

Waveland Woods Neighborhood Association Newsletter

<u>August 2013</u>

Waveland Woods plans Summer Party, National Night Out

Join your Waveland Woods neighbors for a Summer Party on National Night Out, "America's Night Out Against Crime," Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 6:30-8 p.m. at Windsor Elementary School. Plan now to turn on your porch light, join with your neighbors and meet new friends. Newcomers are especially encouraged to join the FREE celebration.



The event will be held at Windsor's upper playground on the southeast side of the school. In the event of rain or extreme heat, the festivities will be moved inside.

Ice cream, dessert courtesy of La Mie Bakery and drinks will be provided, and there will be games and a variety of prizes offered. Games will include a bean bag toss, croquet, face painting and chalk drawing. Prizes will include Iowa State Fair tickets, two-for-one carousel ride tickets and a mini-golf round at Blank courtesy of Des Moines Parks and Recreation, free cookbooks and a number of gift certificates.

Plans also call for a representative from the Des Moines Police Department to be present.

The National Night Out began in 1984 in an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community (cont. on p. 4)

Tree issues addressed in neighborhood workshop

Tivon Feeley, forest health program leader with the lowa Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division and a resident of Waveland Woods, presented a workshop on trees for local residents on May 5.

A number of trees in our neighborhood have succumbed to a variety of diseases and new deadly problems are on the horizon including the Emerald Ash Borer, Bur Oak Blight, Gypsy Moth, Thousand Cankers Disease of Black Walnut and Asian Longhorned Beetle.

Join your neighbors for a walking tour to view trees along Cummins Parkway on Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tivon Feeley will discuss issues confronting our trees, including the invasive Tree of Heaven.

Mr. Feeley offered advice on trees to plant, and he stressed the importance of diversifying plantings. He said some good trees to plant include the following with his comments: Black Cherry (grows to 30-35 feet), Chestnut (a beautiful tree that grows to a maximum of 35 feet), Northern Pin Oak (fastest growing oak), Red Maple, Kentucky Coffee Tree, Boxelder (good for watery spots), Buckeye (good tree, beautiful flowers), Horse Chestnut, Catalpa (male is better), American Elm (Princeton or Dartmouth), Ginkgo (male), Hackberry (low maintenance), Cottonwood (fast grow-

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Your help is needed!!

Flower beds in bloom; weeds growing, too

Our neighborhood flower beds are once again planted at 56th and University and along Cummins Parkway between University Avenue and Windsor Drive. The early rain this year helped the flowers to get a good start, but they do require continued upkeep. If you're taking a walk, plan to spend some time pulling a few weeds, if you can. You may even want to make it a family activity!

Special thanks to all who helped plant the gardens and to those people who have taken the time to help keep the flower beds weeded and hoed.

The flower beds are beautiful additions to our wonderful neighborhood.



Dan McCool and his daughter, Amber, worked together at 56th and University.



(I. to r.) Ingrid and Hans Discher and Sarah Voss were great garden helpers.





David Voss headed the flower bed planting program.



Carol McGarvey was one of the many volunteers who helped beautify the neighborhood.

(left) Anders Discher, Matthew Voss, Andy Lorentzen and his daughter, Annabelle, plant petunias.

Garage sales draw many to neighborhood

Our reinstituted garage sale was a great success, according to Carol McGarvey, who along with her husband, Tom, and Bill Lindeberg organized the June 8 event. Some 25 households held sales, and there was a constant stream of cars in the neighborhood throughout the day.



Ruth Terrell of Kingman Ave. had chairs, clothes and other treasures for sale,

This event will once again become an annual program sponsored by the Waveland Woods Neighborhood Association. The association publicizes the event and places ads in various publications and on the internet.



(r.) Larry Davis of Kingman Ave. parted with his golf clubs











(I.) Sharon Davis of Kingman Ave. sold saucer sleds, purses and other items.

Look for us on Facebook and Neighborhood Link

The Waveland Woods Neighborhood Association can now be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ WavelandWoods. Be sure to check it out and click "Like" on the Facebook page to receive updates and announcements in your "News Feed." The site also provides a link to Neighborhood Link, a nationwide network of community websites. Check us out at www.neighborhoodlink.com/Waveland_Woods. You can find our neighborhood newsletters, information about our community, links to other important websites and up-to-date information concerning our association. Special thanks to Eva Jablonski for maintaining these sites. Please give us your feedback. We're here to serve you.

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partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. When it first started in 1984, 2.5 million Americans took part across 400 communities in 23 states. Now, more than 37 million people and 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. Territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide are involved.

Tree issues (cont. from p. 1)

ing), Butternut Hickory, Red Oak (fast growing); Silver Maple (370 varieties and also fast growing), Locust, Sugar Maple (wide and tall), Bur Oak, White Pine (least number of pests), True White Oak (tough, slow growing, great chestnuts every year). He discouraged planting Scotch Pines and most conifers.

As a follow-up to the session, a walk along Cummins Parkway will be held Wednesday, Oct. 9 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. We will meet at the intersection of Cummins Parkway and Windsor Drive. Issues along the parkway will be addressed by Mr. Feeley including the invasive "Tree of Heaven" and what might be done to rid the area of the unwanted specimen. All Waveland Woods residents are encouraged to participate.

Emerald Ash Borer

The Emerald Ash Borer has recently been found in Burlington, IA. This marks the second location where the invasive beetle has been found in Iowa. For a complete report from State officials, please go to:

 $www.neighborhood link.com/Waveland_Woods.$

Follow area crimes

Des Moines residents can follow crimes in their areas by going to www.CrimeMapping.com and entering the perimeters they are interested in tracking. Daily notices are emailed indicating a variety of crimes.

Advertising now accepted

The Waveland Woods newsletter is now accepting advertising. If you would like to submit an ad, the cost is \$50 per issue. Only business card-size ads are accepted. Contact Anne Van Ryswyk at 288-9068 or avanryswyk@mchsi.com, or you may contact any other board member if you would like to place an ad for your business.

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