

WATERBURY NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

From the Waterbury Neighborhood Association



From the President!

Great things happen in our neighborhood because of great people. And you'll read about a few in this issue of the *Neighborhood News*. People like **Laura Higgins** and her tree planting Girl Scouts; **Dave Johnson**, longtime resident and new board member; **Rex Batson**, Atlanta transplant and new board member; **Barb Andersen**, natural gardener and board member who is leaving us in August; **Cornerstone Community Credit Union**, again sponsoring this year's Jazz in July; and all of **you** who have stepped up to renew your memberships. People are really what WNA is all about. Enjoy a beautiful Waterbury summer!



Steve Miller,
WNA President

Jazz in July Returns to Waterbury with a Sizzle

Metro Arts Jazz in July returns to our neighborhood this year with a sizzle, featuring Orquesta Alto Maiz, the Midwest's hottest Latin-jazz band. And thanks to co-host Waveland Park Neighborhood Association and sponsors Cornerstone Community Credit Union, CenturyLink and Templeton Rye, an expanded lineup of festivities will be staged under the spreading oaks of majestic Waveland Golf Course.

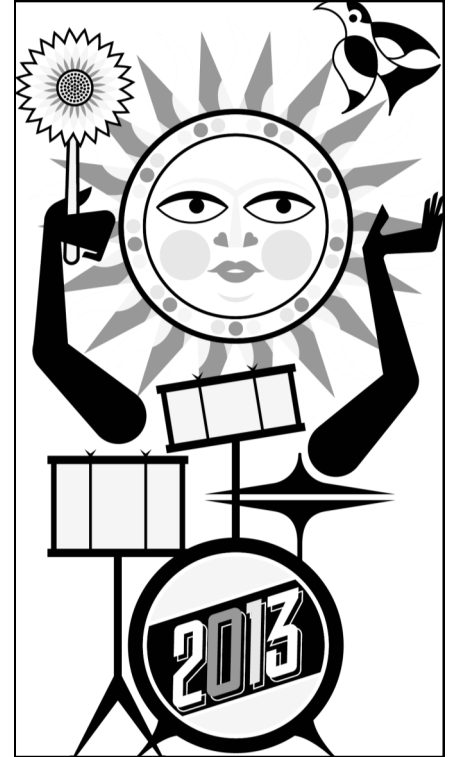
It all starts at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 13, when Alto Maiz takes the stage to perform a wide range of Latin musical styles, including merengue, samba, cha-cha-cha, salsa, calypso and boleros. As one reviewer put it, "If your body doesn't move when you hear these guys, you should check your pulse to see if you're alive."

The party continues at 8:30 p.m. when DJ 810 cranks up dance tunes from the 1950s to the 1980s. His strictly-vinyl playlist features

rare and obscure records along with classics guaranteed to get everyone up and dancing.

And there's more:

FOR THE KIDS ~ Perkins and Hubbell Elementary Schools will get the kids hopping with spin art, make-and-take crafts, a bake sale and pony rides! Kids activities begin at 6:30 p.m.



Dance Under the Trees, Stars

Ed East and Orquesta Alto Maiz will bring their electrifying Latin-jazz beat to Jazz in July at Waveland Golf Course, Saturday, July 13, 6:30 p.m. DJ 810 will keep the party going starting at 8:30 p.m. with 1950s-1980s dance tunes.

<<< *Read more about
Waveland Park/ Waterbury
Jazz in July on page 2-3.*

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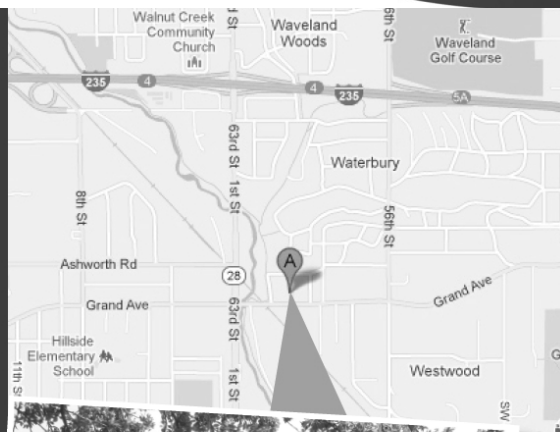
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Jazz in July (continued)

FOR THE ADULTS ~ Templeton Rye (yes, THAT Templeton Rye) will be on-site with their Mobile Speakeasy! The golf course is concocting Waterbury Old Fashions just for the occasion along with several grill selections that will make your mouth water. Beer and wine will also be available for purchase.

PLEASE NOTE: Outside alcoholic beverage are strictly prohibited.

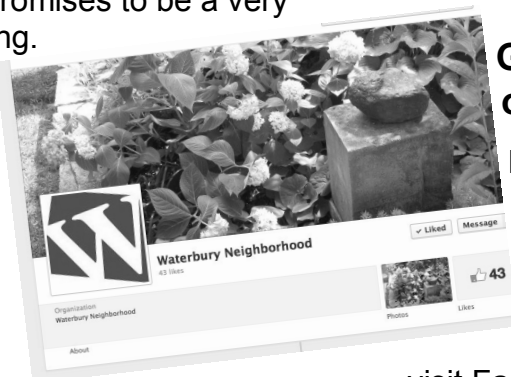
Stop by the Cornerstone Community Credit Union tent, pick up a free goody backpack and register for a chance to win an iPad Mini. Then visit CenturyLink's on-site Social Media Station where you can have your photo taken and uploaded to the Internet from their new high-speed broadband service. Or pick up that awesome piece of art or jewelry at the ARTISTS VILLAGE ~ coordinated and hosted by event partner Roosevelt Cultural District.

And did we mention that ADMISSION IS FREE!

Parking with shuttles to the grounds will be available at Glendale Cemetery. We encourage you to walk or bike to Waveland Golf Course. Entrance to all events will be at the Club House, 4908 University Avenue.

Waveland Park Jazz in July is now in its 19th year, so you know they do it right. Don't miss what promises to be a very memorable evening.

For more information, see our website or call Steve at (515) 255-9014.



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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Like us on Facebook, visit us at www.WaterburyNeighbors.org and sign up for our email newsletter to stay on top of the latest neighborhood happenings. Emily Boyd, curator of our Facebook page, says, "Come join the discussion. It's a great place to get connected with neighbors!" To find us, just visit Facebook and search for Waterbury Neighborhood.

WNA Bulletin Board & Community Calendar

Home, Garage and Car Burglaries Continue to Plague Waterbury

Several neighbors – including a Des Moines police officer who lives in Waterbury – are reporting another rash of home, garage and car burglaries in the area.

“I have been contacted by neighbors hit by these crimes asking what they can do to prevent them,” said the officer. “My first suggestion is that everyone report these incidents and their concerns to the Des Moines Police Department. The more people that call and share their thoughts, the more resources the department is likely to focus on the neighborhood.”

Lt. Joe Gonzalez attended our annual meeting in April after an upsurge in burglaries earlier this year. At that time, police suspected the crimes had been committed by a group of known individuals to support a drug habit. While arrests had been made, some suspects were still at large.

To express your concerns, contact Lt. Joe Gonzalez at (515) 237-1531. If you see ANYTHING suspicious, call 911 immediately.



Three Lanes to Open on Grand Avenue Bridge Sept. 27

The City of Des Moines reports that progress continues on the Grand Avenue bridge project with the west abutment foundation approximately 95 percent complete. Another construction crane was also brought in recently to allow for work from both sides of the creek.



As noted previously by Project Engineer Ben Cole, asbestos abatement and additional material testing pushed the opening of three lanes back to Sept. 27. Five lanes of traffic are scheduled to be open near the end of November, according to Cole.

To report traffic issues like reckless driving, illegally parked cars, etc., call the police department's non-emergency number at 515-283-4811. For construction-related questions, call Ben Cole at 515-283-4176.

Waterbury Night at Des Moines Art Center

Check out Summer on the Hill at the Des Moines Art Center, a series of films on the lawn, pre-film events and live music in the courtyard. We've declared the Aug. 1, 8:30 p.m. screening of Breakfast at Tiffany's as Waterbury Night. Admission is free. Please join us!





Garden & Grounds Roundup

Neighbors, Girl Scouts Step Up to Plant 25 Plane Trees



Members of Girl Scout Troop 661

Front row (left to right): Peggy Wharton, Jon Lewis, Zoie Wagner, Sarah Flippen, Nisha Barnhill, Laura Higgins.

Back row (left to right): Jill Langebartles, Kennedy Lewis, Emma Walters.

The Waterbury Neighborhood Association jumped at the chance recently to find homes for 25 London Plane-trees from the Iowa DNR and MidAmerican Energy. And thanks to help from several neighbors and Girl Scout Troop 661, all the trees have been planted and are climbing skyward to eventually take their place in our neighborhood tree canopy. London Planes can grow up to 80 feet high and spread out to 65 feet wide.

Girl Scouts from Troop 661, with assistance from parents, Troop co-leader Laura Higgins and board member Dave Johnson, planted 12 of the London Planes at various residences in Waterbury in early June. This involved digging the hole, planting, backfilling and spreading a mulch layer for each tree. The Girl Scouts also helped plant many trees in the neighborhood last spring. Their goal is to plant 100 trees to achieve the Girl Scout's Silver

Award. With the 12 trees planted this month, they have now planted 77 trees, mostly in Waterbury, and are well on their way to achieving their goal. Many thanks to the troop and participating neighbors for their hard work to help keep Waterbury beautiful.

Planting for a Healthy Garden *By Barb Andersen, Board Member*

Natural Systems

The overall aim for a healthy yard and garden is to maintain/restore the natural balance. Think of your garden as a wild natural system such as a woodland or meadow. Over time, the plant community develops checks and balances that prevent devastating outbreaks of pests or diseases. Insects may eat some plants in a meadow or woodland but natural predators and parasites control the numbers to a tolerable level. The cycle of plant growth and decay maintains soil fertility and keeps plants healthy, and thus more resistant to insect and disease problems.



Berries for wildlife. (Photo: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service)

Plant Selection

Plants that are adapted to the prevailing climate and soil conditions will succeed. Think in terms of the plant communities found in the natural system you are trying to mimic or restore. That is, for a wet, low, shady area along a waterway, look at what plants naturally grow together in a floodplain forest. Similarly, a sunny, hot hillside is most suited for plants, which

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A Salute to Our Renewing Members

Thanks again to everyone who has renewed their membership. This newsletter highlights members from A to H. We'll do I to Q next issue.

Jeff Aden
Jackie Aldrich
Barb Anderson
Mark & Tana Anderson
Rick & Lori Adrianse
Jim Autry & Sally Pederson
Carmen Bain & Charles Petrin
Michael & Rhonda Balch
Steve & Cathy Balderson
Greg & Leisha Barcus
Rex Batson & Carolyn Weaver
Glenn & Ann Marie Baughman
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Diane Becker
Kathy & Russ Bitterman
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Dale & Patricia Bordt
Emily Boyd
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Mark & Amy Dagitz
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Kent Davison & Shelly
Larson

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thrive in those conditions, such as prairie plants.

Diversity

Choosing a wide variety of plants insures that your garden will be more resistant to pests and diseases and also can provide interesting sequences of blooms, textures and colors. A conventional lawn with just one grass species is an example of a monoculture that is inherently unstable ecologically and it takes a lot of labor and inputs, such as water and chemicals, to maintain. Planting a mixture of lawn grasses, together with Dutch white clover and violets for bees and soil fertility, will help prevent lawn diseases because it is more likely that some plants will be resistant. There are tough groundcovers that can be used in place of grass, too, and they won't require mowing.

Look for ways to encourage natural predators, such as:

- Beneficial insects like lady bugs, lacewings, assassin bugs and honeybees;
- Baltimore Orioles eat tent caterpillars, chickadees eat aphid eggs in the winter. Plant trees and shrubs which provide food and shelter for our winged friends. Providing fresh water will also encourage birds to visit.
- Toads love to eat slugs, cutworms and other ground-inhabiting garden pests.

A Whole New World

Once we begin looking at our gardens as natural systems, we gain a greater appreciation for how well plants are adapted to certain soils, moisture conditions, sun or shade and plant communities similar to how they grow in the wild. This kind of learning about our natural world and how we can garden with nature is part of the fun and pleasure of gardening!



Meet Your New WNA Board Members

Rex Batson: Waterbury Neighborhood Is "Humane"

As a recent emigrant from Atlanta, Rex Batson is no stranger to previous board experience and neighborhood involvement. He served on the boards of Sevananda, a food cooperative, and Eyedrum, an alternative art venue.

"I grew up in St. Louis and attended Washington University, majoring in Urban Studies and Economics," Batson said. "I later moved to Boston, working at Boston University in their IT Department. The next big move was to Washington, D.C., where I attended George Mason University and earned an M.A. in English."

Batson's last 20 years were spent in the South where he raised a son, who continues to attend school there. His move to Waterbury was motivated by a great career opportunity at Des Moines University. "We like it here," he said. "It's humane."



Rex Batson

"I look forward to learning about and serving the Waterbury Neighborhood," Batson continued, "so feel free to engage me in dialogue." In addition to serving on the board, Batson will be editing the *Waterbury Neighborhood News*. He encourages neighbors to let him know about story ideas and larger functions that the newsletter might cover.

Membership (continued from page 6)

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**Jazz in July, Saturday, July 13.
See Inside for More Details!**



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