purchase; beer, soda and water complimentary
- Prize drawings for gift cards, restaurant certificates, and discounted products from WNA, Cornerstone and many more local businesses



Bob Tyler and the Reckless Hearts bring their popular brand of honky-tonk and rock and roll back to the Third Annual Waterbury Oktoberfest.



Waterbury Jazz

The sweet sounds of cool jazz highlighted summer fun for more than 300 music fans at the first-ever installment of Jazz in July in Waterbury. The festivities were sponsored by Cornerstone Community Credit Union and the Waterbury Neighborhood Association.

<<< Brent Sandy, trumpeter for the jazz band Equilateral, performs at Jazz in July from Waterbury. Recap and photos, page 4.

- Live entertainment by Bob Tyler and the Reckless Hearts
- Bounce House, pony rides, a fire truck, face painting and various yard games for the kids

Neighbors so inclined are again encouraged to bring a desert to share.

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Tree Pruning Workshop
Read more on page 4.

WNA Bulletin Board & Community Calendar

Time for Christmas Eve Luminaries, Another Acclaimed Waterbury Tradition

It won't be long until visions of sugarplums are dancing in our heads, along with visions of quiet, snowy streets lined with luminaries!

The popular Christmas Eve tradition returns this year with Gladys Hertzberg again at the helm. If you were a "captain" for your area last year and would be willing to do so again, please call Gladys soon and let her know how many candle sets you will need. If you're in an area that hasn't had luminaries or want to get your order in early, Gladys can set you up! Call her at 279-5464 or 418-3918.



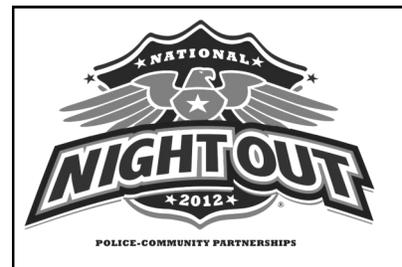
Design Waterbury's Next Neighborhood T-Shirt

It has been years since WNA sold t-shirts, and much longer since we adopted a new design. If you are a graphic designer, or simply feel creative and want to show your neighborhood pride, we want your ideas. Send an email to news@WaterburyNeighborhood.org, and we'll send you more details and a copy of the Waterbury logo. Entries are due by Thursday, Nov. 15. The winner will re-

ceive a WNA supporting membership valued at \$250, recognition in this newsletter, and our undying appreciation!

Neighbors Attend National Night Out

Nearly 40 people attended WNA's annual National Night Out event held Aug. 7 at the gardens on Polk and Ingersoll. Established to strengthen the bond between city police departments and the neighborhoods they protect, this year's event once again provided attendees with a chance to mingle with neighbors and meet with DSM police Lt. Joe Gonzalez and Sgt. Vince Valdez. Other notable attendees included Mayor Frank Cownie and Christine Hensley of the Des Moines city council. Dahl's generous donation of ice cream and ice cold McDonald's orange drink helped to keep things cool on a hot summer evening. This year also featured a bike ride through the neighborhood, where items of historical significance, like the original Waterbury house, remnants of the 1900's era golf course and other interesting locations, were showcased.



Community Night at Roosevelt, Thursday, Oct. 4

Roosevelt High School Community Night will be held homecoming week on Thursday, Oct. 4, at Roosevelt and will feature games, music and food. The fun starts at 4:30 p.m., the parade at 6:30 and the coronation at 7:30. "The night is aimed at bringing the entire Roosevelt community together," said Madison Holmes, student council VP.



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nothing but positive comments on the event, so we'll do our best to keep that effort going in the future. We followed that in early August with National Night Out. I think it's important to take time each year to visit with neighbors and show our support for the men and women on our police force that keep Waterbury safe.

That brings us to October, and time for our third annual family Oktoberfest set for Saturday, Oct. 6th. As in past years, there will be plenty of activities for the kids, food and drink, prizes and musical entertainment. Oktoberfest is always a fun time and a great opportunity to meet new people or simply hang out and relax.

October also marks our annual membership and volunteer drive. It is your generosity that enables the Waterbury Neighborhood Association to host many enjoyable family-friendly events each year, as well as make real investments in the neighborhood and help maintain property values. The WNA is also available to hear your concerns and take action on a broad range of issues that may impact you. Unlike some neighborhood associations, contributions have always been voluntary, and unlike the price of corn, our prices have not increased ... it's still only \$25 for a family/household! Watch your mail or see the enclosed form for more details.

Also, please consider donating your time towards improving the neighborhood. WNA has many volunteer opportunities available, be it maintaining our beautiful gardens, improving the environment, joining the Board of Directors or helping out on special projects. Whatever your talent, be it writing, photography, event planning, etc., we can put it to good use!

I hope you had a great summer, and I look forward to seeing you at Oktoberfest!

Your WNA Board of Directors

Mission: The purpose of the Waterbury Neighborhood Association (WNA) is to enhance the quality of life, maintain the aesthetic appearance, and promote the historical nature and significance of the Waterbury community. The WNA was formed in 1995 to build community among neighbors and provide an organization that would help residents to work cooperatively on issues of interest and concern to residents.

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Don't Miss Important Neighborhood News: Sign Up Today to Receive WNN Updates by Email

This summer we created an email version of the Waterbury Neighborhood News called *WNN Updates* to keep you in the loop between the quarterly publication of this print newsletter. If you aren't receiving *WNN Updates*, send your name and email address to news@WaterburyNeighbors.org. That way you'll never miss the latest here in beautiful Waterbury.

Waterbury Gardens & Grounds Roundup

Volunteers Needed for Garden Cleanup, Saturday, Oct. 20, 9 a.m.

The month of September is here again, and it is time for a review of activities at our public gardens. This has been a difficult year for growing, as anyone with a garden or lawn knows. An early spring affected many plants, and signs of the long hot drought are everywhere in the gardens. We will lose a few bushes and at least one tree.

In spite of the heat, the beds of Knockout Roses have been fantastic. The annuals around the Polk and Ingersoll monument area, Salvia Victoria Blue and Zinnias, will continue to bloom until the first frost. Thanks are due to all those who helped with the spring planting, watering this summer, and anyone who stopped to pull a weed or two this season.

We'll meet at the Polk and Ingersoll garden for a fall clean up day on Saturday, Oct. 20, at 9 a.m. Volunteers do not need any special skills, just a willingness to lend a hand and meet your neighbors. Contact Alice Peterson at 255-2477.

Keep Filling Those Green Buckets Through December

As we write this newsletter, the WNA tree stewards are doing six-month quality checks on all our newly planted trees. At three months, only five trees were lost out of 129. Fantastic considering the hot, dry weather we experienced this summer. So please, keep filling the buckets once a week through December. Then return the buckets to 4900 Woodland Ave., so they can be used in another neighborhood next year.

Learn Pruning at Free Workshop

If you planted a tree two to four years ago, this workshop is for you! Ralph Conner, Board Certified Master Arborist, will teach you how to properly prune a small tree. We'll meet at Pleasant and 56th on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Bring your neighbors, gloves, a pruner and a small pruning saw (if you have one). RSVP to WaterburyTrees@aol.com

And It's Not Too Late to Plant!

If you missed the Waterbury spring 'Green Bucket' tree planting project, the city will plant a tree in a public space. To make a request, visit www.DMGOV.org, click on *Public Works* at the bottom of the page, click on *Forestry*, scroll to *Street Tree Program* and click on *Request*. Also check out MidAmerican's tree program at www.midamericanenergy.com/iowa_plantsomeshade.

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Cornerstone Officially a Community Credit Union

You may think adding the word “community” to Cornerstone **Community** Credit Union is just a simple name change. But the new title actually represents an official change in charter that now allows the neighborhood credit union to serve new members from throughout the greater Des Moines area.

“This is an exciting achievement for us,” said Gary Key, CEO, “which we think will benefit our current members here in Waterbury as well as new members from the rest of Des Moines, West Des Moines, Urbandale and Clive.”

“I think adding community to their name is also symbolic of Cornerstone’s commitment and tremendous support of Waterbury,” said Melinda Berte, Cornerstone board member and Waterbury resident. “They’ve co-sponsored Oktoberfest for three years now, hosted our spring tree planting project, and helped us launch Jazz in July.”

“We are a homegrown, full-service credit union with a reputation that stands for personalized service and the highest of financial standards,” continued Key. “We strive to foster growth in our community and the lives of our customers with competitive rates on CD’s/IRA’s, auto and home loans, etc., with minimal fees compared to the banks. While banks answer to their shareholders, we answer to our members and are categorized as a ‘not-for-profit’ organization.”

Cornerstone began as Younkers Credit Union back in 1931 and was located in the downtown store until 2004. Today Cornerstone is located at 61st and Grand Avenue, right next to the McDonald’s. For more information about Cornerstone services, call 274-2343.

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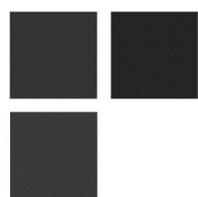
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New Snow Removal Policy “Better, Faster,” Says City

We hope thinking about snow doesn't ruin your day! But we all know it will be here soon. Recently the city of Des Moines announced a city-wide expansion of a “no-parking-until-plowed” policy that was piloted here in Waterbury the past two winters.

Your Waterbury board supported the policy change, citing a noticeable increase in the speed in which roads were plowed. “We take pride in assisting the city when possible, and felt that the program was very successful for our neighborhood and also met the goals of improved efficiency and faster service for the city,” wrote Bryan Bunton, WNA President, in a letter to the mayor and city council. Noting that off-street parking might not be as readily available elsewhere in Des Moines, Bunton urged the city to make special considerations or exemptions for these areas. Below is a reprinted announcement of the new policy from the city.

All Residential Streets Plowed After 2-Inch Snowfalls

New for the 2012 to 2013 snow season: all residential streets will be plowed after 2-inch snowfalls. Streets will be cleared with larger snow plows known as “wing-plows.”

Wing plows can clear a path 14 feet wide. This larger path requires vehicles to be off the street to make the equipment as efficient as possible. Therefore parking will be restricted until residential streets are plowed curb to curb.

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Stephanie Asklof
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Sign Up for Plow Notification

Snow removal on residential streets citywide will begin when the snow ends. You can access up-to-date information on snow removal by the following methods:

- Email: Subscribe to email alerts at www.dmgov.org in the link “sign up for email subscriptions”
- Texting: Subscribe to text message alerts by texting DMSNOW to 96362.
- Facebook: like us ‘Des Moines Public Works’
- Twitter: Follow us @dmdpw
- Phone: Department of Public Works 24-Hour Customer Service Center - 283-4950

The cost of a ticket for parking during restrictions is \$35.



Live from Waterbury - It's Jazz in July

Opening act Common Thread Quartet and headliner Equilateral thrilled an enthusiastic crowd at Waterbury's inaugural presentation of Jazz in July. The event was co-sponsored by the Waterbury Neighborhood Association and Cornerstone Community Credit Union. "We couldn't have been more pleased with the turnout and all the positive comments we received following the event," said Bryan Bunton, WNA President. "We hope to do it again next year!"

<<< Photos counterclockwise: unicyclist performs stunts, kids hula-hoop, Equilateral in full swing and neighbors enjoy the show.



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Last year's dessert table was delicious!

Walking or biking to the event is highly encouraged, with special discount coupons available to anyone who bikes. Otherwise, parking will be available in the Junior Achievement parking lot south of Grand across from 61st, and on some nearby side streets.

So grab your friends and family, and join us for an autumn afternoon of fun. More info: contact Bryan Bunton at 371-2890.

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Dear Waterbury Neighbor:

The Waterbury Neighborhood Association has a long history of strong leadership and neighbor involvement. Your Association represents you on important issues that affect property values and the quality of life in our neighborhood. These efforts, as well as our newsletter, informational meetings and social events are funded by membership dues.

Some recent examples of these efforts are:

- Installation of the Safe Crossing Walks at the Polk & Grand intersection
- Establishment of the Waterbury Garden & Historical Marker at Polk & Ingersoll
- A neighborhood entrance sign at 56th & Pleasant and the reestablishment of oak savannah in the area
- A very successful Secret Garden Tour, several popular Holiday Home Tours and the Waterbury Luminary Festival
- Our first-ever Jazz in July right here in Waterbury
- And finally, our third annual Oktoberfest to be held this October 6th!

In addition, our founding members established the Waterbury Foundation to allow for grant writing and tax deductible contributions for reforestation and other worthy projects.

To continue these important efforts, we need all neighbors to be paying members! Our Annual October Membership/Volunteer Drive is in full swing. Please contribute to continued neighborhood progress by volunteering and joining or renewing your membership today.

Current members will receive renewal information directly in the mail. If you aren't a member, simply fill out the attached form, enclose your check and return today!

We greatly appreciate your time and generosity, and we look forward to seeing you at Oktoberfest!

Sincerely,

Bryan Bunton

President, Waterbury Neighborhood Association



WNA Fall Membership Drive Underway

Look for a friendly renewal letter from the Waterbury Neighborhood Association during our fall membership drive. Or, if you are not a member, clip out the form below and join today. Mail to WNA, PO Box 12054, Des Moines, IA, 50312. Your financial support and volunteer time are what make Waterbury so special and such a coveted address. Thank you!



Waterbury Neighborhood Association

2013 MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEER FORM

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- \$500 Lifetime
- \$10 Non-Resident
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 Des Moines, Iowa 50312

Please make membership checks payable to the Waterbury Neighborhood Association. Membership is voluntary and is renewed on an annual basis. Renewals will be collected during our membership drive, which is held October through December. Foundation gifts are tax deductible; please make checks payable to the Waterbury Neighborhood Foundation.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

I am also interested in the following volunteer opportunities (please check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Trees (maintenance & reforestation) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising/WNA Improvements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Trails & Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Media (web site, email blasts) |
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Waterbury Neighborhood Oktoberfest!
Saturday, October 6.
Details Inside!



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