

WATERBURY NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

From the Waterbury Neighborhood Association



From the President!

- **Year in Review**
- **Please Renew Your WNA Membership**

When presented with an opportunity or a challenge, folks here are ready to act. This past year provides plenty of examples. First in the spring, neighbors gathered at our Annual Meeting to learn how to care for our trees and discuss with police ways to stop petty thieves from targeting our neighborhood.

During the summer, neighbors volunteered to work with our friends at the Waveland Park Neighborhood Association to stage the city's biggest Jazz in July concert.

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Oktoberfest Caps Off a Busy Fall of Fun in Waterbury

This fall the residents of Munich in southern Germany celebrated the 180th anniversary of the famous Bavarian Oktoberfest. And while the 4th Annual Waterbury Neighborhood Oktoberfest doesn't boast quite the same pedigree, neighbors came together in the same tradition of family and fellowship.

This year's festivities, held on Saturday, Oct. 12, were again co-sponsored by WNA and the good folks at Cornerstone Community Credit Union.

"Oktoberfest is a way for us to say 'thank you' to all our neighbors for supporting the Association," said Melissa Stalvey, WNA Vice President. "It also kicks off our annual membership drive."

Food, entertainment and family activities on tap this year included music by Hedrick Shade, who played classic danceable rock. Kids exhausted themselves in the "Bounce House," had



Where will these boys be in 20 years? Hopefully back again for Waterbury Oktoberfest!

their faces decorated, and played yard games. Tavern pizza served grinders and slices. Stam's served hot chocolate, truffles, and bonbons. Cornerstone and WNA provided complimentary soft drinks and beer.

And best of all: residents baked tasty desserts to share. See you next year!

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Trees, Trees and More Trees

Once again, neighbors and volunteers joined hands to plant more than 60 trees this fall in Waterbury. Back were the Girl Scouts from Troop 114, earning the Silver Award by planting their one-hundredth tree.

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WNA Bulletin Board & Community Calendar

Athletic Track at Hanawalt Elementary Commemorates 100 years



Hanawalt Elementary School celebrated the opening of its new track with a ribbon cutting and “running” ceremony on September 23, 2013. Community leaders, staff, parents and students were all present to see the first group of students cross the finish line!

“The Hanawalt Community wanted a meaningful way to celebrate 100 years,” said Julie Hahn, PTA Co-President. Building a new track is a reminder both of the school’s past and future. She added, “As we look to the future, we realize that we have the opportunity to favorably impact the next generations of the Hanawalt Community...”

The Hanawalt PTA, along with Polk County and Des Moines University, teamed up to build the new track and outdoor space. The track is the only one of its kind in a three-quarter mile radius. The students of Hanawalt will be using the track before, during, and after school; but it isn’t just for the students. The neighborhood and school community are also encouraged to use the new facility. So lace up those running shoes and see you at the track!

Harwood Leads Luminary Festival

The results are in: Harwood Street residents led this year’s luminary festival with the longest continuous display of candlelight from 49th to 56th Street. But the rest of Waterbury can take heart as Gladys Hertzberg, “Luminary Queen” of the popular Waterbury holiday tradition, reports that 2013 was our best year ever, breaking all records for homeowner participation.

It is, however, with heavy heart we report that this was Gladys’ last hoorah as she is stepping down after more than 30 years at the helm. We can’t thank Gladys enough for all she has done to keep this wonderful tradition alive in Waterbury.



Now we need new volunteers to step up and take charge of the Luminary Festival. Duties will include planning, recruiting and organizing block captains, ordering, distribution, communication with residents, etc. If you are interested in being the next “King” or “Queen” of the Waterbury Luminary Festival, call Steve Miller at (515) 255-9014.

Joe Gonzales, Waterbury Police Liaison, Retires

Joe Gonzales, our Des Moines Police Department liaison, is recovering well after suffering an off-duty accident last May and is slowly, but steadily, recovering. However, after a lifetime of public service, he has decided to retire. We’ll miss Joe and his dedication to protecting the residents of Waterbury, but wish him the very best in his retirement.

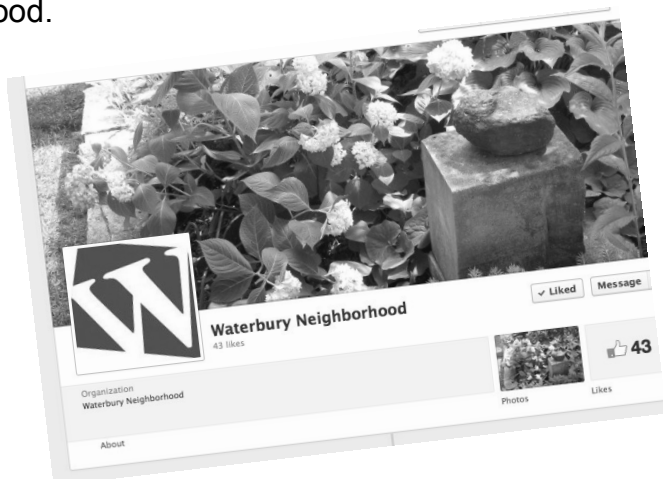
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Residents also organized to stop a proposed parking lot project in a Polk Boulevard front yard. Others negotiated with the city for installation of street sign top-pers with our Waterbury Neighborhood Association logo.

Fall brought on two big initiatives (written about elsewhere in this newsletter), including another tree planting and the Waterbury-Cornerstone Community Credit Union Oktoberfest. We then wrapped up the year during the holidays in a glowing bow with Christmas Eve luminaries, another acclaimed Waterbury tradition.

So I hope everyone enjoyed a well-deserved breather as the calendar flipped from 2013 to 2014. Now it is back to work on another fun and productive year for Waterbury, which is where all of you come in! If you aren't a member, please consider joining the Waterbury Neighborhood Association with the enclosed membership form. If you are a member and haven't renewed for 2014, we hope you will do so soon. We also welcome and encourage you to volunteer for service on our Board or for any of the many activities we have planned for 2014 (more on that later).

Let me close by expressing appreciation from all of us on the WNA Board for your support and dedication to a great neighborhood.



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.

Garden & Grounds Roundup

Girl Scout Troop 661 Earns Silver Award During Waterbury Tree Planting

Let's start with an enormous thanks to Waterbury residents and Girl Scout Troop 661. With assistance from Des Moines arborist David Jahn and other city employees, 61 trees were planted this fall along neighborhood streets and near the trail at 56 Street and Pleasant Drive.

Residents prepared the sites, planted the trees, mulched, added deer protectors and placed green buckets for watering. The city staked the trees, removed the excess soil and sod and provided for initial watering.

Girl Scout Troop 661 met their goal of planting 100 trees in the area, with the last tree planting at the Des Moines Science Center. Through these efforts, these Girl Scouts achieved the Silver Award, the highest award Girl Scout Cadettes (sixth to eighth graders) can earn.

Many thanks to the volunteers, girl scouts, city employees and Dave Johnson, coordinator for the project and WNA Board member, for making this tree planting happen!



Waterbury Gardens: Brought to You By Volunteers

A special THANK YOU to all who helped maintain the Waterbury Gardens this past year.

George Mosley and his team have tirelessly and carefully planted and watered flowerbeds on Polk Boulevard. Along the Waterbury Road triangle, John Hallman and his helpers have maintained the flower plants that have become a Waterbury trademark.

The Polk and Ingersoll gardens could not have thrived were it not for the following folks: Dave Johnson, Betty Borzo, Bill Nassif, Angie and Jeff Erickson, Georgia Calvert, Tom McBride, Tana Anderson, Pete and Carol Curnes, John and Susan Hemminger and Diane Baker. These

neighbors adopted small spots of the garden and kept them weeded, mulched, watered and otherwise well-tended. Keeping it all together was Alice Peterson, WNA Garden Chair.

Our next major work day will be in April when we will rake leaves and assess our plant needs. In May, we will plant annuals. Consider joining other Waterbury residents in tending to these gardens. Volunteers do not need special skills as these gatherings provide an opportunity to pick up gardening knowledge, plant identification from experienced gardeners, as well as the chance to meet neighbors. Good exercise, fresh air and fellowship combine to make this a rewarding activity. Kids are welcome too! For more information, contact Alice Peterson at (515) 255-2477.

We're all ears! Share your comments with the *Waterbury Neighborhood News*:

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Dear Waterbury Neighbor:

If you are a member of the Waterbury Neighborhood Association, your support in 2013 ...

- *Helped volunteers plant 90 new trees in 2013 in addition to another 130 trees planted in 2012*
- *Staged two festive neighborhood celebrations: Jazz in July at Waveland Golf Course and Oktoberfest at Cornerstone Community Credit Union*
- *Continued the care and upkeep of our public gardens, admired throughout the city and aptly referred to as "The Pride of Waterbury"*
- *Led to approval by the city of Des Moines to post decorative sign toppers throughout the neighborhood this spring*
- *Prompted action when zoning proposals and criminal activity threatened the quality of life in our neighborhood*

So really, the financial support you and your neighbors provide us each year is really about keeping Waterbury ... WATERBURY!

If you aren't a member of the Waterbury Neighborhood Association or haven't yet renewed your membership for 2014, now's your chance to do so. Fill out the membership form on the back of this page and drop it in the mail with your check. We can't think of a better New Year's gift to your neighbors, your children and grandchildren, and all future Waterbury generations.

If you have any questions or suggestions for the WNA, please don't hesitate to let us know. We greatly appreciate your dedication and support.

Best regards,

**Steve Miller, President,
and Your WNA Board**



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Waterbury Neighborhood Association

2014 MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEER FORM

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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 January. 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):

- ☐ Trees (maintenance & reforestation)
 - ☐ Newsletter
 - ☐ Gardens of Waterbury (maintenance)
 - ☐ Trails & Environment
 - ☐ Social Events
 - ☐ Board of Directors
 - ☐ Fundraising/WNA Improvements
 - ☐ Grant Writing
 - ☐ Photography
 - ☐ Media (web site, email blasts)
 - ☐ Special Projects/Other
- _____



Saluting WNA Members

New memberships and renewals for 2014 are already in full swing. Thanks to these neighbors for supporting the Waterbury Neighborhood Association.

Lifetime/Sustaining Members

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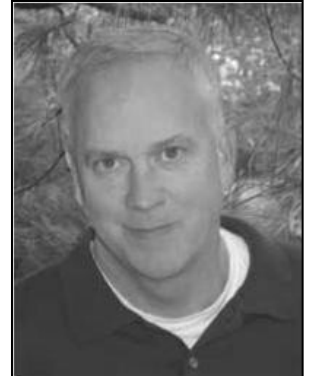
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Local Author Draws on Waterbury Memories

By Mike Wellman

We moved to our current address five years ago but I've lived in Des Moines all of my life and when I went to Merrill, a long time ago, lots of friends lived in this area so my Waterbury memories have deep roots. A lot of them are triggered on weekend mornings when the dog takes me for long walks through the neighborhood and many of them found their way into my first book, *Far From the Trees*, which was published a few months after we moved onto Harwood Drive and has become the all-time bestselling title at Beaverdale Books.

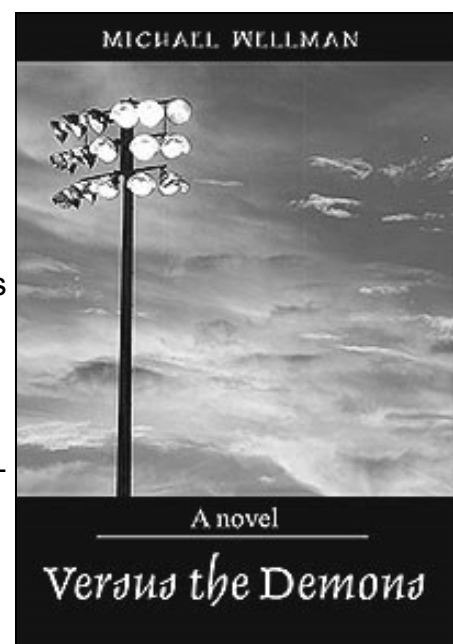


Michael Wellman

STUBS followed in 2010, a journal of fatherhood that traces back to 1991 when the first of our three children was born and covers the ensuing couple of decades through the first year or so after we moved from a century-old three-story house on 41st Street to a smaller brick ranch that was built the same year I was born.

My latest book, *Verus the Demons*, is a novel of historical fiction that wraps lots of

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Waterbury resident Michael Wellman's latest book is an historical fiction drawing on past Iowa characters and events.

2013 Oktoberfest, Jazz in July Scrapbook



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characters and events from Des Moines' and Iowa's past in the story of a local kid who grows up to become a bush league ballplayer.


All three books are available locally at Beaverdale Books or online at Amazon. Besides paperback, there is also a Kindle edition of *Versus the Demons*. And I am available to meet with book clubs interested in reading and discussing any or all of them.

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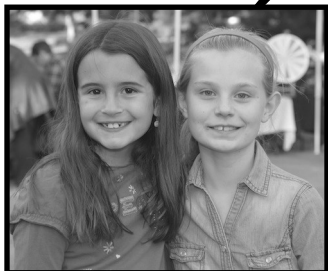
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