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“Help Restore a Waterbury Treasure! Gala for the Gardens!”

The Waterbury gardens at Polk Boulevard and Ingersoll Avenue are the emerald jewel of our neighborhood! Yet if you take a closer look, you will see that the garden is in trouble. Time, dry summers, and harsh winters have taken their toll. Several unique plants have died and need to be replaced. Professional attention and a significant investment are critical if we are to restore the garden to its former glory.

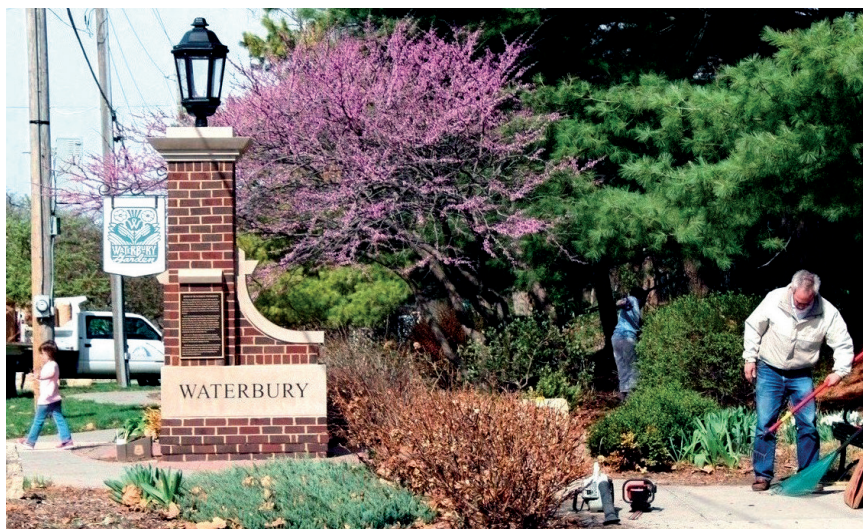
That's why your Waterbury Neighborhood Association is hosting Gala for the Gardens -a celebration and fundraiser to protect this local treasure for this and future generations.

And your participation is the key.

Join your neighbors for an evening of tasty cocktails, delicious hors d'oeuvres, live music, the brand new and quite fabulous WNA shirts and hoodies, a (wild) West End Salvage scavenger hunt and some exciting finds at our silent auction. The festivities will be held at West End Salvage, on Thursday, September 8th from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Buy tickets online: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gala-for-the-gardens-tickets-24641203503>

Everyone in Waterbury has a treasure or two tucked away in the attic, right? We're looking for interesting artwork, sculpture, pottery, knickknacks or other curiosities you'd like to donate to the Gala for the Gardens silent auction. For more information and to make donations, call Melissa Stalvey at 515-491-4585. Additional details and sponsorship information are located on our website at: www.waterburyneighbors.org on the Gala 2016 link.

We can't wait to see you there!



GALA FOR THE GARDENS

From the Waterbury Neighborhood Association

Summer in Waterbury

Summer 2016 in Waterbury is now in full swing. We have had a full spring season with garden maintenance, painting of the Billy Goat Bridge, and preparation for all three of our upcoming neighborhood social events: National Night Out, Gala for the Gardens, and Oktoberfest.

John Hallman, WNA Board Member, orchestrated the final stages of the Billy Goat Bridge project. John power washed the entire bridge in anticipation of the

WNA painting day on Saturday, June 4th. It was a fantastic day with perfect weather and lots of painters. The Billy Goat Bridge is looking fantastic. Be sure to check out the pictures in this newsletter. The final touch for the bridge will be an official sign – more information will be shared on the sign as it becomes available.

Be sure to mark your calendars for all of Waterbury's upcoming events:



National Night Out
Tuesday, August 2nd
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

- The Outside Scoop will again be providing free ice cream!
- Polk Blvd will be closed between Grand & Ingersoll for corn hole, sidewalk chalk, and games.



Gala for the Gardens
Thursday, September 8th
7 pm – 10 pm

- Join WNA at West End Architectural Salvage for a special fundraising event to restore the main Waterbury Garden.
- Live music, hors d'oeuvres, a fun scavenger hunt, cash bar, and silent auction will sure make this an evening to remember!
- Tickets are \$35 per person. Consider purchasing a business sponsorship or donating a silent auction item.

7TH ANNUAL Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest
Saturday, October 15th
4:30 pm – 7 pm

- It just wouldn't be October in Waterbury without Oktoberfest!
- Live music - featuring "North of Grand" a local band that performed for the 2015 Iowa State Fair Craft Beer Tent
- Fun activities for the kids, food for purchase, and FREE beer (for those over 21).



WNA hopes that you and your family have a wonderful remainder of your summer!

Melissa Stalvey

WNA EVENTS

Billy Goat Bridge Spring Painting

Saturday morning June 4th dawned glorious as approximately 15 Waterbury neighborhood volunteers showed up to paint the Billy Goat Bridge. The wooden walk bridge and accompanying stairways have, for decades, provided scenic access over the creek that divides Waterbury Circle from North Waterbury Road. The bridge is a beloved fixture in the neighborhood and has provided a great shortcut to Hanawalt and Merrill for many a student over the years. Not to mention an interesting diversion to neighborhood walkers. This painting completes the two-year bridge upgrade project. The structural repairs were undertaken by the WNA in 2015.

The amazing group of volunteers ranged from age 5 on up. A visiting grandparent even grabbed a brush and joined the fun. The significant project was able to be completed in less than three hours due to the great turnout of neighbors. Cookies, doughnuts, and of course paint brushes were provided to all. Tom Sawyer, himself, would have been proud.

Thanks to all who helped, especially neighbors Jacob and Carrie Naumann, and neighbors Richard and Robbie Malm who provided access to the bridge, water, elbow grease, and a place to congregate afterwards to admire our day's work. Congratulations to Beth Eslinger, the first person to sign up on WNA's SignUpGenius volunteer invitation. Beth won a pool pass for four to Ashworth Pool, courtesy of Des Moines Parks and Rec. Be on the lookout for future volunteer opportunities on both the WNA website and via email from Melissa Stalvey (info@signupgenius.com). Don't miss out on the fun!



National Night Out

Please join us on Tuesday, August 2nd from 6:30-8:30 pm at the intersection of Polk Boulevard & Ingersoll Avenue as the Waterbury Neighborhood Association celebrates National Night Out. Started in 1984, National Night Out is designed to increase awareness about community police programs and serves as a great opportunity to meet people from our neighborhood. At last year's event, we had a great turnout as we dedicated the new Waterbury street sign finials. Back by popular demand, "The Outside Scoop" ice cream truck will make a return appearance. Beginning at 7:00 pm, attendees will receive to a scoop of ice cream courtesy of the WNA. In addition, the street will be closed and there will be games and sidewalk chalk for the kids of all ages. Walk or bike down with the family.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Read to Succeed

Des Moines Public Schools is looking for volunteers to read with 3rd grade students this coming school year as part of its Read to Succeed / Power Read program.

FROM KINDERGARTEN TO THIRD GRADE, STUDENTS ARE LEARNING TO READ. BUT AFTER THIRD GRADE, THEY MUST READ TO LEARN.

ALMOST 1 IN 5 FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS IN CENTRAL IOWA READ BELOW GRADE LEVEL. ONCE A STUDENT FALLS BEHIND, IT IS VERY HARD TO CATCH UP.

Volunteering to read with 3rd grade students will not only benefit the students academically, but increase the success of ALL students in the Des Moines Public School District.

The Read to Succeed / Power Read program is a collaborative effort between DMPS, United Way and Everybody Wins! Iowa. To take the next step and become a volunteer, please open up this link -- <http://www.unitedwaydm.org/power-read> -- provide United Way with your contact information and they will contact you with more information. United Way/DMPS will then work with you on a time and location that fits your schedule and match you with a third grade student who will be excited to read with you this upcoming school year!

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Upcycle at Greenwood Park

Des Moines Parks and Rec needs volunteers to help improve water quality, diversify woodlands and UPCYCLE our invasive species into food and fun for Blank Park Zoo's birds, reptiles, primates and mammals. Volunteers will be cutting out invasive species from Greenwood Parks wooded areas. Please be prepared with appropriate clothing to protect you from cuts, scrapes, etc. All volunteers must be at least 14 years old. The event time is 9am on Saturday, August 13th and Saturday, September 10th. If you have questions, please call 515-237-1388 and ask about Upcycle at Greenwood Park.



IOWA'S WILDEST ADVENTURE



DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A STORY IN THE WNA NEWSLETTER? HOW ABOUT A GREAT PHOTO FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD? PLEASE SEND YOUR STORY IDEAS - OR PHOTOS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO:

**NEWS@WATERBURYNEIGHBORS.ORG
YOU JUST MIGHT SEE IT IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.**

Ingersoll Live

The Ingersoll Live festival is Saturday, August 27th from 4-11pm in the 2800 block of Ingersoll Avenue. The annual family friendly event is back with lots of great food, fun kid's activities and awesome live music. Grab your dancing shoes and come on down!



Free Flicks in the Hood!

Roman Holiday will be shown outdoors on the lawn of the Des Moines Art Center (4700 Grand Avenue) on Thursday, August 4th. The viewing is part of Des Moines Parks and Rec's Free Flicks series. The movie will begin after sunset around 9:00 p.m. Admission is free, blankets and lawn chairs are encouraged. This 1953 production won three Academy Awards including Best Actress for Audrey Hepburn. Bring the family and some snacks and enjoy an American classic.

Luminaries!

It's not too early to start thinking about luminaries! If you did not participate in 2015, and you would like to be a part of Luminaries 2016, please contact us and we will include you next December. If you participated last year, no action is needed — you are all ready a part of the Waterbury Luminary tradition! Almost 14,000 candles illuminated Waterbury on Christmas Eve 2015. Please consider joining this lovely holiday tradition!

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7TH ANNUAL Oktoberfest

Roll Out the Barrels and Get Ready to Polka:

Waterbury's Oktoberfest Tradition Returns on Saturday, October 15th

The 7th Annual Waterbury Neighborhood Oktoberfest will be held on the Great Lawn behind Cornerstone Community Credit Union on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 4 to 7:00 p.m.

Admission is free courtesy of your Waterbury Neighborhood Association (WNA).

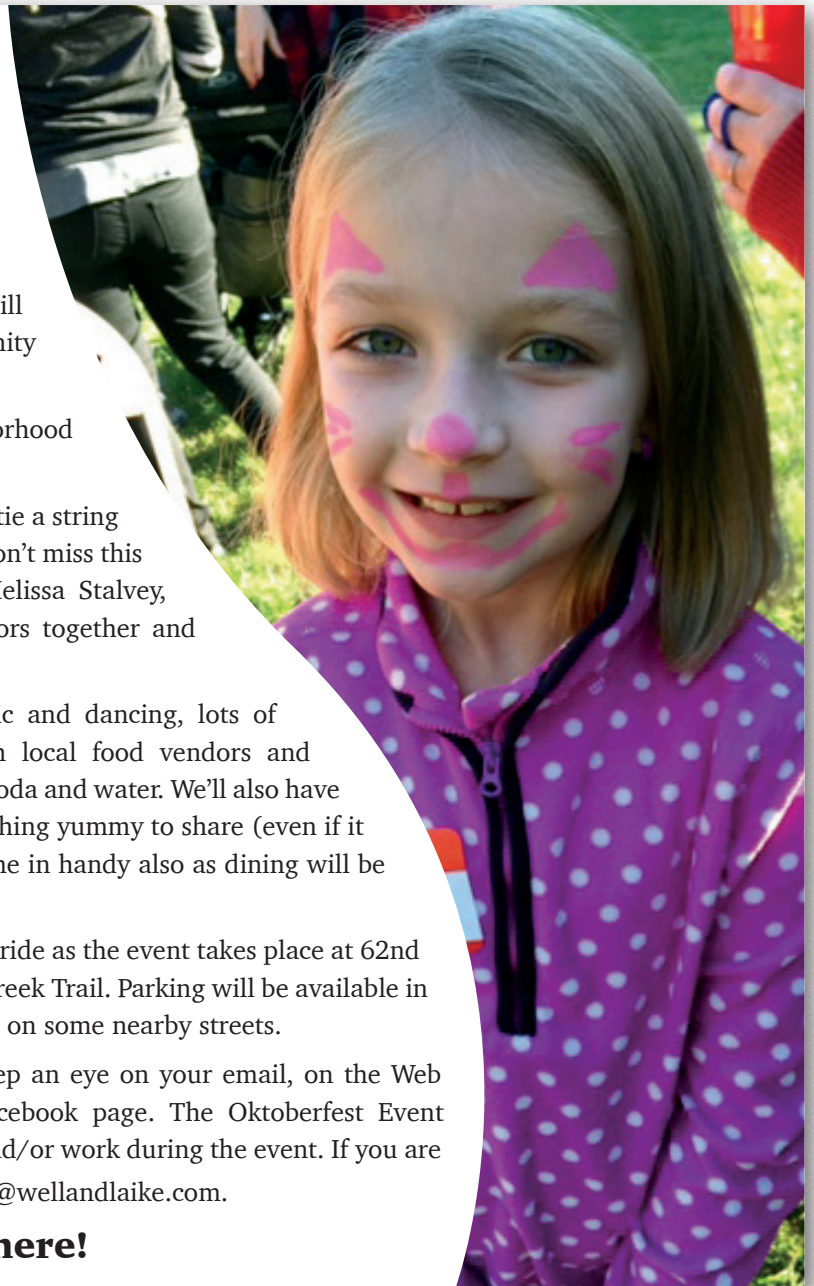
"Mark the date on your calendar, write it on a sticky or tie a string on your thumb ... whatever it takes to make sure you don't miss this year's Oktoberfest neighborhood celebration," said Melissa Stalvey, WNA President. "This is our way of bringing neighbors together and saying 'thank you' for supporting the Association."

Once again this year, neighbors will enjoy live music and dancing, lots of fun activities for the kids, great food for sale from local food vendors and complimentary beer (an Oktoberfest must) along with soda and water. We'll also have the neighborhood dessert tent up again, so bring something yummy to share (even if it isn't German!) A blanket and/or lawn chairs might come in handy also as dining will be picnic style.

Oktoberfest is the perfect destination for a walk or bike ride as the event takes place at 62nd Street and Walnut Hill Drive, right next to the Walnut Creek Trail. Parking will be available in the Junior Achievement parking lot south of Grand and on some nearby streets.

More details will be posted closer to the event, so keep an eye on your email, on the Web at www.waterburyneighbors.org, or on the WNA Facebook page. The Oktoberfest Event Committee is also looking for volunteers to help plan and/or work during the event. If you are interested, contact Steve Miller (515) 225-9014 or slm@wellandlaike.com.

We look forward to seeing YOU there!





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