

# WATERBURY NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

*From the Waterbury Neighborhood Association*



## President's Message

Oktoberfest has passed, we have turned our clocks back, and the first snow is already on the ground. I guess there is no denying that winter is on the way! Even in the winter, Waterbury is still a beautiful sight. The leaves may be gone from the trees, but we are able to see all of the unique details in the surrounding homes and landscape.

In this issue of the newsletter, we have a lot of upcoming events to share with you. First off, we want to thank you for attending Oktoberfest with us last month! We had a great turnout for this annual event, and it was fun to see everyone having such a great time. The music was terrific, the food was delicious, the beer was great, and the kids had fun too! We also want to thank Cornerstone

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*Melissa Stalvey,  
WNA President*

## Join Waterbury's Historic Luminary Festival

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, which dates back to 1958, returns this year with Diane Becker and Alice Peterson taking the reins for Gladys Hertzberg, who stepped down this year after nearly 40 years as coordinator. The candles and bags have already been ordered, and we are now contacting "block captains" for distribution.

You can help spread the word to neighbors on streets that haven't participated in the past by volunteering as a block captain. Captains contact their neighbors, take orders and payments, and distribute candle/bag kits. Some captains host a holiday party and pass out candles, while others make a day or two available for neighbors to stop by and pick up their kits. Either way, it's a nice opportunity to share the holiday spirit with your family, friends and neighbors and light up Waterbury for the holidays.

If you haven't seen the lovely glow of luminaries on your street and are interested in helping out, contact Diane Becker at (515) 619-9218 or Alice Peterson at (515) 255-2477. Also let Alice or Diane know if you would like to contact your street captain or want to get your luminary order in now.



Waterbury residents will display more than 12,000 luminaries like these on Christmas Eve.

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ARCHITECTURAL  
Salvage]**

**Des Moines, IA**

## Garden Gala

WNA is hosting a very special gala celebration in 2015 at West End Salvage to raise money for the Waterbury public gardens.

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## WNA Bulletin Board & Community Calendar

### Waterbury Unveils New Decorative Street Sign Topper



Signs like this will appear atop street signs throughout the neighborhood in 2015.

Soon you will definitely know when you have arrived in Waterbury.

At the conclusion of the 2010 Waterbury Garden Tour, a decision was made to use some of the proceeds for decorative street signs designating the Waterbury neighborhood. After several years work and negotiation by many dedicated volunteers, the Association has reached an agreement with the city on the design and tentative placement of these signs.

As part of this agreement, the city will install signs that will sit on top of approximately 40 street/stop signs at various locations throughout the neighborhood. The signs measure 18" in length by 10" high and will be black powder coated steel with an aluminum insert to ensure visibility and durability.

Although we hoped the installation could begin this year, it will likely occur throughout 2015. The city has agreed to pay for the hardware for mounting the signs and will cover half the cost of installation. This is the first project of its kind in the city so we are excited to see the final results.

Extra signs will be available for neighbors who would like to own one of their own. More details will be provided soon. In the meantime, questions can be directed to Tom McBride (515) 771-8248.

### Needed Repairs Coming to Historic Billy Goat Bridge

If you haven't found or travelled the Billy Goat Bridge, make it an adventure to find this hidden spot in Waterbury. The Billy Goat Bridge connects North Waterbury Road and Waterbury Circle and has been in the neighborhood for decades.

Neighborhood kids use the bridge to get to and from Hanawalt and Merrill. In the past, the bridge was used not only for kids to get to school, but for house staff to get to their jobs within the neighborhood. In fact, if you look closely, you can still see the old steps underneath the existing bridge.



Waterbury's Billy Goat Bridge is under repair, thanks to alert neighbors and City Hall.

Thanks to local neighbor, John McGinnis for informing WNA that the bridge was in serious disrepair. The concrete at the entrance of the bridge was eroding and the wood

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railings and steps were rotting. Thanks are also due to Christine Hensley, our city council member. As soon as Chris became aware of the dangers associated with the bridge, she began work with the city to implement a plan for repair. At this time the concrete has been replaced and work on the bridge itself has commenced. By the time you read this, we hope the bridge will be ready for regular traffic once again!

## Waterbury Newsletter Moving Inside Westside Living Magazine

WNA is trying something new! To reduce printing costs and communicate with our neighbors on a more regular basis, we have joined forces with *Westside Living Magazine*. Be on the lookout for "Waterbury News" while paging through your *Westside Living Magazine*. WNA will be publishing an article every other month in this magazine. Contact information for Board Members and the monthly meeting schedule will also be listed for your convenience.

In addition to the articles published throughout the year in *Westside Living Magazine*, we will publish an Annual Waterbury Newsletter. The newsletter will be sent only to those families in the Waterbury Neighborhood. The Annual Waterbury Newsletter will include a summary of the previous year, budget information, information on upcoming events, and Annual Meeting Information. The first Annual Waterbury Newsletter will be published in January/February 2016. We are all excited about this change in how we deliver news to our neighbors.

We are also planning a new and updated website. Once this is complete and ready, we will communicate our new web address to you. In the meantime, please check us out on Facebook – search for Waterbury 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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## 2015 Board Meeting Schedule

Date	Time	Location
January 18	2 P.M.	4907 Woodland Avenue
February 19	6 P.M.	701 56th Street
March 29 Annual Meeting	2 P.M.	Temple B'Nai Jeshurun 5101 Grand Avenue
April 23	7-10 P.M.	Gala for the Gardens West End Salvage
May 24	2 P.M.	685 49th Street
June 24	6 P.M.	718 Polk Boulevard
July 26	2 P.M.	690 56th Street
August 27	6 P.M.	701 56th Street
September 27	2 P.M.	5605 Waterbury Road
October 22	6 P.M.	4907 Woodland Avenue
November 15	2 P.M.	685 49th Street
December 17	6 P.M.	5605 Waterbury Road

## Garden & Grounds Roundup

### Announcing “Gala for the Gardens,” a Fundraising Event for the Future of Waterbury Gardens

Think gem of Waterbury – think Waterbury Gardens!

In a major push to maintain the gardens for years to come, WNA is sponsoring a “Gala for the Gardens” fundraising event. Please join us on Thursday, April 23, 2015, from 7 to 10 p.m. at West End Salvage for cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, a scavenger hunt and silent auction.

Trust us, this is going to be an amazing evening for Waterbury! All proceeds will support the Waterbury Neighborhood Foundation for improvement and maintenance of the Waterbury Gardens.

Tickets are \$30/per person. For additional information or if you would be interested in helping WNA sponsor this event or donating to the silent auction, please contact Melissa Stalvey at (515) 491-4584.

### Gala for the Gardens: Business and Individual Sponsorship Opportunities

If your business is interested in quality exposure to the Waterbury community, consider sponsoring our Gala for the Gardens fundraiser. All sponsors receive signage at the event, tickets, recognition on Waterbury’s website and Facebook page, and more.

#### Gift Levels

- ⇒ \$5,000 Platinum Sponsor ~ 10 tickets, 2 advertisements in *Westside Living Magazine* (WLM) and feature advertisement in our 2015/2016 annual newsletter
- ⇒ \$2,500 Gold Sponsor ~ 8 tickets and 2 advertisement in WLM
- ⇒ \$1,000 Silver Sponsor ~ 6 tickets and 1 advertisement in WLM
- ⇒ \$500 Bronze Sponsor ~ 4 tickets
- ⇒ \$250 Patron ~ 2 tickets
- ⇒ \$100 Friend ~ 2 tickets

#### Sponsorship Deadline: April 1, 2015

Please complete and return this form with your check payable to Waterbury Neighborhood Foundation, a 501 (c)(3). Your donation is eligible for federal tax deductions. Include camera-ready logo/artwork if available. For more information, contact Melissa Stalvey, (515) 491-4585 or maj228@hotmail.com.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Website: \_\_\_\_\_







## Dear Waterbury Neighbor:

Our 2014-2015 WNA membership drive is going on now, so please join or renew your membership today!

Your WNA represents you on important issues that affect the quality of life in our neighborhood. Your membership dues fund newsletters, social events, our gardens and much more.

If you were a WNA member in 2014, your support:

- ◆ Helped maintain the current boundaries for our elementary school
- ◆ Continued the care and maintenance of our beautiful gardens
- ◆ Facilitated the repair of the Billy Goat Bridge
- ◆ Organized two fun neighborhood celebrations: National Night Out and our 5th Annual Oktoberfest
- ◆ Maintained communication between WNA and the Des Moines Police Department about ongoing safety concerns in the community
- ◆ Enabled WNA to continue ongoing efforts with the City of Des Moines to plan for installation of our neighborhood decorative sign toppers
- ◆ Allowed WNA to continue our traditional Christmas Eve Luminaries
- ◆ Helped WNA begin the re-design of the official website

The financial support you provide helps to keep Waterbury the neighborhood that we love to call home!

If you aren't a member of the Waterbury Neighborhood Association or haven't yet renewed your membership for 2014-2015, now is your chance. Fill out the membership form on the back of this page and drop it in the mail with your check. If you are already a member, you will soon be receiving a renewal notice in the mail.

If you have any questions or suggestions for WNA, please don't hesitate to let us know. We greatly appreciate your support. Every contribution makes a difference!

All the best in 2015,

**Melissa Stalvey, President,  
and Your WNA Board**

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## Waterbury Neighborhood Association

### 2014 -2015 MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEER FORM

First Name:	Last Name:	
First Name:	Last Name:	
City:	State:	Zip:
Address:		
Email Address:		
Email Address:		
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	

- ☐ \$30 Family/Household
- ☐ \$25 Single/Senior Family
- ☐ \$250 Sustaining (10 years)
- ☐ \$500 Lifetime
- ☐ \$15 Non-Resident
- ☐ Please accept an additional gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please send checks to:  
Waterbury Neighborhood  
Association/Foundation:  
P.O. Box 12054  
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):

- ☐ Trees (maintenance & reforestation)
  - ☐ Newsletter/e-mails
  - ☐ Gardens of Waterbury (maintenance)
  - ☐ Luminaries
  - ☐ Social Events
  - ☐ Board of Directors
  - ☐ Fundraising/WNA Improvements
  - ☐ Welcome Committee
  - ☐ Photography
  - ☐ Media (web site, social media)
  - ☐ Special Projects/Other
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## **President (cont. from page 1)**

Community Credit Union for sponsoring this annual event; I think we make a great team. Next year, we promise not to run out of beer!!

As you know, Oktoberfest is the kickoff to our membership drive. If you haven't had a chance to join or renew your WNA membership, please take this opportunity to send in your form. Throughout the newsletter you will see your membership dollars at work: maintenance of the gardens, lights at the Waterbury monument, installation of historic street signs, Oktoberfest, and print and online communications. We couldn't do all of these things without your support.

This year marks the end of an era.... For the last 30-plus years, Gladys Hertzberg has been the main coordinator of our neighborhood's Christmas Eve luminaries. Her efforts established a much loved tradition in Waterbury. We are so thankful to her for all of her time and commitment over the years. Diane Becker and Alice Peterson are working closely with Gladys in order to maintain this tradition. See page 1 for more information on how to ensure that your corner of Waterbury is illuminated on Christmas Eve.

The Billy Goat Bridge is another special feature of Waterbury. This bridge connects North Waterbury Road and Waterbury Circle. It has been a part of the neighborhood for decades. The bridge is perfect for kids and neighbors alike to travel across Walnut Creek. Over the last few years there has been erosion of the concrete entrance and the bridge itself has become unstable. Christine Hensley has been instrumental in coordi-

nating efforts with the City of Des Moines to have the bridge repaired, and it is well on its way to once again becoming a safe way to get across Walnut Creek. You will see some of the construction photos in this edition of the newsletter.

2015 will be the year of the historic Waterbury street signs, thanks to Tom McBride! Tom's work with the city and Parker Signs will help bring this project to completion this year. Look for more information in Tom's article, along with an image of our new signs.

In the coming months, WNA will be sending out more information on our upcoming "Gala for the Gardens." WNA is hosting a fundraising event for the long term maintenance of our gardens. This will be an amazing evening! Join us on April 23 from 7 to 10 p.m. at West End Salvage for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a scavenger hunt and silent auction. Tickets will be \$30 per person.

This will be our last "official" newsletter. WNA has partnered with Westside Living Magazine in an effort to reduce publishing costs and provide more regular communication with our neighbors. Look for the first installment of "Waterbury News" in the January 2015 edition of Westside Living Magazine! There is additional information about this new partnership in this edition of the newsletter.

On behalf of myself and the WNA Board of Directors, we wish all of our Waterbury neighbors a wonderful holiday season!

## Meet Kyle and Cevriye Horn, New WNA Board Members



Cevriye and Kyle Horn joined the Waterbury Board soon after moving here from Ames.

Kyle and Cevriye Horn moved to the Waterbury neighborhood in August 2013 from Ames. Kyle is business development manager for Manpower, and Cevriye (pronounced JAY-vree-ay) is a statistical modeler at Nationwide. Both appreciate their 10 minute commute to the Western Gateway part of downtown!

An Iowa native, Kyle was born and raised in Shenandoah and came to Ames to attend Iowa State University and later work for an Ames employer.

From Ankara, Turkey, Cevriye came to ISU for graduate study. Since meeting in Ames the two have shared their love of bicycling, hiking, gardening, travel and music. They appreciate central Iowa's thriving arts community, enjoying frequent visits to the Art Center, the Des Moines Symphony and the Des Moines Metropolitan Opera.

Of their 2013 search for a home in Des Moines, Kyle says "We wandered into the Waterbury neighborhood and it felt like home. We love the rolling hills, the mature trees, the beautiful homes and the sense of community. We're thankful to live here."

Kyle "moonlights" as director of a nonprofit he founded called the Iowa Job Honor Awards — an organization celebrating Iowans who have overcome significant barriers to employment, and the employers who hire them ([www.JobHonor.org](http://www.JobHonor.org)).

## Membership Renewal Update and Reminder

*By Kyle and Cevriye Horn, Membership Chairs*

As many of you know, Oktoberfest marks the kickoff of our annual membership drive. Along with an afternoon of food, fellowship and entertainment, Waterbury Oktoberfest produced seven membership renewals and two new members. Our new membership year has begun!

If you are currently a member of the Waterbury Neighborhood Association, you will receive a renewal notice soon. If you are new to the neighborhood and would like to become a member, fill out the membership form on page 6 and mail it in with your check.

Join us as we preserve and enhance the beauty of the Waterbury Neighborhood. Your membership dues and foundation gifts help us maintain neighborhood gardens, plant trees, build community and bring neighborhood improvements to life ... like the new Waterbury neighborhood signs (see article on page 2).

Please renew your membership or join us today!



## 2014 Oktoberfest Scrapbook



A brisk day ... lots of friends and neighbors ... face and pumpkin painting ... the bounce house ... Confluence beer ... food ... live classic rock ... It must be Oktoberfest! On Saturday, October 4, Waterbury Neighborhood Association, in partnership with Cornerstone Community Credit Union, held its 5th Annual Oktoberfest celebration. This event, held in the parking lot and grass area behind Cornerstone, is the start of WNA's annual membership drive and an opportunity for friends and neighbors to come together for a few hours to visit and have fun.

Several dozen of our neighbors stopped by during the afternoon to join the festivities. While the band Hedrick Shade played its sets of classic rock and roll, there were lots of activities for adults and kids alike. Folks played corn hole, painted pumpkins, danced to the music, jumped around in the bounce house, or just sat around and talked and got to know each other better. Attendees brought desert items, and food was provided by The Tavern Pizza mobile pizza truck. Besides the Confluence Oktoberfest beer, WNA and Cornerstone provided water and soda. Jasper Winery brought samples of their latest vintages for tasting, and Stam's added hot chocolate to warm little tummies. Allspice and Mass Mutual Financial Group also joined the party.

Despite the chill, it was another fun time in the neighborhood. Many thanks to the WNA board, Cornerstone Community Credit Union, and all the vendors who helped make this event possible for our community.

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*The luminaries are coming!*

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