



Waunakee Neighborhood Connection

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IMPORTANT DATES

Scoopie Night
Wednesday, May 4th
Culvers 4:30-8:30 p.m.

Brat Sale
Thursday May 5th
Friday, May 6th
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Hosted by M & I Bank

Open for Drop Offs
Saturday, May 7th
9-11 a.m.
Hosted by the First
Presbyterian Church

6th Grade Car Wash
Thursday, May 19th
11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Summit Credit Union



WNC Garage Sale May 5th-6th

Join us on Thursday, May 5th and Friday, May 6th for the Waunakee Garage Sale Days! **M & I Bank** is hosting a fabulous food event. This year you can pre-order your food and have it delivered to your home or business by a famous person - **a WNC volunteer!** The menu includes brats, hot dogs, Coke beverage products, and all the trimmings. What a great chance to buy the office or friends lunch! Can't get away? You can call or fax in your order and we'll deliver. **See the order form on page 8.** How to help??

- Stop by between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to enjoy goodies served by **M & I Bank volunteers!**
 - Pre-order by calling (608) 849-0860 or fax your order to (608) 849-2402
 - Sign up to be a famous **WNC** delivery volunteer. Shifts are from
 - 10 a.m. - noon or noon-2 p.m. for either Thursday or Friday. We would like four volunteers for each shift. Bring a friend! Call (608) 849-5740 or e-mail us at info@WaunakeeNC.com to sign up!
- We look forward to serving you!

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Scoopie Night!



Scoopie Night is back! On Wednesday, May 4th, from 4:30-8:30 p.m., WNC will partner with **Culvers** to serve you delicious treats and fun! **Culvers** donates 10% of all proceeds from the Scoopie Night event to **WNC**. Also, **FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, Culvers will donate HALF of all OREO 2 Scoop Sundaes sold during that time.** Yummy!! Our very own **Waunakee High School Pay It Forward Organization** will join Scoopie to host the event. Join us, have a meal, enjoy a 2-scoop Oreo Sundae and lots of fun at **Culvers** from 4:30-8:30 p.m. on May 4th! All proceeds will go to the **WNC Build-A-Bed Program**. Thanks to the generous contributions from our community we provided over 60 beds to families in 2010!

Store Address: 1001 Arboretum Dr., Suite 120 Waunakee, WI - **Phone:** (608) 849-5740 - **Email:** info@WaunakeeNC.com
Mailing Address: 215 S. Century Ave., #316, Waunakee, WI 53597 - www.WaunakeeNeighborhoodConnection.com



CAR WASH for WNC



Once again, **Aimee Spahos** is spearheading the **spectacular 6th Grade Students from Waunakee Intermediate School** to hold their annual car wash to raise money for WNC! This popular event will be held on **Thursday, May 19th, from 11a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Waunakee branch of Summit Credit Union.** Be sure to stop by and get that dirty car cleaned up! Watch our students as they clean up your car, serve our community, and raise funds for WNC. See you on May 19th! (Rain date will be Friday, May 20th.)

WNC Mother's Day Gift of Gratitude

You can help make the **WNC Mother's Day Gift of Gratitude** a success story! Your donation will help WNC to provide a thoughtful gift of pampering items to numerous women in our community.

You can contribute to the **WNC Gift of Gratitude** by sponsoring a Mom for \$10, either by mail or online. The **Mother's Day Gift of Gratitude** includes chocolates, books, candles, lotion, nail polish, and more. All gifts are tucked inside a beautiful bag handmade by

Dane County RSVP. Thanks for making this a special time for a mom in need in our community!



Remachines.com UPDATE



WNC recently introduced a new partnership with **Nate Sperleon of ReMachines** in Madison. Nate takes in old computers and uses the parts to create working systems. He then offers these new systems either free or at a very low cost to our clients.

We **CANNOT** take the "OLD" large monitor (CRT) or CPU (similar to the photo at the top). WNC has to pay to have the older style monitors recycled. Please go to Nate's website www.Remachines.com, to learn more about what is acceptable .

Computers must be dropped off **ONLY at WNC Store and ONLY during donation hours.** Please **do not** take computers to the police station or leave in front of store when unattended.

Vacuum Cleaners!



Have you checked the needs list lately? We need your new or gently used vacuum cleaners! Seven families need vacuum cleaners. We know they are essential to keeping homes clean. Please bring them to the store on the dates marked in blue on the calendar. You can leave donations at the police station M-F , 7a.m.-5 p.m. when WNC is not open.



Colleen's Contemplations

I don't ever want to become a social service that forgets its roots. I want to always appreciate the people who help us and the people we help. For me, this means remembering every neighbor who walks through the door. I don't want anyone to feel like a number. I want our community members to know I see them and I care about them. It's a fairly reasonable goal, except for one thing...I have a terrible memory for names and faces. Even close friends have to tell me when they do something different to their hair. I just don't notice those things. I will have to ask you for your name the first 27 times I meet you. It doesn't really embarrass me anymore, it's just who I am.

So, how can I possibly remember names and faces of people I see, at most, once a month? I can't. At least not on my own. Before every open day of shopping, I pray for help. At the beginning of every month I pray my way through my entire client list. So you can guess what happens every time the store is open? That small voice in the back of my head feeds me details. I remember to ask about the sick daughter-in-law, the doctor appointment, the dress they picked out for a special event, the job search, and a whole list of other things...including their names.

I've said before that the coincidences at WNC are too frequent to be just coincidences. It's not just for me. Last week a volunteer came in concerned about a family issue and within a short time, another person walked in who not only had answers, but time to chat and reassure. I think we all need to be thankful for all the small voices and wonderful coincidences that help us every day.

I also give thanks for each and every one of you, who help to make it possible for us to help so many (although your name escapes me right now).

Colleen Woerner, Store Manager

BUILD A BED

Last month we shared a story about a young mother getting a new start. She left a bad situation with just the essentials. This story is repeated - more often than we like. Often times a relative will travel hundreds of miles to stay with family in an effort to find work and get back on their feet. These stories are playing out all over our community. With your generous support we are able to reach out and help. We help those folks who arrive with nothing and those who suddenly have more mouths to feed., and need more beds to provide a comfortable place to sleep.



One thing many of these families have in common is the need for beds. Family members sleep on couches, floors, in shared beds, and in shifts. A bed is sometimes just another piece of furniture, easy to ignore, unless you lack one. Kids who don't sleep well do poorly in school. Parents who don't sleep well are at risk at work. Many have jobs that require working with dangerous equipment. A poor nights sleep sounds like a small problem, unless it's every night, and it's you not getting the sleep you need.

Our **Build-A-Bed** program has a cute name, but it's a serious project. We want everyone who struggles to know they can count on getting a good nights sleep. Rest is often the best defense against any number of issues that trouble our families today. When you wake up tomorrow, think about all those who don't have a safe restful place to sleep. Read how you can help by joining us at **Scoopie Night** (page 1). We also welcome your online donations via credit card. When you donate online, please specify that you are donating to the **Build-A-Bed** Program. Thank you for your strong support of this important program.





Thank you to the **Essex Activity Community at Westshire Village** for holding a bedding and towel drive for WNC. These items are always needed at WNC.



Students from Waunakee Community Middle School, Terri Miller, Sallie Piotrowski, Linda Meffert, and Jessica Pahnke provided tremendous support. They helped us do computer work, organize, and clean up the store. The students are a great example to others as they had a choice of going swimming, bowling, and other events - or serve their community. They chose to serve. Originally 15 students were coming, but 28 arrived! We appreciate their choice to come to WNC. We hope they return frequently. Their energy and enthusiasm was infectious!



The members of Daisy Troop #1102 did a great job of creatively decorating our Easter Baskets.

Students from Waunakee Intermediate School come every week ! Their ongoing weekly help is essential to our WNC operation!

Thank YOU Monet and Friends

After watching the videos and news about the earthquake, tsunami, and the nuclear power plant, I was very sad and wanted to help the people in Japan. I wanted to donate money to the Red Cross because I heard they really needed donations. My parents had me think how we could help both Japan and our own community at the same time. So I had my Mom contact Mrs. Eaton who said the WNC was in need of toilet paper. With the help of my terrific class, we brought in **582 rolls of toilet paper**. WOW! My parents donated a \$1 for every roll that was brought in and then our class gave the Red Cross a check.

I would like to thank **my class in Mrs. Zwetters classroom**. Thank you so much for participating in my toilet paper donation. The Red Cross is very happy. I am also thankful for all the toilet paper we brought in for the Waunakee families that are a part of the WNC. They will get toilet paper and another toiletry this month. I'm glad I live in such a wonderful community. Thank you. **Monet Harrison**

P.S. Lastly, thanks to **Miss Rachel-Rose** who purchased a lot of TP for this donation with her birthday money. She is an inspiration for all of us!

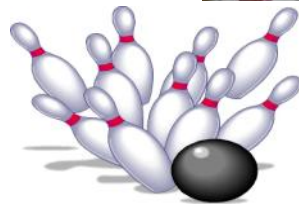


Because of **Monet's** efforts and the strong support of her classmates, every WNC family will receive a 4-pack of toilet paper during the month of May! **Monet, her family, and friends** helped families in both Waunakee and Japan.



First Annual Event - A GREAT SUCCESS!

Billy and Amanda Van Wie coordinated the entire event; we are thankful for their efforts and their ongoing support of WNC. **CONGRATULATIONS** and thank you to the teams who bowled for WNC. Thank you also to the community members who supported our first annual **WNC Bowl-A-Thon!** We were thrilled that over 120 bowlers were involved! We filled the bowling alley with a great deal of enthusiasm and bowling talent! We appreciate both the donations to the bowlers and the online donations. A special shout out to **Sara Helland** for the face painting fun! Thank you! A picture is worth a thousand words - and so we'll let the photos speak for themselves!



Please go to the website to see more fun photos.



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS

American Family Insurance, Nord Gear DRIVESYSTEMS, Livable Communities by Don Tierney, Uniek, Best Dressed Windows, Image Works, and McDonalds

And our CONTRIBUTORS

Pizza Hut, Waun-A-Bowl, May Vision, Re/Max Preferred Peggy Acker-Farber, Musical Memories, and Breakout Apparel Company

We couldn't have done it without your strong support!

Easter Meal & Cleaning Bucket Thanks!

WNC would like to thank the **hundreds of volunteers** who helped with our annual **Easter Meal and Spring Cleaning Bucket Program**. With the help of businesses, schools, churches, and community members over **235 seniors and families** received a grocery bag filled with all the items needed to make a great Easter holiday meal along with a bucket full of cleaning items. WNC is indebted to everyone who donated time, items, and money to support their neighbors in the Wauwaukee area.



Thank you to the **Village & Senior Centers** for annually providing space for our volunteers to meet and assemble the meal bags and the cleaning buckets. Thank you to **Mary Unger, SHARE meal coordinator for Wauwaukee**, for working closely with us to coordinate with **SHARE**.

Thank you to all the **businesses, churches, students, and family members** who helped make, collect, and donate items for our meals and cleaning buckets. Thank you to everyone who donated new and used cloth bags for packing meals.

Special thanks to:

- **State Bank of Cross Plains** for donating cleaning buckets
- **Jan Summerton** for donating garbage bags
- **Troy Meffert of Meffert Oil** for donating car wash coupons for every client
- **Sheila Weihert and elementary students** for donating money to purchase cleaning items
- **Sarah Lee and Peace Lutheran Church Sunday school students** for making beautiful cards
- **Alice.com, Walgreen's and Piggly Wiggly** for providing the cleaning supplies.



We appreciate that **Jean Krantz** purchased last minute items on the day we were packing bags. Thank you to **Brandon Volley of UPS** for ongoing support of our printing needs. We are thankful the **Wauwaukee Tribune** helps with distribution of our flyers and provides photo coverage of the event. We are grateful to **Randy Guttenberg and all of the staff of the Wauwaukee Community School district** for providing families with access to our donation flyers.



A strong thank you goes out to all of our **amazing volunteers**. Without all of the help in advance and on the day of the program, none of this would be possible. Hundreds of hours of prep time and countless volunteers came in to the store to prepare. We are so grateful for those who helped on the day of the event to make everything run smoothly including **lead volunteers, assembly, and delivery volunteers**. Thank you to **everyone for your gifts to WNC** and to the neighbors we serve during this holiday season and throughout the year. We are blessed to have amazing support from our community for the special work we do. Without all of you, including all of those we are unable to list here, we would not be able to

provide for those in need in our community. Your love, support, and generosity is appreciated by all. Thank you for caring deeply and donating generously.

Appliances

Dehumidifier (4)
Dryer (2 apt)
Dryer (2 full)
Freezer (2)
Refrigerator (1)
Space Heater (1)
Vacuums (13)
Washer (1 full)

Furniture

Bed (15)
Crib (2)
Dressers (8)
Coffee/End Tables (3)
Chairs (2)
Couch (3)
Dining Set (5)
TV stand (1)
Desk (2)
High Chair (1)

Small Appliances

Blender (1)
Computer (3)
Comp Printer (2)
Crock Pot (1)
Fans (1)
DVD Player (2)
Microwave (1)
Mower (1)
Toaster (1)

Sports Equipment

Bikes - Women(2)
Bike - Mens (1)
Bike - Toddler (1)
Exercise Ball (3)
Rt Hand BB Glove (child)
Treadmill (3)

Store Needs

Postage (1st class & postcards)
Hangars

Misc. Items

Drum Set (1)
Swing Set (1)

Garage Sale—How You Can Help

You can help WNC during the upcoming community Garage Sale. Please take a look at the “needs list” (above) and see if you can find some of the items listed. If you purchase items on the needs list and donate them to WNC, they will go immediately to a family in need. You can turn the Garage Sale event into a “scavenger hunt” for the items we have on the list! Thank you for using the “needs list” as your Garage Sale shopping guide.

May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Volunteer 8:30am-12:30pm CLIENT Shopping 5-8pm	3 English Grp Class 12:30-2:00pm Volunteer & Donations 5-7pm	4 Scoobie Night at Culver's 4:30-8:30pm Eat out for WNC!	5 I.S. Volunteers Brats! 10 am-2 pm preorder for delivery M&I bank 849-0860 220 N. Century ave	6 Store Closed	7 First Presbyterian Church Volunteers & Donations 9am-11am
Just Between Friends Sale Village Center Gym Thursday - Saturday						
8 Mother's Day	9 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	10 English Grp Class 12:30-2:00pm Learning Ctr	11	12 Intermed. Students Volunteer 2:30-4pm	13 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	14
15	16 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	17 English Grp Class 12:30-2:00pm Volunteer & Donations 5-7pm	18 CLIENT Shopping 10am-1pm	19 6th Grade Car Wash Summit Students Volunteer 2:30-4pm	20 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm Car Wash Rain Date	21 Door Creek Church Volunteers & Donations 9am-Noon
22	23 CLIENT Shopping 8:30am-12:30pm	24 English Group Class 12:30-2:00pm	25	26 Intermed. Students Volunteer 2:30-4pm	27 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	28
29	30 CLOSED No School	31				



Bank Waunakee's

**3rd Annual Brat & Hot Dog Sale
All Proceeds Benefit**

Waunakee Neighborhood Connection

**Please join us during Waunakee's Garage Sale Days next to M&I Bank –
220 N Century Ave Waunakee
Thursday May 5th and Friday May 6th between 10:00 and 2:00.**

**Can't get away? Call or fax your order ahead of time, *we will deliver.*
Just indicate your location & lunch choices below.**

_____ Hot Dog	\$1.00
_____ Brat	\$2.00
_____ Chips	\$1.00
_____ Soda	\$1.00
_____ Hot Dog Combo (hot dog, chips, soda)	\$2.50
_____ Brat Combo	\$3.50

I _____, would like the above order delivered to
Name/Business

Address & Phone

Phone (608) 849-0860

Fax (608) 849-2402