



Waunakee Neighborhood Connection

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MY NEIGHBOR

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CLIENT SHOPPING

Mon March 29, 8a-noon

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Mon Apr 12th, 5-7p

Wed Apr 21st, 10a-1p

Mon Apr 26th, 8a-noon

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Mon May 3rd, 5-7p

Wed May 19th, 10a-1p

Mon May 24th, 8a-noon

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Mon June 7th, 5-7p

Wed June 23rd 10a-1p

SPECIAL NOTE:

Please review the calendar closely. Our normal client shopping dates have moved in the upcoming months due to holidays, and new summer hours.

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 wait until you have bags ready to pick up before moving your car to the front of the store.

Spring Cleaning!

Did you enjoy your meal and bucket of cleaning supplies? No excuses, spring cleaning helps us chase the winter blahs away.

If you do not need the cloth grocery bag or bucket that your items were delivered in please return them to us for use in our next program. You can drop them off at the WNC store (see calendar), the police station (Mon-Fri 7a-5p) which is a WNC drop-off location, or the Waunakee Senior Center.

Those new to WNC and have not registered at the store yet, welcome! Please note that we currently have you registered as a "meals only" client". If you would like to receive other WNC services besides our holiday meals, you must first register at the store. To learn more about our programs and services visit our website, or call/email us with any questions.

Garage Sales

WNC is having a garage sale with Crossroads United Methodist Church **May 6-8**, during the annual village-wide Waunakee Garage Sale Weekend. We need many volunteers to sign-up for shifts to help with setup and running the sale. This is a great way for you to give back to WNC and your community. Please contact us if you are interested in helping.

English Group Classes

WNC invites you to participate in "English Group", a new English Language class offered in partnership with Waunakee Schools. **Join us for six weeks, on Tuesdays, from April 20th-May 25th, from 12:30-2pm.** This is a free class for anyone who wishes to improve their English language fluency. Children are welcome! English Group will meet in the conference room of the Teaching and Learning Center at 101 School Dr., in Waunakee (behind the library). Contact us with questions!

Important store updates:

Needs Lists

We would like to notify you of a change to our needs list program. Effective immediately, we will no longer take requests for clothing items. You can continue to list on your store shopping form specific clothing items you need that you didn't find at the store, so that we know what we are out of. However, we can no longer "pull" and hold clothing for you, as it is too challenging to match the right size and personal preference. Please come back every month to see what new items we've gotten in.

REMINDER: Once we notify you that we have something on your needs list held for you, you have two weeks to arrange to come to the store and pick it up. We have had several clients recently, not take time to come in or to call, and the items being held for them were given to others, and they are now no longer eligible to put those items on their needs list. We know the challenges of getting rides and finding time, however it is critical that you ask friends to help with a ride or pick up an item for you. Items can be picked up during any hours the store is open, although shopping is not available during volunteer hours.

Store Hours Change for Summer

During the summer, the store will be open every Wednesday from 8-11am for volunteering. **For client shopping, we will have one Monday night, and one Wednesday morning each month.** Please watch the calendar closely, as the specific dates we are open will vary due to family vacations and other commitments, as we are all volunteers.

What's "in store"?

April - Spring/Summer clothing & sports equipment is out & laundry soap available.

May - Receive a toiletry item and shaving cream.

June - Laundry Soap and Fun in the Sun Kits

Mother's Day Gift of Gratitude!

We again are honoring **all WNC women, who are registered at the store and have participated in WNC programs other than just our holiday meals**, with a Mother's Day with a Gift of Gratitude gift bag filled with special items! **Your gift will be delivered to you on Saturday, May 8th between 1:30-4:30pm.** If you will not be home on May 8th from 1:30-4:30pm, please call WNC at (608) 849-5740 to arrange another pick up time. You will receive a reminder postcard closer to delivery as well. Enjoy your day!

Food Pantry

We had incorrectly published the food pantry's days/hours of operation in our resource information provided to you during 2009 fall registration. The food pantry is open the **2nd Saturday 9-11am** and the **4th Tuesday 4:30-6:30pm** of each month. Our website has the updated information, and we have a flyer with the days and times for 2010 available in the store.

Free computer use

(608)
849-
8385

Don't have a computer at home to file taxes, look for resources, or use for your children's homework? There are a couple of free resources for you here in Waunakee:

A. **Seniors** (ages 55+) can use one of two computers at the Senior Center during regular business hours for internet, e-mail, and basic computer work.

B. **All residents** can utilize computers at the Waunakee Public Library during business hours. You must have a library card, and it is recommended when possible to reserve a computer in advance to ensure you have the time you need. You can reserve computers on the library website at www.waunakeepubliclibrary.org or by calling the library at (608) 849-4217.



Taxes?

Have you filed your taxes yet? If not, please note that those with a household income under \$45,000/year are eligible for free in-person help. All can receive free help for electronic filing. Here's some places to call for help.

- **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** **1-800-829-1040** provides on-site assistance at many locations
- **United Way 211** has lists of places to get help for all types of needs (**dial 2-1-1**)
- **Those over 60: AARP** provides help at the Village Center. You must call for an appointment at **(608) 849-8385**.
- **IRS** provides free help, call **(800) 829-1040**.

Job training

Do you need some help looking for employment or considering taking some classes or going back to school? One of our friends told us about the **Job Center of Wisconsin, located at 1819 Aberg Ave. (608) 242-7400**. They have resources & workshops available, work to partner the unemployed with businesses needing help, provides assistance for school and even provides reimbursement for gas to get to classes, **IF you are registered** with them, and signed up for classes through them. As with all the resource information we pass on, please check into it yourself. Good Luck!

Don't forget on the month of your birthday to come in and get your birthday bag. Currently the bags have a cake mix, 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, so come to the store and pick it up!

April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 April Fools Day!	2 CLOSED No School	3
4 Happy Easter	No School!					
11	12 Volunteer 8-Noon CLIENT Shopping 5-7pm	13 Easter Meal Donation Deadline	14	15	16 Volunteer & Donations 8-Noon	17
18	19 Volunteer & Donations 8-Noon 5-7pm	20	21 CLIENT Shopping 10am-1pm JFF & Translator	22	23 Volunteer & Donations 8-Noon	24 Volunteer & Donations 9-Noon
25	26 CLIENT Shopping 8-Noon	27	28	29	30	May 1

May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sat 1/ Sun 2	3 Volunteer 8-Noon CLIENT Shopping 5-7pm	4	5	Garage Sale Weekend WNC Sale at Crossroads United Methodist Church		
9 Happy Mothers Day	10 Volunteer & Donations 8-Noon	11	12	13	14 Volunteer & Donations 8-Noon	15
16	17 Volunteer & Donations 8-Noon 5-7pm	18	19 CLIENT Shopping 10am-1pm JFF & Translator	20	21 Volunteer & Donations 8-Noon	22
23	24 CLIENT Shopping 8-Noon	25	26	27	28 Volunteer & Donations 8-11am Early Release	29
30	31 CLOSED No School Memorial Day					

June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Volunteer & Donations 8-Noon	5
6	7 Volunteer 8-Noon CLIENT Shopping 5-7pm	8	9	10 Last Day of School	11 Volunteer & Donations 8-Noon	12
13	14	15	16 Volunteer & Donations 8-11am	17	18	19
20 Happy Father's Day	21	22	23 CLIENT Shopping 8-11am	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Volunteer & Donations 8-11am			

July 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Fourth of July	5	6	7 Volunteer & Donations 8-11am	8	9	10
11	12 CLIENT Shopping 5-7pm	13	14 Volunteer & Donations 8-11am	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 CLIENT Shopping 8-11am	22	23 WaunaFest Food Booth 4-11pm	24 WaunaFest Food Booth 9:30a-11p
25 WaunaFest Food Booth 9:30a-4pm Parade at 11:00am	26	27	28 Volunteer & Donations 8-11am	29	30	31