



Waunakee Neighborhood Connection

# THE CONNECTION

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### Dane Oktoberfest for WNC

Friday, Sept. 10th, 6-11pm  
Saturday, Sept. 11, 9am-10pm  
Bert Deans Park, Dane, WI

### Fitness Fun Bootcamp

Saturday, September 11th  
8:00am - Ripp Park

### Saturday Volunteer/Donations

Saturday, September 11th  
9:00am-11:00am

### English Group Volunteer Mtg.

Tuesday, September 13th  
12:30pm - The Learning  
Center, 101 School Dr.

### English Group Classes

Tuesdays Sept. 21st - Oct. 26th

### Coats for Kids Drive

Friday, September 17th  
Varsity Football Game

### Evening Volunteer/Donations

Monday, September 20th  
5:00pm -7:00pm

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## ANNUAL LAUNDRY SOAP & DIAPER DRIVE



Unfortunately many families in our community struggle to buy household products like diapers and laundry soap. Household essentials are a huge expense - it costs an estimated \$900 a year for diapers for one child and \$100 a year for laundry for a family of four—and many families lack the resources to fund these basic needs.

**Want to Help?** Then please donate to **WNC's Annual Laundry Soap & Diaper drive**. This year we have a goal of 400 containers of laundry soap and 500 packages of diapers—enough to ensure that WNC can help families in need in the Waunakee area throughout the entire year!

**Two Ways to Give.** This year, we are pleased to have **Alice.com** sponsoring our drive.

Headquartered in Middleton, **Alice.com** is an online marketplace that delivers diapers, laundry soap and 1000's of other household products to customers all over the U.S. with always free shipping. Because of Alice.com's support, you can donate to this year's drive in two ways:

**In-Kind.** As always, you can purchase and drop off diapers (sizes 4, 5 or 6) and laundry soap at various events & purple bins located around town (see more on page 2).

**Online.** Skip the shopping trip and donate online using our PayPal donation link on the [WNC website](#). Alice.com has agreed to **match online donations you make to this drive dollar for dollar** up to a maximum amount of \$5,000. These funds will all be deposited into a WNC account at Alice.com, for WNC to order the household essentials needed throughout the year (and without having to store a year's worth of diapers and soap!). And best yet, Alice.com will also provide a **\$10 Alice.com gift card** to everyone who donates to the drive online. **So your \$50 donation, turns into a \$100 for WNC and \$10 for you!** Please mark you donation for the laundry soap and diaper drive.

**Please see page two for more exciting ways to help**, and visit the [WNC website](#) to donate and to keep up-to-date on our progress.



## More Diaper & Laundry Soap News



If choosing to purchase laundry soap or diapers for our annual drive, you can drop off your donations at any of the following locations in

Waunakee. Look for the purple donation bins!

**Adventures in Learning, Arboretum Elementary School, Creekwood Assisted Living, Crossroads United Methodist Church, Fitness for Success, Harris Pharmacy, Heritage Elementary School, Piggly Wiggly (also taking cash donations), Police Station, Prairie Elementary School, St. John's Church, Sun Life Tanning, Village Center, Village Mobil Gas Station, Walgreens (also taking cash donations), & the WNC Store.**

Join us on [Facebook](#) or visit [our website](#) often throughout our drive (ends October 23rd) for more exciting news, events, offers, promotions, pictures and to find out how we are progressing toward our goal! You won't want to miss it!

## Bootcamp Kickoff!

**Dustin Maher's Fit Fun Bootcamps** are teaming with WNC & **Hellenbrand, Inc.** to kick-off WNC's diaper and laundry soap drive while promoting healthy living through working out. Fit Fun Bootcamps will be holding a FREE (donations are encouraged) bootcamp on **Saturday, September 11th at Ripp Park with registration starting at 8:00am.** We are asking you to invite your friends, family, neighbors and coworkers.

All donations of diapers and laundry detergent as well as cash donations (\$10 recommended per person) will go towards WNC's diaper & laundry soap drive. The goal is to fill two WNC bins with diapers and laundry detergent!

See the event flyer at the end of the newsletter or on WNC's website. Hope to see you there!

## Volunteers Needed for English Group



WNC volunteer, **Ana Oliver-Tomar** is about to start the second offering of English Group, our English language classes for clients and community members.

We need volunteers to help make the class a success. Volunteers help students with individual assignments in class or even help provide care to student's children. You do not need prior experience nor the ability to speak any language other than English. You just need some time and a heart for helping others learn!

**A meeting for those interested in volunteering will be held Tuesday, September 14th at 12:30pm at the Training and Learning Center** located at 101 School Drive, Waunakee (behind the library). Classes will be held Tuesdays from 12:30-2:00pm September 21st - October 26th.

Questions? Contact WNC at (608) 849-5740 or [info@waunakeenc.com](mailto:info@waunakeenc.com).

## Oktoberfest Helps WNC

**The Lake Melvin Yatch Club**, in partnership with **First National Bank**, will be having their annual **Dane Oktoberfest Friday, September 10th from 6:00-11:00pm and Saturday, September 11th from 9:00am - 10:00pm at Bert Deans Park in Dane, WI.** The weekend is filled with family fun, a softball tournament, and great food. All proceeds from the event go towards helping Lodi, Dane & Waunakee families in need through donations to organizations like WNC. Come have a weekend of fun, and support WNC at the same time. See flyer on page 9!

## School Supply Thanks

Congratulations to everyone involved in the first annual 'Fill the Bus' – it was a total success! Thanks to the support of countless members of the community, we were able to collect, sort and assemble packets of school supplies for students in need here in Waunakee.

Many thanks are in order, beginning with **Shelley Weiss** for the idea of this campaign. The bus spent a week in the parking lots of each of our generous donors: **M&I Bank; JoAnn Martens, DDS; Piggly Wiggly; and Pizza Hut**. Each of these businesses not only offered their space, but they also provided an employee to host the bus for eight hours and some even offered promotions to encourage donors to stop by. We couldn't have done it without them! We would also like to thank **Jeremy Lind at Lamers Bus Company** for the donation of a school bus to use for these four weeks as well as moving it from location to location. None of this could have happened without the bus to use as a catchy medium for collection. Great thanks go to **Brent and Roger of the Waunakee Tribune** for giving supple media coverage of the event.



Thank you to **Amy Guttenberg**, coordinator of School Supply Assembling, who worked with the school **social workers as well as Bob Blankenhagen** to ensure the correct amount of bags were filled for our district. Amy, along with volunteer **Ana Oliver-Tomar** also helped Bob and gang give out backpacks and visit with families to tell them about WNC. Great job!

Without the multitudes of members of the community who helped with this process, our success never could have been so great. We would like to thank **Nona Stephenson, Brandon Jaeger, Max and Eva Gonzalez, Madison Eaton, Sue Jostad, Lidia Montilla, Cheryl Booth, Sandy McConnell, Lily Vanderbloemen, Alex Cordell, Ben Cordell, Mavis Dishno, Bryn Pep, Aaron Statz, Judy Benish, Lori Erickson, Jackie vonBehren, Carolyn Lueder and Michael Pederson** for their help. Thanks goes out to **the Laufenberg, Meffert, Anhalt, Watson, Anderson, Homan, De Jesus, Semler, Helwig, Guttenberg, Eaton and Malek families** also! Along with those of you who may not be listed, great job with everything you did.

We are grateful for the assistance of **St. Andrew's 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth group** and their help, as well as the leadership of **Alex Groth**. A huge thank you for **Ms. Lozano**, who drove out to Milwaukee to pick up school supplies donated by **School Pak**. We would like to thank **WEB** for advertising at their churches about backpack donations, a vital support to our task. **Rich Hellenbrand** was a fabulous contact at Waunakee Intermediate School throughout this process, as was **Chris Hetzel** for allowing us to use the Intermediate school for assembly and distribution. Last but not least, we thank **Bob Blankenhagen, Kristen Meyer, Mona**

**Jean Harley** for their support and help, as well as **Marily Crews-Nelson at Magellan Mapping** for making the 'Fill the Bus' signs for us.

As evident by the thanks due, many helping hands made the first ever Fill the Bus possible. We owe this success to all of you in addition to the countless businesses and individuals who either purchased school supplies or contributed money to purchase the needed school supplies given to over 200 students in Waunakee. Thank you all!



# WNC Benefits from Day of Caring

The last week of August WNC received two special gifts from local volunteers participating in **United Way of Dane County's Days of Caring**. Since 1992, Days of Caring has organized hundreds of volunteer events across Dane County designed to improve the well-being of children, keep youth in schools and increase family ties. This year, approximately 3,100 volunteers helped out on more than 200 projects around the county, according to United Way of Dane County's website. Read more below to find out how families in Waunakee helped WNC during this amazing event.



While attending a United Way event, **Kira Dott** was introduced to [www.volunteeryourtime.org](http://www.volunteeryourtime.org) and used it, along with some connections at United Way, to find a place that would appreciate a mural. The mural was inspired by the barn down the street and WNC's new connection to the community garden - Garden of Dreams. Ideally, the mural would have been painted on the wall, but in case WNC moves in the future, a removable surface was used so the mural could travel if necessary.

Kira has always loved to paint and has covered son Brayden's room with murals. His walls are now full and while looking for another "canvas" to paint on, Kira found WNC. **Kira and Brayden** have participated together in the United Way's Day of Caring for the last four years. "Once Brayden was old enough to volunteer with me, I found jobs that were kid

friendly," Kira said. **"I think we both agree that this was the best project we've done so far."** Brayden's Phy. Ed. teacher and Kira's friend, **Liz Odgren**, joined them to paint on the morning of August 24th.

Also on August 24th, a Day of Caring, two "eager beavers" and their grandmother setup shop at the corner of their street and sold cookies to benefit WNC. They spent countless hours baking 100's of dozens of many kinds of cookies, then several hours selling the cookies for just a quarter each. The sale not only benefited two great charities, it filled the tummies and warmed the spirits of many in Waunakee. What a tremendous spirit of volunteerism!!



## MoJo's Corn Roast A Great Success

Thank you to **Andrea Maier and Mojo's Sports Pub & Grill** for coordinating the Corn Roast for WNC! A great time was had by all! We'd also like to thank the following businesses and supporters for their multiple contributions: **Ace Hardware, BP Meffert Oil, Summit Credit Union, Quilts by Irene, Front Porch, Fred's Village Market, Sil Maly, Rex's Innkeeper, Breakout Apparel, Moppet Playhouse, Town and Country Builders, Mike Spahn** (what a cool machine!), **Sun Life Tanning, Waunakee Tribune and Waunakee Rental**. You continue to make a difference with WNC and with our community! Thanks to all of you who came and ate lots of corn!

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**Mailing Address:** 215 S. Century Ave., #316, Waunakee, WI 53597 - [www.WaunakeeNeighborhoodConnection.com](http://www.WaunakeeNeighborhoodConnection.com)

# EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT FOR WNC

**Alex Foley** recently completed his Eagle Scout project, **new shelving for storage at WNC's store**, something truly needed!. Thank you Alex for your dedication and time not only to WNC for this project, but also your years in scouting. Read about the project below in Alex's own words, and **see pages 1 & 2 to find out how to help us fill our new shelves with diapers and laundry soap!**



"I began my eagle project this past winter with an email to Waunakee Neighborhood Connection asking if anyone needed help. I researched some of the village organizations I wanted to help, and WNC's contributions to the community appealed to me. I emailed Genna, and she told me about WNC's lack of storage space and their need of additional shelving in which to store their supplies and donated goods. With this information, I wrote up a short plan which I had to present to the troop 46 committee to insure that my project was going to qualify for my eagle project. After the initial approval, I had to write up an extensive and thorough document about the benefits of building the shelves and exactly how the project was going

to be completed. This write up included blue prints on the dimensions of the shelves and how the project was going to be funded. Once the write-up was complete, it had to go through several stages of approval before I could begin any work on the actual project. After the project was approved by the scouting district, I contacted several businesses about donations. Genna was very helpful with providing possible groups and types of businesses to contact. I received material supplies from some groups and monetary donations from others.

After I had donations, I used the donated money to purchase the remaining supplies, and I then set a date for the construction. When the build date came, I had several scout volunteers come and help me construct the shelves. We set up different stations where one group would build part of the shelf, and then that part would move to the next station, where another group of scouts would build the rest of the shelf. About a week after the build date, my family and I borrowed a trailer and moved the shelving from our house to the WNC store. At the store we had lots of help from volunteers at WNC, and they helped us maneuver the shelves into their final spots.



After completing the actual construction, I had to write up an additional document with all of the changes that were made during the project. For example, the biggest change was the change in shelving design when WNC moved their storage space. Originally the shelves were to be 8ft tall, 8ft long and 2ft wide, but because of the switch the shelves were redesigned to be only 6ft tall. Overall the project took about 82 hours from start to finish, and gave WNC 224sq ft of space in which to store all of their donated goods. It was a great experience working on this project, and I found it personally rewarding to help out WNC and the community."

# NEEDS LIST

If you have any of these items, please drop them off at our store **when we are open**, or **at the Police Station**, Mon-Fri from 7am—5pm. All donations are tax-deductible.

**Appliances**  
Dehumidifier (2)  
Dryer  
**Fans (2)**  
Microwave  
Refrigerator (2)  
**Vacuums (6)**  
Washers (4)

**Electronics**  
DVD Players (3)

**Furniture**  
**Beds-Twin, Full, Queen (11)**  
Bookcases (2)  
Couch  
**Dining Sets (2)**  
Living Room Chairs (2)  
TV Stand (2)

**Infant Supplies**  
Baby Gate  
Changing Table

**Kitchenware**  
Salad Dressing Cont.

**Linens**  
Comforter - Full (2)  
Curtains - Light Blocking  
**Sheets - All Sizes**  
Towels - Kitchen & Bath

**Misc. Items**  
Area Rugs (3)

Bikes - Adult (3)  
Bikes - Girls Ages 9 & 11  
Computers (7)  
Floor Lamp  
Laundry Bag (mesh)  
Lawn Mower  
Light Bulbs  
Razors  
Sponge Mop  
Suitcases (6)

## September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NOTICE: Our schedule and hours change starting this month. The store will be open Mon and Fri mornings from 8:30am-12:30pm. Please note the shift in start time.			1 First Day of School	2	3 Volunteer/ Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	4
5	6 CLOSED Labor Day	7	8 Diaper/ Laundry Soap Drive Starts	9 Intermed. Students Volunteer 2:30-4pm	10 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	11 Bootcamp 8:00am Ripp Park Volunteer/ Donations 9-11am
12	13 Mandatory CLIENT Meeting 11am OR 6pm (shopping after meeting)	14 English Group Volunteer Mtg. 12:30p Learning Ctr.	15	16 Intermed. Students Volunteer 2:30-4pm	17 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	18
19	20 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm Or 5-7pm	21 English Group Class 12:30-2:00p Learning Ctr	22 Make-Up CLIENT Meeting 10am	23 Intermed. Students Volunteer 2:30-4pm	24 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	25
26	27 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	28 English Group 12:30-2:00p Learning Ctr	29	30 Intermed. Students Volunteer 2:30-4pm		

# FIT FUN BOOTCAMP

## Go Out. Get Active. Fun Fitness.

Dustin Maher's Fit Fun Bootcamps are teaming up with Waunakee Neighborhood Connection (WNC) and Hellenbrand, Inc. to promote healthy living through working out. Fit Fun Bootcamps will be holding a FREE (donations are encouraged) bootcamp and we are asking you to invite your friends, family, neighbors and coworkers. No need to bring a lot equipment except for a water bottle, 10 lbs. + weights (optional) and yoga mat (optional). You are welcome to bring your kids 10 years and up to do the workout with you. This event promises to be memorable.



**Saturday, Sept. 11**

**8:15 - 9:00 AM**

**Ripp Park - Waunakee\***

**All fitness levels are welcome  
and encouraged**

**Registration - 8:00 AM**

Meet by park shelter for registration at 8:00 AM.

You will do things that you have never done before. Everyone will get a chance to work on cardio, strength training and core. Our creative exercises will not only tone up the muscles in the legs, core and shoulders, but improves cardiovascular function as well as fat burning. We will be doing many other unconventional exercises with the goal of fun, teamwork and community building.

Activities Include:

Strength, Agility & Core Stations

We will be accepting donations of diapers and laundry detergent as well as cash donations (\$10 recommended per person) for WNC to help support local families in need. 100% of the donations will go to WNC to help our community. Our goal is to fill two WNC bins with diapers and laundry detergent, help us meet this goal by taking time for yourself and attending this great fitness event.

Dustin also has a free gift he would like to give you, so if you go to <http://www.dustinmaherfitness.com> and put your name and email in the box on the left, he will send it out right away.

Questions? Email [endres5@tds.net](mailto:endres5@tds.net) or call 849-6053.

\*In case of heavy rain or thunderstorms, please visit [www.madisonbootcamps.com](http://www.madisonbootcamps.com) for an update on the event.

The logo for Hellenbrand, Inc. features a stylized, wavy line above the word 'Hellenbrand' in a bold, serif font.



# Dane Oktoberfest

Beer ♦ Brats ♦ Burgers

Friday, Sept. 10 – 6 pm to 11pm  
Saturday, Sept. 11 – 9 am to 10 pm

**BERT DEANS PARK**

*Dane, Wisconsin*

**Co-ed Softball Tournament Fri. & Sat.**

**Pumpkin Decorating & Kids Games**  
Saturday 11 am – 2 pm

**Bouncy House Saturday 11 am – 6 pm**

**Raffles – Fri. & Sat.**

*All proceeds will go to the Lake Melvin Yacht club to assist families in need in the Dane, Lodi and Waunakee communities.*

**1<sup>st</sup> National Bank**  
*Service, Strength & Security*

