



Residents asked to save labels and box tops for Windsor Elementary projects

By Jill Dinges, Waveland Woods resident

I'm thrilled to be the Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education Coordinator for Windsor Elementary School. Clipping Box Tops and Labels for Education is an easy way for you to help our school earn cash. Last school year, we earned over \$1,500.00 and used the money to help fund fieldtrips and other

school activities. We hope to earn the same amount this year or more with your help. Box Tops and Labels for Education can be dropped off at the collection bin outside the school office. We send in the collection three times a year - early **November**, late **February** and **June**.

Where can I find Box Tops and Labels for Education?

Common products with Box Tops labels are: Cheerios, Hamburger Helper, Kleenex brand, Pillsbury, Chex Mix, Ziploc, Betty Crocker, Hanes apparel and Green Giant. For more information, coupons and recipes, visit www.boxtops4education.com. We are also accepting **Labels for Education** from Campbell's soup, Goldfish crackers, Pop Secret, V8 and other participating brands; more info can be found at www.LabelsforEducation.com.

If we all work together to collect Box Tops, and Labels for Education, we can make a BIG difference. If you have questions, contact windsorpta.paws@yahoo.com.

Annual neighborhood association meeting to be held Nov. 11

Waveland Woods Neighborhood Association's annual meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m.** at the Windsor Elementary School library.

Sara Thies, Street Maintenance Administrator for the Des Moines Public Works Department, will be the featured speaker. There will be nominations and elections for several board positions including: president, vice president and treasurer. The newsletter editor position also needs to be filled. The meeting is open to all residents of Waveland Woods.

The Waveland Woods Neighborhood Association was reactivated three years ago after being inactive for more than five years. During the past several years, flower beds have been planted at sites in the neighborhood, annual "National Night Out" parties have been held each August, Emerald Ash Bore programs have been offered, Neighborhood Watch programs have been reactivated, streets have been resurfaced, annual garage sales have been reactivated, newsletters have been hand delivered to residents three times each year, new neighbors have received welcome packets and house numbers have been painted on the curbs of association members.

There are nearly 400 households in our neighborhood, which covers the area between 56th and 63rd Streets, and University Avenue to Interstate 235.

All new and current residents are encouraged to attend and become active in the association. Meet your neighbors and help make our neighborhood one of the best in Des Moines! We need YOU!

Final 2014 SCRUB date scheduled Nov. 15

The last 2014 SCRUB (Spring Cleanup to Reduce Urban Blight) date will be Saturday, Nov. 15, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Metro Waste Authority (MWA) Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. All yard waste should be taken to the MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.

For a complete listing of items accepted, and directions to the drop-off sites, go to:

www.dmgov.org/Departments/PublicWorks/Pages/SCRUBEvents.aspx.

City offers answers to questions

Do you see a problem with junk and debris in your area? Do you experience pot holes in our neighborhood streets? Do you have parking enforcement questions? Do you see speed violations on your street? Do you want information about volunteer opportunities in the community? The city offers answers to all of these questions on its website. Go to: www.dmgov.org and click on the services tab.

Know where to go before the snow

It's going to happen. Winter weather will soon be here and along with it, SNOW! Just a reminder that when more than 2 inches of snow falls, residential streets should be plowed. Parking is restricted on residential streets after the snow ends until they are plowed curb to curb. Tickets will be issued for parking on residential streets after the snow has stopped. Vehicle owners will be ticketed and/or towed. The cost of a ticket is \$35.

For further information, go to the Department of Public Works website: www.dmsnow.org or call the 24-hour Customer Service Center at 515-283-4950.

If you are locked out of your house, would you still be able to get in? Maybe you keep a window unlocked in the back, or a hidden key in your mailbox or on top of a window ledge?

You may think this is a good idea, but guess what? If you can get in so easily, so can a burglar.

Depression Burnt Sugar

According to tradition, one of the few treats during the scarcity of the Great Depression was a burnt sugar cake. Most homes had the basic ingredients. The recipe below comes from that era.

Equipment: 10½-inch cast iron or heavy skillet. Metal spoon. Measuring cup and spoons. Storage container.

Ingredients

- 1 c. white sugar
- 1 c. hot (tap) water

Directions

1. Heat sugar in skillet over medium low heat until sugar melts to a brown syrup.
2. Stir occasionally. (Resist stirring too much.) Watch sugar closely as it may burn.
3. Gradually add hot tap water, pouring along side of pan. It may bubble up.
4. Cook, stirring constantly, until blended and it is a medium dark brown color.
5. Remove from heat. Cool. Store.

Depression Burnt Sugar Bar-B-Q Sauce

Equipment: 1-quart sauce pan. Nonstick spoon. Measuring cup and spoons. Storage container.

Ingredients

- ¾ c. ketchup
- ½ c. Templeton Rye Whiskey or other straight whiskey
- 3 T. brown sugar
- 2 T. Depression burnt sugar (recipe above)
- 3 T. apple cider vinegar
- 1 T. A-1 Steak Sauce
- 1 T. Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp. onion powder
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- ½ tsp. black pepper

Directions

1. Measure all ingredients into pan.
2. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally
3. Reduce heat to low-medium. Continue to simmer until sauce thickens, about 30 minutes.
4. Cool and store in container.

Note: Can be made ahead.

(Our thanks to Kirby Gull, who lives on Kingman Avenue, for sharing this recipe with his neighbors. This was Kirby's State Fair recipe entry in the Templeton Rye appetizer contest. He didn't win, but did get a T-shirt and a Templeton Rye shot glass!)

Waveland Woods residents celebrate National Night Out



Our National Night Out/Summer Party on Aug. 5 drew a very good crowd. Special guests included Polk County Supervisor Angela Connolly as well as representatives from the Des Moines Police and Fire Departments. Highlights of the evening included inside views for youngsters of one of the fire department's large trucks, free ice cream treats from the Big Chill Ice Cream Truck, face painting, games for kids and a number of free prizes. Cookbook recipients included: Stella Logsdon of Chamberlain Dr., Katie Brandt of Kingman Ave., Sara Prehm of Rutland Dr. and Gary Ford of Chamberlain Dr. Winners of free golf rounds with carts included: Marna Ford of Chamberlain Dr., Marlene Foster of 58th St., Dennetta Groomes of Taylor St., Colton Zetterberg of 59th St. and Carolyn Ashby of 59th St. Other prize winners were: Perpetua Willard of Rutland Dr., a Union Park Carousel ride; Judy Risvold of 59th St., a Gray's Lake boat rental; Kaylee Reininga of 56th St., free swim for two adults and two children at any Des Moines public pool; and Leonard Willard of Rutland Dr., a free park shelter rental.



