



WAVELAND WOODS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Waveland Woods Neighborhood Association Newsletter

August, 2014

Neighborhood association reviews events, efforts

Since the Waveland Woods Neighborhood Association was reactivated three years ago, a number of services and events have been offered to residents including:

- Promotion of street repair to local officials
- Sponsorship of neighborhood garage sales
- Sponsorship of workshop and walking tour on trees and the Emerald Ash Borer
- Annual summer parties on National Night Out, providing residents with opportunities to meet neighbors
- Annual plantings and maintenance of neighborhood flowerbeds
- Three newsletters each year hand-delivered to residents' homes
- Activation of several Neighborhood Watch programs
- Annual meetings featuring county, educational and police officials

Waveland Woods to host annual summer party, National Night Out

All Waveland Woods residents are invited to our annual Summer Party on National Night Out (America's Night Out Against Crime) to be held **Tuesday, Aug. 5, from 6:30-8 p.m. at Windsor Elementary School** (upper level playground—southeast side). The party, which will be held in the gym if there is bad weather, offers participants an opportunity to join with neighbors and meet new friends. Newcomers are especially encouraged to join the **FREE** celebration.

A highlight of this year's party will be **free** treats for all from the **Big Chill Ice Cream Truck**, which will be at the party from 7 to 8 p.m.



Games will include chalk drawing, sponge toss, bean bag toss, as well as face painting for youngsters.

There will be drawings for gifts including: four certificates for 18 holes of golf at Waveland Golf Course, cookbooks, Des Moines pool passes for two adults/two kids, one certificate for green fees at any Des Moines public golf course, one Des Moines parks shelter rental, one Gray's Lake boat rental and one buy one/get one-half off ride on the Union Park Carousel.

Representatives from the Des Moines Police Department will be present, including Officer Chuck Guhl, our Neighborhood Resource Officer.

The National Night Out began in 1984 in an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.



(r.) Neighborhood Watch being reactivated



(l.) Bill Lindeberg paints an association member's street number on curb.

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Neighborhood association receives county grant

The Waveland Woods Neighborhood Association has been awarded a \$2150 Community Betterment Grant from Polk County.

The funds will be used for new Neighborhood Watch signs for the areas that have the program in operation; for painting house numbers on the curbs for those residents who join the association; for several issues of the association newsletter; and for perennials, mulch and other things related to maintaining the neighborhood flowerbeds.

Waveland Trail to be extended along 56th Street

Bicycling enthusiasts will be pleased to know that the Waveland Trail is currently being extended along 56th Street on the east side of our neighborhood along Waveland Golf Course. The work, which will connect the trail with the current trail north of University and south of I-235, is scheduled to take about 45 days. The golf course fence is being removed but will be replaced when the work is completed.

City cleanup dates continue

Several SCRUB (Spring Cleanup to Reduce Urban Blight) dates still remain for persons who missed those already held. They are:

- 8/16/2014 – Southridge Mall, 1111 E. Army Post Rd., 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 9/20/2014 – Bell Avenue Business Park, 1901 Bell Ave., 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Also, the Metropolitan Waste Authority Transfer Station (MWA) at 4198 Delaware Ave, and the MWA Compost Center at 1601 Harriett, will be open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following dates:

- 8/16/2014
- 9/20/2014
- 10/18/2014
- 11/15/2014

For a complete listing of items allowed or not allowed at the sites, go to: www.dmgov.org/Departments/PublicWorks/Pages/SCRUBEvents.aspx

Hearty Chicken & Noodle Casserole

- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1 cup frozen mixed vegetables
- 2 cups cooked chicken, cubed
(or one 12.5 oz can of chicken)
- 2 cups egg noodles, cooked and drained
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese

1. Stir soup, milk, pepper, Parmesan cheese, veggies, chicken, and noodles together and place in 1-1/2 quart casserole dish.
2. Bake at 400 degrees for 25 min or until hot.
Stir.
3. Top with shredded cheese.

Options:

Use 1/2 cup French fried onions instead of topping with cheese.

Use 2 cups cooked corkscrew pasta instead of egg noodles.

Recipe provided by Virginia Gieseke who lives on 59th Street.

Recipes requested

Do you have a favorite recipe you would like to share with your neighbors? If so, please email your recipe to Eva Jablonski who maintains our Neighborhood Link website as well as our Facebook page. Email to eajmeg@gmail.com or drop them off at her home, 5616 Kingman Ave. If we get enough recipes, we might publish them in some format in the future. We also will publish some recipes in our newsletter. Our third contribution (shown above) was provided by Virginia Gieseke.

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- Placement of house numbers on curbs of residents who pay association dues—the numbers assist emergency personnel
- Welcome packets for new neighbors
- Facebook and NeighborhoodLink websites for residents

Dues for the neighborhood association are only \$10 a year. We hope many residents will join the association so we can continue to work together to make our neighborhood as strong as possible.

Residents are encouraged to contact anyone on the board if they have issues they would like to have addressed. We're here to serve all Waveland Woods residents.

A look at our flowerbeds —



The neighborhood flowerbeds are beautiful this year. Take a stroll and enjoy them. Above is the largest bed at 56th and University. Below (l.) is the flowerbed at Cummins Parkway and University and below (r.) is one of the beds at Windsor Drive and Cummins Parkway.



**Waveland Woods Neighborhood Association
New & Annual Existing Member Form**

New Member _____ Existing Member _____

Name _____

Children and ages _____

Address _____

Phone () _____

E-Mail _____

Are there any projects you would like to see the Neighborhood Association initiate or participate in?

Would you like to serve on the board or a committee?

Annual Family membership: \$10; Annual Business membership: \$25. Make checks payable to Waveland Woods Neighborhood Association and mail to:

Andy Lorentzen

5908 Chamberlain Dr.

Des Moines, IA 50312



Join Waveland Woods Neighborhood Association now to get extra perk

New and renewing members of the Waveland Woods Neighborhood Association will have their house numbers painted on the curbs in front of their homes or businesses free of charge. The curb numbers assist emergency personnel when responding to calls. Annual family association dues are \$10 per household. Business memberships are \$25 per year.

Join our neighborhood association today!

Look for us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WavelandWoods and Neighborhood Link at www.neighborhoodlink.com/Waveland_Woods.

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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. The newsletter is hand delivered to more than 400 households in the Waveland Woods neighborhood.

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.

If a homeowner is out of town or on vacation and would like the police to drive by periodically, call 283-4811.