



MY NEIGHBOR

A Publication of Waunakee Neighborhood Connection

CLIENT SHOPPING

Mon Jan 10th, 5-8pm
Wed Jan 19th, 10-1pm
Mon Jan 31st, 8:30-12:30pm

Mon Feb 7th 5-8pm
Wed Feb 16th, 10-1pm
Mon Feb 21st, 8:30-12:30pm

Mon Mar 7th, 5-8pm
Wed Mar 16th, 10-1pm
Mon Mar 21st, 8:30-12:30pm

SPECIAL NOTE:
Monday night
shopping hours
have been
extended.
5pm-8pm

DON'T FORGET:
You can shop once a
month on client
shopping days only
(yellow on the
calendar & listed
above)

Easter meal
deadline:
March 23rd

Baby it's cold outside...

It's winter in Wisconsin! Do you and everyone you know have enough blankets? Does everyone have a coat? Are you wearing your hats?

It's never too late to sign up for services at our store, so make sure friends and family know about us.

Energy Assistance

To apply for energy assistance, please contact Energy Services Inc. at (608) 267-8601 to schedule an appointment. You may apply anytime from October 1, 2010 through May 15, 2011. Representatives from Energy Services Inc. will be taking applications at the Waunakee Area Senior Center, 333 S. Madison Street on Wednesday January 5, 2011 from 1pm-4pm. And Wednesday March 2, 2011 from 1pm to 4pm. Must have an appointment by calling 267-8601.

Many people wait until the day their electricity is being shut off to call around for help. Help simply is not available that quickly. You must call the utility company early on if you are going to have trouble paying. Bob Blankenhagen (608) 849-2016 can help find you resources, but again, he can't help you instantly. Do not wait until the last minute, be proactive and seek help early.

Bob Blankenhagen, community social worker for Waunakee, will be visiting the store on the Wednesdays we are open. On Jan 19th, Feb 16th, and Mar 16th, from 10 am to 11:30am. He's the man to talk to about resources available in our area.

Important updates:

Women's Health services:

Don't forget to check with the Wisconsin Well Women program for a list of services they help with. 608-242-6385 for Spanish contact Helen: 608-242-6235



Men's Health Services:

Effective May 1, 2010, the Family Planning Waiver Plan started providing certain family planning services to men ages 15-44. Covered services are limited to family planning and related services like the testing and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases/infections. For more information: call 1-800-291-2002 or go to dhs.wisconsin.gov/em/customerhelp

Greener shopping!

Bring your own bags. We try to keep the small plastic grocery bags on hand for shopping, but often they are not large enough. Why not bring in your own reusable bags to fill, everyone who gets holiday meals from us has a Piggly Wiggly bag.

Super Bowl buffet and raffle at Rex's

Our Super Bowl Raffle is February 6th. We use this to pay for our rent, which has increased this year. We could use your help to sell tickets. If you think you could sell some tickets for us, call or e mail the store for more information.

Check out our new Community Bulletin board at the store. We'll be posting any job opportunities we hear about and other useful information.



Is your contact information current?

Many of you are missing out on some of the great donations we've been receiving. Just this morning a family brought in a very nice twin bedroom set and wanted to deliver it right away. I went to my needs list and started at the top. Between disconnected numbers and no answers, I was 4 names down before I found someone to take this wonderful donation. At Christmas time a donor gave us 20 turkeys to give away, fortunately they gave us a couple of days notice, because we do not have the means to store any sort of perishables. We sent out an e mail to all the e mail addresses we have, and the first 20 people to respond got the turkeys.

Remember, once we contact you about a needs list item, you have two weeks to arrange for someone to pick it up. After that, it goes to the next person and we remove that need from your list for the rest of the school year.



We were given a large donation of cute fleece hats, we hope you are wearing one, it's cold outside!

Items In Store

January —Toiletry

February—Laundry Soap

March— Toiletry

Plus each month there may be a special surprise!

Some financial advice from our neighbors at Summit Credit Union



Andrea Paszek | Summit Credit Union

304 E Main Street | Waunakee, WI 53597

608-243-5000 ext. 2501 (ph.) | 608-212-3730 (cell) | 608-661-3434 (fax)

Did you know...

The average cost of eating out for lunch is \$7.50. The Average cost for bringing a bagged lunch is \$2.00. If you brought your lunch Instead of going out....

You would save \$8489 over 5 years and \$615,407 over 40 years!

If you renegotiated your cell phone bill and decreased your payment by \$30 a month...

That would save you \$1,080 in 3 years and \$6,044 over 10 years!

Teaching Your Kids about Money

Educating, motivating, and empowering kids to become regular savers and investors enables them to keep more of the money they earn and do more with the money they spend. Here are 5 building blocks to get your kids on the way to financial success.

Remember these five basic steps:

- Step One** **As soon as your kids can count, introduce them to money.** Observation and repetition are two important ways children learn. Looking for teachable moments while shopping at WNC, having them count coins or finding a fun container for them to save coins in are all great ways to start.
- Step Two** **As they grow, communicate with kids about values concerning money** — how to save it, how to make it grow, and most importantly, how to spend it wisely.
- Step Three** **Setting goals is fundamental to learning the value of money and saving.** Young or old, people rarely reach goals they haven't set. Nearly every toy or other item children ask their parents to buy them can become the object of a goal-setting session. Such goal-setting helps children learn to become responsible for themselves.
- Step Four** **Take your child to open their own savings account at Summit Credit Union.** Beginning the regular savings habit early is one of the keys to savings success, we'll help get them started and give you the tools you need to teach your children the fundamentals of money.
- Step Five** **Celebrate their success!** When a child saves for a much anticipated item, or makes another wise financial move (such as finding a coupon, waiting until an item goes on sale, putting extra money in savings), celebrate their success.

Community Tips:

Everyone has a way that they've been able to make that last dollar stretch. We'd like to offer a place to accumulate those money saving ideas for the rest of us to use. Sometimes, it's just knowing how to find the help that is out there already. For instance, at Christmas there is the empty stocking program, toys for tots, and the giving tree. If you know how these programs work, let us know, and in the September newsletter, we'll print the information for all to use. If we share our good ideas, maybe we can all better weather this economic season together.

Free house cleaning!

You may not be going through chemo, but you probably know someone who is. So pass this on !

Cleaning for a Reason If you know any woman currently undergoing chemotherapy for ANY type of cancer, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE house cleaning - once per month for 4 months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. It's our job to pass the word and let them know that there are people out there that care. Be a blessing to someone and pass this information along.

<http://www.cleaningforareason.org/>

FREE Cell phone:

This is from a client who happened to chat with Colleen at the store. She says they limit it to one cell phone per family or household, but anything that helps is good!

Get a free cell phone (this is a legitimate deal I have one myself and it costs 0!!) The website has info for requirements and how it works! call 1 (800)977-3768
M-Sat 7a.m.-9pm and
Sun 7am-8pm (central time) or go to www.safelinkwireless.com to sign up!!!!

FREE Samples:

The Proctor and Gamble website has good information and free samples.
www.PGEverydaySolutions.com

There is lots going on this year at WNC and you will not want to miss out! Starting in January, there is a surprise giveaway. This is in addition to the toiletry that you will receive. But the ONLY WAY you can receive it is to come shopping during the month. We will try to have several 'surprises' each month throughout this year. Many wonderful donors have come forward to provide you with extra nice things - it's up to you to come utilize our resources to receive them.

Also, I'd like to thank those of you who listened at the Annual Client Meeting and who are volunteering and giving back to WNC which provides you with sooo much! Because of your efforts, we continue to keep the Store looking great. And we love working with you! There are so many added benefits to helping out and those of you who have know what they are. Thanks for your commitment! Remember to sign up and then show up to volunteer. It's a great way to give back!

The entire volunteer staff at WNC is dedicated to making a difference in your lives this year!

Happy New Year!

Genna Eaton

Executive Director

A surprise from Genna



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



Sign-up for a **FREE** Easter Meal & Spring Cleaning Bucket

Waunakee Neighborhood Connection (WNC), in collaboration with Waunakee SHARE, Waunakee Village/Senior Center and many community organizations is pleased to offer our fifth annual Easter SHARE meal and a bucket of cleaning supplies **FREE** to families in need and seniors that could use a bit of cheer and help this year.



To register to receive a free meal and cleaning bucket, YOU MUST contact WNC NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23rd, via phone at **(608) 849-5740, or email at info@WaunakeeNC.com.** When registering please be sure to leave your full name, address, and phone number so we can reach you with any questions.



The SHARE Easter Dinner Package typically includes: A boneless 4-lb. honey ham, potatoes, canned vegetables, a gelatin ring mold, a cheese spread cup, and a pie. It also contains an assortment of fresh fruit and vegetables. **The Spring Cleaning Bucket generally includes:** A plastic cleaning pail, window cleaner, furniture polish, general purpose cleaner, dish soap, and a sponge.

You MUST be available to accept delivery of your meal and bucket on Saturday, April 16th. Meal deliveries will occur between 12:30pm and 2:00pm on April 16th barring any inclement weather. **A reminder postcard will be mailed to you the week before meal delivery.**



Remember, we MUST hear from you no later than March 23rd, or we will assume you do NOT want a free meal and cleaning bucket this year.

Registration for other meals, programs, or services does not register you for the Easter meal and cleaning bucket.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU CAN ONLY SHOP DURING CLIENT SHOPPING DAYS (YELLOW DAYS ON THE CALENDARS). OTHER TIMES THE STORE IS OPEN FOR VOLUNTEERING ONLY, WHICH WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO DO.

January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
New Year Reminder: Volunteer Days (Blue) are for volunteering or donation drop-offs ONLY. (No client shopping). Client Days (Yellow) are for client shopping ONLY (No donations please).						1 Happy New Year!
2	3 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	4	5	6 Intermed. Students Volunteer 2:30-4pm	7 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	8
9	10 Volunteer 8:30am-12:30pm CLIENT Shopping 5-8pm	11	12	13 Intermed. Students Volunteer 2:30-4pm	14 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	15
16	17 CLOSED No School	18 Volunteer & Donations 5-7pm	19 CLIENT Shopping 10am-1pm	20 Intermed. Students Volunteer 2:30-4pm	21 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	22
23	24 CLOSED No School	25	26	27 Intermed. Students Volunteer 2:30-4pm	28 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	29 Volunteer & Donations 9-11am
30	31 CLIENT Shopping 8:30am-12:30pm					

February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 English Grp Volunteer Meeting 12:30pm Volunteer & Donations 5-7pm	2	3 Intermed. Students Volunteer 2:30-4pm	4 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	5
6 Super Bowl Party at Rex's 5:00pm	7 Volunteer 8:30am-12:30pm CLIENT Shopping 5-8pm	8 English Grp Class 12:30-2:00pm Learning Center	9	10 Intermed. Students Volunteer 2:30-4pm	11 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	12
13	14 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	15 English Grp 12:30-2:00pm Volunteer & Donations 5-7pm	16 CLIENT Shopping 10am-1pm	17 Intermed. Students Volunteer 2:30-4pm	18 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	19 Volunteer & Donations 9-11am
20	21 CLIENT Shopping 8:30am-12:30pm	22 English Group Class 12:30-2:00pm	23	24 CLOSED Early Release	25 CLOSED No School	26
27	28 CLOSED No School					

March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 English Grp Class 12:30-2:00pm Volunteer & Donations 5-7pm	2	3 Intermed. Students Volunteer 2:30-4pm	4 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	5
6	7 Volunteer 8:30am-12:30pm CLIENT Shopping 5-8pm	8 English Group Class 12:30-2:00pm	9	10 Intermed. Students Volunteer 2:30-4pm	11 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	12 Volunteer & Donations 9-11am
13	14 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	15 English Grp Class 12:30-2:00pm Volunteer & Donations 5-7pm	16 CLIENT Shopping 10am-1pm	17 Intermed. Students Volunteer 2:30-4pm	18 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	19 Health Fair Village Center 9a-1p
20	21 CLIENT Shopping 8:30am-12:30pm	22 English Grp Class 12:30-2:00pm	23 CLIENT Easter Meal Registration Deadline	24 Intermed. Students Volunteer 2:30-4pm	25 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	26
27	28 Closed - No School!	29	30	31	April 1	

April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 CLOSED No School	2
3	4 Volunteer 8:30am-12:30pm CLIENT Shopping 5-8pm	5 Volunteer & Donations 5-7pm	6	7 Intermed. Students Volunteer 2:30-4pm	8	9 Volunteer & Donations 9-11am
10	11 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	12	13	14 Intermed. Students Volunteer 2:30-4pm	15 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	16 Easter Meal Assembly 11:45am Delivery 12:30-2pm Village Center
17	18 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	19 Volunteer & Donations 5-7pm	20 CLIENT Shopping 10am-1pm	21 Intermed. Students Volunteer 2:30-4pm	22 CLOSED No School	23
24 Happy Easter	25 CLIENT Shopping 8:30am-12:30pm	26 English Group Class 12:30-2:00pm	27	28 Intermed. Students Volunteer 2:30-4pm	29 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	30 Easter Meal Donation Deadline