



MY NEIGHBOR

A Publication of Waunakee Neighborhood Connection

Welcome!

CLIENT SHOPPING

Mon Jan 4th, 5-7p

Wed Jan 20th, 10a-1p

Mon Feb 1st, 5-7p

Wed Feb 17th, 10a-1p

Mon Feb 22nd, 8a-noon

Mon Mar 8th, 5-7p

Wed Mar 17th, 10a-1p

Mon Mar 29th, 8a-noon

Mon Apr 12th, 5-7p

Wed Apr 21st, 10a-1p

Mon Apr 26th, 8a-noon

For many of you the Christmas Meal was your first introduction to Waunakee Neighborhood Connection. We offer our free Christmas Meal to our clients who have registered, and to any seniors in the area who might find a free meal useful. We know seniors are on fixed incomes, so if you could use our assistance during the year, please let us know. We have a "free store" where you can find clothes and books and house wares that have been donated by the community. To use our store all we ask is that you come in and register. We are open for shopping 3 times a month, hopefully one of those times will work for you.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Bob Blankenhagen of Joining Forces for Families, as well as Ana Oliver our translator will be at the store on ALL Client Shopping Wednesdays from 10a-1pm listed in bold above.

DON'T FORGET:

You can shop only once a month on client shopping days only (yellow on the calendar & listed above)

Parking

We have very limited parking, so please wait until you have bags ready to pick up before moving your car to the front of the store.

Home Energy Plus Program

The income limits for receiving energy assistance have changed. More people are expected to qualify this year than in past years. Not only will applying potentially help in providing you assistance with your utility costs, but can also aid WNC in helping provide you with such things as newer appliances.

An Energy Assistance representative will be at the Senior Center on Wednesday, January 6, 2010, and Wednesday, March 3, 2010.

Appointments can be obtained by calling 267-8601. Be sure to bring the following to your appointment: your most recent energy bill, Social Security cards for all members of your household, written proof of all household income for the 3 months prior to your application. Income Limits for this program are: Gross 3 months: 1 person working: \$5,859 people working : \$7,661

COME VOLUNTEER FOR WNC IN 2010

Please consider giving back to WNC and to your community by volunteering for WNC events or at the store. We have LOTS to do, and many ways and times to serve. We have also been given some unique new items that we will be using to thank those clients who are able to help often. Hope to see you soon!

Important store updates:

Needs Lists

As a registered client you have the option to ask for items we don't keep in the store. Items like furniture and appliances that we don't have room for. This is a challenging service to offer, as often we get a call about an item, but then only have a day or two to find it a home.

Lately people have asked for items, but don't respond to our calls about them. We can not take possession of couches and other big items, because we have no space to put them. We count on you to call us back as soon as you possibly can. If it takes you more than a day to call us, we may have to move on to the next person on the list, or we might even have to say no to a donation. It's especially troubling when we give you the name and number of a donor and you don't follow through. It leaves the donor feeling unappreciated, and makes it unlikely they will think of us the next time they have a big donation.

So, if we place an item on hold for you, and you take more than 2 weeks to pick it up; or if you do not follow through with a donation we've arranged, we'll have to remove that item from your list and consider it filled. If something comes up that prevents you from picking an item up, or connecting with a donor, please let us know immediately, otherwise we'll have to assume you no longer wish to receive these special effort items.

January is toiletry month

February is laundry soap month

March is toiletry month

April is laundry soap month

Spanish translator available during shopping times!

The beautiful and talented **Ana Oliver** who helped us during registration times has graciously agreed to be at the store during the Wednesday shopping hours each month. If you would like to converse with Colleen beyond her 5 or 6 words of Spanish, please come when Ana can help us out! She'd love to help any of you with your translation needs.

Have you met Bob?

Bob Blankenhagen is the county social worker employed by Joining Forces for Families (JFF). He is one of our main referrals when people need help with housing or financial struggles. He has a wealth of information of available resources in the community, and much experience helping people to navigate "the system".

He has agreed to come to the store on the following shopping days:

January 20th from 10am until noon
February 17th from 10am until 1pm
March 17th from 10am until 1pm
April 21st from 10am until 1pm
May 19th from 10am until 1pm

All of these days coincide with Ana's availability to translate! Please keep in mind that many issues require a bit more privacy than we currently have available in our store. So you may need to arrange a follow-up appointment with him privately.



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 and donors, is pleased to offer our fourth annual Easter SHARE meal and a bucket of cleaning supplies **FREE** to our clients, seniors, and anyone living in the Waunakee School District 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 SUNDAY, MARCH 7th, 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. **The Spring Cleaning Bucket**

generally includes: A plastic cleaning pail, window cleaner, furniture polish, general purpose cleaner, and a sponge.

You MUST pick-up your meals on Saturday, March 27th at 12:45p at the Waunakee Village Center, located at 333 S. Madison St., Waunakee. If you are unable to pickup your meal that day, please make other arrangements with family and friends. Meals that are not picked up that day will be given to other families. **Seniors and disabled clients, please let us know if you would like your meal delivered.** Meal deliveries will be between 12:30 and 2:00p on Saturday, March 27th. **A reminder postcard will be mailed to all the week before the meal distribution.**

Please remember, we MUST hear from you no later than Sunday, March 7th, or we will assume you do NOT want a free meal and cleaning bucket this year.

More FREE Stuff:

We will have the following available to those who come to shop at the store:
Socks for all & Valentine cards for kids...in January
Clocks & Batteries...in February

Don't forget on the month of your birthday to come in and get your birthday bag. Currently the bags have cake and frosting, and possibly something small like a toothbrush. You also get to choose a really cool gift from our "birthday bin". You won't want to miss yours!

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

January 2010

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	4 Volunteer 8-Noon CLIENT Shopping 5-7pm	5	6	7	8 Volunteer & Donations 8-Noon	9 Volunteer & Donations 9-Noon
10	11 Volunteer & Donations 8-Noon 5-7pm	12	13	14	15 Volunteer & Donations 8-Noon	16
17	18 CLOSED No School	19	20 CLIENT Shopping 10am-1pm JFF & Translator	21	22 Volunteer & Donations 8-Noon	23
24/31	25 CLOSED No School	26	27	28	29 Volunteer & Donations 8-Noon	30

February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Volunteer 8-Noon CLIENT Shopping 5-7pm	2	3	4	5 Volunteer & Donations 8-Noon	6
7 Super Bowl Party at Rex's Inn. 5:00pm	8 Volunteer & Donations 8-Noon	9	10	11	12 Volunteer & Donations 8-Noon	13
14 Happy Valentines Day	15 Volunteer & Donations 8-Noon 5-7pm	16	17 CLIENT Shopping 10am-1pm JFF & Translator	18	19 Volunteer & Donations 8-Noon	20 Volunteer & Donations 9-Noon
21/28	22 CLIENT Shopping 8-Noon	23	24	25	26 CLOSED No School	27

March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 CLOSED No School	2	3	4	5 Volunteer & Donations 8-Noon	6 Health Fair Village Center 9a-1p
7 Easter Meal Deadline To Register	8 Volunteer 8-Noon CLIENT Shopping 5-7pm	9	10	11	12 Volunteer & Donations 8-Noon	13
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April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 April Fools Day!	2 CLOSED No School	3
4 Happy Easter	No School!					10
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