



**THE VILLAGE OF WAUNAKEE EVENTS AND ISSUES IN REVIEW**

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## The State of the Village

by John Laubmeier

**“Government is a trust, and the officers of the government are trustees; and both the trust and the trustees are created for the benefit of the people.”** John C. Calhoun, 1835

With it being a new year, both Barack Obama and Jim Doyle gave us a “state of” speech on national and state issues. The purpose of this newsletter is to shed some light on the “state of” your local government and some of the important decisions that we face. Many things are going very well. Some things are highly controversial. Let us begin.

### Emergency Responders

Our community is fortunate to have volunteer fire and EMS departments. The volunteers not only give of their time for the benefit of all, they are highly skilled at what they do. One can only guess at what the cost to the taxpayer would be if we had to pay for their services. Currently, with financial help from surrounding towns, both the EMS and fire stations are being remodeled. These remodel projects came after years of planning and were commenced when building costs and interest rates were at historic lows. These new facilities will help assure the cost saving of skilled volunteer departments into the foreseeable future.

The police department just finished 2009 with a remarkable success story. The FBI, by community, keeps track of a list of major crimes called the Uniform Crime Reports (burglary, robbery, aggravated assault, etc.). Waunakee’s

clearance rate by arrest was at 55% (approximately twice the state average). Burglary, for example, has a state clearance rate of 15%. Waunakee’s clearance rate was 51%.

A major concern for all of us, and in particular our emergency responders, is a Dane County plan to purchase new radio communication equipment and pass on much of the upkeep costs to local governments. This is a significant change from past practice. Currently, five Wisconsin counties have adopted a unified radio system for emergency responders (first identified as a major need during the 9/11 attacks). Of the five, four have all communities on board and participating. In these four, the costs were continued to be paid at the county level. Work toward resolution of this issue is on-going as this is being written.

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## Special interests

### Village Hall Office Hours

From Labor Day to Memorial Day  
Monday through Friday  
7:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

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### Finance Issues

Local communities are facing unprecedented budget problems caused by the recession, the decline of state aids, and the decline of property values. While there is talk of a “second bump” (another recession), Waunakee has weathered the present recession reasonably well. The Village has maintained its A1 (Moody’s) bond rating. Faced with declining revenues, local governments were forced to raise taxes and cut spending. For the year 2009, the Village’s property tax increase was less than that of the school district, MATC, and the county. Meanwhile, the Village qualified for the “Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Report” for the sixth consecutive year and the “Distinguished Budget Award” (from the Governmental Finance Officers Association) for the eighth consecutive

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year. Hats off to Finance Director, David Ferris, and his department.

## Transportation

In 2009, the Village spent \$1.2 million on street improvement projects. In addition, substantial repairs took place to repair the roof of the Village Hall. Endres Mfg. provided substantial free help in making repairs at the Village library.

The Village is on a five-year plan for street improvements so that costs are spread evenly over the years and streets stay in good repair. For 2010/11, the Village is working toward completion of a reconstruction of the Mill Road area.

Still another transportation issue is obviously the State Department of Transportation's proposal to reconstruct Main Street. This project has been delayed several times, and the DOT's proposal has changed several times. At one point, the DOT wanted to construct a four-lane highway through downtown Waunakee and eliminate all on-street parking. Still another proposal by the DOT was a new signalized intersection at the intersecting of State Trunk Highways 113 and 19. This new signalized intersection would take a great deal of land from local businesses and even be a threat to the historic home next to Walgreens. Still another proposal of the DOT is a roundabout at this intersection. While this proposal would take less land from the local businesses, it would still involve some land loss. As I write this, the DOT has not provided its final intentions for this intersection. The DOT continues to insist, based on decades of traffic studies, that a roundabout is the safest proposal.

## Library

In 2009, circulation of loaned items increased more than 9% from 2008 (283,000+ items). Over 9,000 people attended 269 programs. Needless to say, the need to expand the library is a growing issue. Members of the library board have been working with the Village in an effort to look at alternative ways to resolve this issue. It would take many paragraphs to describe all of the issues.

Although no formal vote has been taken on the matter by the Village Board, trustee comments indicate that at this time there are too many issues and unanswered questions to go forward with a referendum for construction of a 10+ million dollar library. Examples of issues and unanswered questions include when the DOT is going to redevelop Main Street, what effect significant borrowing would have on the Village's bond rating (and conservative self-imposed borrowing limits), what the operating costs of the new library will be, what impact the school referendums will have on property taxes, and what development proposals would be made without a library in the mix. Postponement of construction of a library until these questions are answered is the prudent approach. At this time, the Board is likely to approve seeking development proposals for the Main Madison site without the library as a part of the mix.

## Waunakee Utilities

A new well is being dug at the intersection of North Madison and Easy Streets. A contract was completed with a cellular phone company to place additional antennas on a water tower. The Utilities take in approximately \$150,000/year in rental fees from cellular phone companies.

## Community Services

The Community/Senior Center continues to be a hub of activity in the downtown. Over 500 kids participated in the youth basketball program. Over 1,100 kids participated in the Little League baseball and softball programs. Daily visits to the fitness center (by FIT pass holders and drop-in customers) totaled over 58,000 in 2009 (a ten percent increase over 2008).

Meanwhile, from 2008-2009, the Senior Center saw a seven percent increase (to 6699) of senior meals served on site and a two percent increase (to 10,502) in home delivered meals. Case managers had over 2,000 direct contacts with clients. Senior Center volunteers provided over 600 rides to doctor appointments and provided nearly 3,000 volunteer hours at the center.

## Conclusion

The "state" of the Village of Waunakee is pretty good. Based on past prudent budgeting, we seem to have weathered the storm of the recession and the decline in state aids fairly well. However, as you can see from the above, we face serious decisions. Members of the Village Board welcome your thoughts and encourage residents to help find solutions to the challenges we face. While unanimity of opinion from the public is never possible, the Village Trustees will continue to work with community volunteers on the various committees to seek good advice and make decisions of benefit to the people.



## Become a Friend of the Parks

Do you love the parks, conservancies and trails in your neighborhood and throughout Waunakee? Are you looking for new ways to get involved in the community and make new friends? Are you interested in learning more about prairies? Do you enjoy working outside in the sunshine? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then consider joining the Friends of the Parks! The Friends group will help maintain our beautiful parks and enhance the existing facilities. Work will begin in the spring of 2010. You don't have to be an expert naturalist to join; you'll be able to learn about native and invasive species as you volunteer. For more information or to get involved, please contact Sandy Frankland at [fgreenlawn@tds.net](mailto:fgreenlawn@tds.net) or 849-7158, or Joleen Stinson at the Village Center at [jstinson@vil.waunakee.wi.us](mailto:jstinson@vil.waunakee.wi.us) or 850-5992. You are also welcome to contact any of the Park and Recreation Committee members.

## April 6, 2010 is Election Day!

The Spring Election consists of candidates for Court of Appeals Judge, District IV; Circuit Court Judge, Dane County Branches 4, 5, 14, 15, 16, and 17; County Supervisor, District 25, Village Trustee, three at-large seats; Municipal Judge; and School Board Members, three at-large seats from Village of Waunakee and one at-large seat from Town of Dane/Springfield.

Village of Waunakee Trustees up for re-election for 2-year terms are Chris Zellner, Gary Herzberg, and Stephen Kraus. The Waunakee Municipal Judge up for re-election for a 2-year term is John D. Hyland.

Voter registration information can be reviewed on the State of Wisconsin Voter Public Access website at <https://vpa.wi.gov>. Please check this website to verify your name and current address are correct. This will save you time and paperwork when coming to vote on Election Day. If you are not currently registered to vote in Waunakee or need to make a change to your registration, please stop in the Village Hall prior to Election Day with proof of residence that includes your complete name and current residential address within the Village of Waunakee. Registration may also be completed at the Village Center on Election Day with proof of residence.

Examples of proof of residence (must include your complete name and current residential address within the Village of Waunakee):

- A current, valid Wisconsin Driver License or Wisconsin ID card
- Any other official identification card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body or unit
- A document issued by a government body
- A real property tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding the date of the election
- A current residential lease
- A utility bill for the period

commencing not earlier than 90 days before the day of registration is made

- A current bank statement
- A current paycheck or government check
- A corroborator (witness) who lives within the Village of Waunakee and can provide proof of residence

Absentee voting is an option for those people who may be out of town on Election Day, in a nursing home, or indefinitely confined to their homes. Any person requesting an absentee ballot must be a registered voter in the Village of Waunakee. Voter registration application forms and requests for an absentee ballot applications can be found on our website at: [www.vil.waunakee.wi.us](http://www.vil.waunakee.wi.us) or at the Village Hall, 500 W. Main Street. Upon receipt of a request for absentee ballot, a ballot will be mailed to you including all instructions and a return envelope. This is a great option for those who fly south for the winter months. Please contact the Clerk's Department at 608-850-2829 for voting information.

## Waunakee Residential Spring Clean-Up

Green Valley Disposal and the Village of Waunakee Public Works Department are planning a Spring Clean-up for the week of May 24 on your regularly scheduled garbage day. There will be a flyer mailed out in April listing the items that we can and can not pickup that week so, please watch for the flyer for more details.



## Identity Theft—A Nightmare!

Don't let it happen to you. Learn how to prevent identity theft from Detective Brian Pittsley of the Waunakee Police Department and experts from the State Office of Privacy Protection. Hear what to do when it happens from Joe Stafford, who will describe his five-year ordeal after his identity was stolen. Check at the library for details.

## Brush Collection

Brush will be collected on a weekly basis starting March 15. Please have your brush out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday. Place brush on terrace or in alley with the cut ends toward the street or alley. Leave branches as long as possible as this will save you and our crews' time. Brush is considered as limbs and branches from trees and large shrubs. All other woody vegetation such as plant stalks, small bush trimmings, etc., will not be collected. This type of material can be taken to the compost site on County Trunk Highway Q south of town.

If you have a contractor trim or prune your trees or bushes, they are responsible for the removal of the brush. If you have any questions about the collection, call the Public Works Garage at 849-5892.

## Spring Leaf Collection

The Public Works Department will conduct leaf collection in April. Dates are not set at this time. Watch for dates and details in the "Chat" section of the Tribune or call the Public Works Garage at 849-5892 in early April for more information.

## Library Board

The Board of Trustees meets the second Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the programming room downstairs. Meetings are open to everyone. Trustees are Gary Herzberg, President; Claudine Towers, Secretary; Jean Elvekrog, Mary Lynn Liegel, and Cindy Turner.

## Library Card

To apply for a library card, bring current photo identification and proof of your current address, such as a driver's license, checkbook, or utility bill. You must have your card or current photo identification to borrow materials. Library card number and PIN are used to sign on to the Internet computers and used for self-checkout. New and expired cards are free; replacement cards are \$1.00.

If you need special accommodations to attend programs, please call 849-4217 two weeks in advance.

## Wii Love the Library

Come try your hand at a Wii Sport! Challenge a friend to a game of bowling, tennis, or baseball—right in the library.

Day: Monday  
Date: April 12  
Time: Noon to 6:00 p.m.

## Intermediate and Teen Programs

### Intermediate Book Group

Love to read? Like to play games and talk about books? Join the Intermediate Book Group for 5th and 6th graders. Each month we will celebrate a different book, series or author. Plus, we'll have snacks and share ideas of fun books to read. Join us Thursday afternoons!

Day: Thursday  
Dates: March 18 and April 22  
Time: 3:30 p.m.

### Teen Book Group

Read what YOU want, come tell us about it! Gather with other teens that love books and talk about what you have read lately—good and bad! We always have snacks and sometimes we even have free books. See you there!

Day: Monday  
Dates: March 8, April 19, May 3  
Time: 3:45 p.m.

### PKF—Putting Kids First!

PKF is the library's Teen Council. Each month members meet to discuss and plan library programs, collection and services for area teens. It is a great way to get involved in the library, it looks great on your college application and we always have snacks! Interested students in grades 7 and up are invited to be part of PKF.

Day: Wednesday  
Dates: March 17, April 21, May 12  
Time: 3:45 p.m.

## Teen Volunteers

Are you interested in volunteering at the library this summer? Teen volunteers help the library in many ways, including handing out reading prizes, helping younger children with crafts and lending a hand during large events. Volunteers must have completed at least 6th grade. For more information, see Lisa or pick up an application starting April 1.

## Programs for Adults

### Irish Fiddlin' for St. Patty's

You'll feel like you're in Ireland! Traditional Irish fiddler Alan Ng will have us speaking with a brogue after his program, "*Wearing o' the Green with Toe-Tapping Irish Music.*" Mr. Ng writes on his web page that "Irish traditional fiddle has been his specialty since 1993, when he moved to Madison and got introduced to the addictive world of Irish sessioning thanks to the regulars at the glorious weekly session at the old Mickey's. At that point he happily and utterly abandoned his lifelong experience playing and performing classical violin and immersed himself so deeply in Irish music that it could take over every habit of every muscle in his body." Faith and begorra, it'll be grand! The program is sponsored by the library and the senior center.

Day: Thursday  
Date: March 11  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

## Waunakee Public Library

710 South Street

Phone: 849-4217

Email: [waupl@scls.lib.wi.us](mailto:waupl@scls.lib.wi.us)

Web: [www.waunakeepubliclibrary.org](http://www.waunakeepubliclibrary.org)

Facebook: Waunakee Public Library

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Library will be closed Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day

## Wisconsin's Most Haunted Locations—in Your Own Backyard!

Paranormal researcher Chad Lewis will enthrall us with his knowledge of woodland phantom creatures, graveyard apparitions, possessed statues, and phantom hell hounds we never knew existed. Mr. Lewis is author of the "Hidden Headlines" series and searches the world for the paranormal in his travels. He has been featured on the Discovery Channel and ABC network's "World's Scariest Places." Are you afraid of the dark?

Day: Tuesday  
Date: April 13  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

## Acclaimed Fantasy Author Visits May 18

Patrick Rothfuss, whose first novel is a best-selling fantasy, will be here for a reading and book signing of The Name of the Wind, the "mind-blowing" first book in his Kingkiller Chronicle trilogy. The second volume, The Wise Man's Fear, will be published later this year. Mr. Rothfuss teaches English at UW-Stevens Point. Amazon.com included the book on their "Best of the Year...So Far Pick for 2007," with reviewer Daphne Durham writing, "Harry Potter fans craving a new mind-blowing series should look no further than The Name of the Wind...about an orphan boy who becomes a legend. Full of music, magic, love, and loss, Patrick Rothfuss's vivid and engaging debut fantasy knocked our socks off." The Onion AV Club said it is "quite simply the best fantasy novel of the past 10 years, although attaching a genre qualification threatens to damn it with faint praise. Say instead that The Name of the Wind is one of the best stories told in any medium in a decade. His debut novel combines the intricate stories-within-stories structure of The Arabian Nights with the academic setting of the Harry Potter series, and transforms it all into a brooding, thoroughly adult meditation on how heroism went wrong." Another glowing review came from the San Francisco Chronicle: "No

ordinary fantasy full of pointless quests and overblown drama. It is a finely tuned coming-of-age story, full of humor, action and the occasional dose of magic." Mr. Rothfuss, describes himself as "a perpetual student, role-playing geek, and connoisseur of rejection letters." Find out more about Mr. Rothfuss at [www.patrickrothfuss.com](http://www.patrickrothfuss.com).

Day: Tuesday  
Date: May 18  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

## Humanities Lectures

Join us this spring for our humanities lecture series "Wisconsin: Through the Ages" and learn about our land, native cultures, foods, and music. "Funded in part by a grant from the Wisconsin Humanities Council, with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the State of Wisconsin. Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in this project do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Wisconsin Humanities Council supports public programs that engage the people of Wisconsin in the exploration of human cultures, ideas and values."

Dr. David Mickelson leads off the series with "Glacial Landscapes of Wisconsin." He will guide us through our state's unique land features such as kettle holes and drumlins, highlighting features along the 1200-mile Ice Age National Scenic Trail using slides from modern glaciers. The lecture will conclude with a question and answer period and a display provided by the Ice Age Trail Alliance.

Day: Tuesday  
Date: March 9  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Patty Loew will chronicle the 12 Indian Nations of Wisconsin, focusing on their common historical experiences including encounters, migration, boarding schools, allotment and revitalization. She will also discuss the characteristics that make each community culturally distinct. A display of art and books relevant to the lecture is included.

Day: Monday  
Date: March 22  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

"The Flavor of Wisconsin: History and Culture through Recipes" is author Terese Allen's topic. She will share the stories behind some of our state's favorite foods and recipes for varied foodways (culinary folklore) such as cream puffs, Hmong egg rolls and fish boils. The program will conclude with a lesson on Wisconsin cheese and a cheese sampling.

Day: Tuesday  
Date: April 20  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Richard March will weave a melodic tale in "From Deutschland to Dutchman: German-American Music in the Upper Midwest." He will address the German-American immigrant's regional folk music styles and traditions in Wisconsin. His talk and musical demonstration will address the origins, history and outstanding musicians of the German-American heritage who have shaped these music traditions.

Day: Tuesday  
Date: May 11  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

## Friends of the Library Plant Sale

It's a first—Friends of the Library will have a plant sale at the library during the weekend of the village-wide Spring Garage Sale. It's an easy way to add color to your yard while you help the library. Gardeners: we would appreciate donations of your extra plants for this fundraiser. Further details will be posted in the library and in the Waunakee Tribune.

## Children's Programming

### Story Times

Registration is required. Please register for the class and time that works best for you. Siblings and caregivers are always welcome to attend with the registered child.

### Book Babies

It's never too early to read with your baby! Infants (newborn to just walking) and a favorite adult are invited to a special series of lapsit story times with Molly. We'll share fun rhymes, stories, and literacy activities for the youngest pre-readers. After the 20-minute program there will be informal play and chat time. Space is limited and registration is required.

Day: Monday  
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.  
Dates: April 12, 19, 26

### Toddler Time

Toddler Time is full of songs, activities and stories especially for 1- and 2-year-olds and their caregivers. Activities are designed for you and your child to share together with the group.

Day: Thursday  
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.  
Dates: Through April 30 (does not meet April 1 or 8).

### Teddy Bear Time

Teddy Bear Time has songs, activities, stories and fun especially for 2- and 3-year-olds and their caregivers. Activities are designed for you and your child to share together with the group.

Day: Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Dates: Through April 30 (no class March 30 or 31 or April 6 or 7)

## Preschool Programming

### Storycrafters

A story and simple craft for preschoolers ages 2 to 5 and a favorite adult. Space is limited and registration is required.

Day: Monday  
Dates: March 15, "*Spring*"  
May 3, "*We Love Mom!*"  
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

### Where the Wild Things Are—A Silly Monster Party

Preschoolers, bring a favorite adult for silly monster fun and help us celebrate Children's Book Week! We'll share our favorite silly monster stories, songs and rhymes. Plus, we'll make a fun monster craft and have a monster snack!

Day: Wednesday  
Date: May 12  
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

### Preschool Story Time

Preschool Story Time is full of songs, activities, stories and fun for older preschoolers who are ready for a group experience on their own.

Day: Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Dates: Through April 30 (no class March 30 or 31, or April 6 or 7)

### Preschool Special Events

Pajama Time for Preschool Families. Preschoolers wear your coziest pjs and bring a favorite adult for fun stories, songs, and rhymes!

Day: Monday  
Dates: March 15, April 19, May 17  
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### Preschool Movies

Popcorn and a movie, just for you! Come to the library for 30 minutes of movies based on some of our favorite picture books for preschoolers. We will have popcorn but you may want to "byosc"—bring your own sippy cup!

Day: Tuesday  
Date: April 6  
Time: 10:00 a.m.

## Elementary Programs

### After School Adventures

After School Adventures are held once a month during the school year for children in grades K-4. They are different every month and usually feature special guests. Registration is required for each adventure. Please register at the library or call 849-4217, or register online at [www.waunakeepubliclibrary.org](http://www.waunakeepubliclibrary.org) the beginning of each month.

Day: Thursday  
Time: 3:10 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Dates: March 11, "*Dig into Dinosaurs.*"

Have fun learning about the lifestyles, behaviors and adaptations of dinosaurs with activities, stories and a recreated fossil bed! This program from the Madison Children's Museum is a fun introduction to paleontology and science theories.

April 15, "*A Visit by Laura Ingalls Wilder.*" One of our most beloved authors, Laura Ingalls Wilder, was born in Wisconsin in 1867. See Mrs. Wilder (portrayed by Patricia Day) and hear stories about pioneer life. You may even want to read one of Mrs. Wilder's great books before the program!

### Homeschool Family Book Break

Homeschool families, you are invited to a Family Book Break! Each month we read a different book, and then meet together for activities and discussion. Some months feature a guest presentation. Books are chosen by the group. Please register by calling 849-4217. See our online calendar or call the library for more details, including the title of the book we will be reading each month.

Day: Friday  
Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Dates: March 19: "*Misty of Chincoteague*" by Marguerite Henry,  
April 23: "*The Secret Garden*" by Frances Hodgson Burnett

## Craft Supplies Needed

When the Spring Cleaning Bug hits, please remember that the library can use your unwanted crafting supplies for children's programs. Pipe cleaners, tissue paper, pompoms, wiggly eyes, felt—you name it and we could use it! Donations can be dropped off at the downstairs desk. Thank you!

## Special Performances and Events

### Playtime Production

Join the Playtime Production cast of talented young actors from the Madison area for this family-friendly version of a timeless classic, "Sleeping Beauty." Playtime Productions is sponsored by Friends of the Library and admission is free, but donations are appreciated to cover expenses.

Day: Wednesday

Date: April 14

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Performing Arts Center, Waunakee Community High School

### Family Spring Celebration

Bring the entire family and celebrate the beginning of spring with a special Picturing America Art in a Suitcase program, "Name That Bird!" Learn all about John James Audubon, an American pioneer, adventurer, artist and environmentalist. Find out how he endured many hardships to reach his amazing goal of painting all the birds of North America. We will take a look at his fabulous art and then draw our own favorite birds. Don't miss this fun, active and artistic program.

Day: Tuesday

Date: March 23

Time: 6:30 p.m.

### Family Game Day

Tired of being home for Spring Break? Bring the family to the library programming room for board and card games and a puzzle we can solve together. We'll have many games to play, or you can bring a favorite from home. Snacks will be served.

Day: Monday

Date: April 5

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Litter Critter Drop-in Craft

A jumping grasshopper from an egg carton, a butterfly from a toilet paper tube or bumble bee from a paper cup. What can you make using our craft supplies and everyday household items? Come be creative and take home your very own Litter Critter! We'll have samples and ideas. Registration is not required for this FREE program.

Day: Wednesday

Date: April 7

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### Spring Break Movie

Come see the fun new movie based on the children's book by Judi Barrett and Ron Barrett. This animated adventure follows a scientist who tries to solve world hunger only to see things go awry as food falls from the sky. This is the most delicious event since macaroni met cheese! We'll serve popcorn, pretzels and Kool-Aid or you can bring your own snack. For more information, including movie details, please call the library at 849-4217.

Day: Thursday

Date: April 8

Time: 1:00 p.m.

## National Library Week

### April 12-17

"Communities Thrive @ Your Library" is the theme for National Library Week. Stop by your library this week and help us celebrate!

### Library Scavenger Hunt

Follow the clues to earn a prize! Pick up a form at the downstairs library desk. Happy hunting! For all ages.  
Dates: April 12 to 17

### With Wings and A Halo—R.E.A.C.H. A Child Book Drive

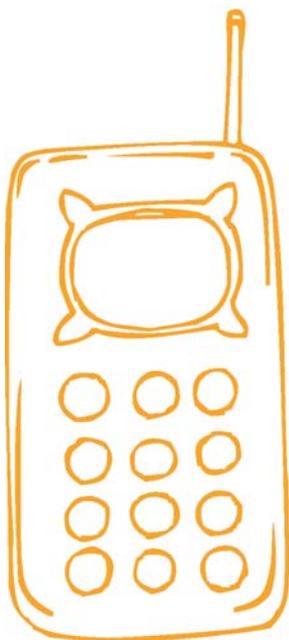
Celebrate National Library Week and the joy of reading by bringing a new or gently used book to the library for the local organization "With Wings and a Halo—Reach a Child." This non-profit organization, based in Waunakee, provides books to officers and first responders to give to children at the scene of an accident, fire, domestic disturbance or other stressful situations where children are involved. Please bring book donations to the downstairs desk anytime during library hours all week.

## Library Circulation Still Growing

In 2009 the library loaned nearly 285,000 items to the community, an increase of 9.1 percent over last year. In the last five years, circulation at the library has gone up 30 percent. Throughout the year we had approximately 1,500 patrons come to the library to use Internet service, or more than 50 people a day. The Forever Fund Committee was successful in raising over \$75,000 to create an endowment to fund special programs and projects at the library. When combined with matching funds from the Madison Community Foundation, the library begins 2010 with an endowment of over \$110,000, funds we did not have in 2009.

## Looking for Old Cell Phones!!

By partnering with Cellular Recycler, the National Coalition of Aging has developed a way for the National Institute of Senior Centers to collect used cell phones for fundraising and to help the environment by keeping phones out of our nation's landfills. We have a box at the Senior Center's North entrance to collect old cell phones. Ninety percent of the proceeds from our collection go directly to our Senior Center. Thanks to all who have donated!



## Senior Center Services

### Meals

Meals are served Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. A reservation must be made by 2:00 p.m. the day before to eat at the senior center or receive home delivered meals. Transportation to and from the Senior Center to attend meals is available. Call 849-8385 for more information or to make a reservation.

### Blood Pressure Screening

Blood pressure screening is held the second Tuesday each month at 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and the fourth Tuesday each month at 11:00 a.m. Service is provided by Interim Health Care.

### Foot Care Clinic

Foot Care Clinic is available monthly on the first Wednesday, the second and third Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. and the fourth Tuesday at 12:00 p.m. Bring \$10.00 and two small towels. Call 849-8385 to make an appointment. Service is provided by Interim Health Care.

### Massage Therapy

Massage therapy is available every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and now occasional Mondays. Cost is \$33.00 for half an hour and \$55.00 for a full hour. Call 849-8385 for an appointment. Gift certificates are available.

### Loan Closet

The Senior Center has a loan closet of health care aids such as walkers, canes, and wheelchairs. These items are for short-term use. Check with your physician if you need one of these items on a long-term basis.

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*For more information about Waunakee Senior Center services and programs, call 849-8385 or stop in at 333 South Madison Street or visit the village website at [www.vil.waunakee.wi.us](http://www.vil.waunakee.wi.us).*

## Support Groups

### Caregiver Support Group

The Waunakee Area Caregiver Support Group meets the third Wednesday of each month from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Waunakee Area Senior Center. Join us in a private and confidential setting for an opportunity to meet others in your situation and develop a mutual support system. Through discussion, education, and problem solving, you will learn ways to adapt to the continuing stress of coping with the challenges of caregiving. If you have any questions, are in need of respite care, or require transportation to the support group meeting, please call the Senior Center at 849-8385.

### Heartbeat

Support for those who have lost a loved one through suicide. This is a support group meeting for anyone who has experienced the loss of someone by suicide and those who care about survivors. Whether your loss has been recent or in the past, you are welcome to attend. The group meets the third Thursday each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Waunakee Senior Center. There is no fee to attend and childcare is available through the Village Center. For further information, please contact Carrie, the Chapter Leader, at 850-5810, or Senior Center Director, Cindy Mosiman, at 849-8385.

### Parkinson's Support Group

This group is for anyone who is affected by Parkinson's disease. This includes those who have Parkinson's disease, their family members, and caregivers. This group will meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at the Waunakee Senior Center. If you would like more information, please contact Jessica Olejniczak at (608) 229-7628 or email: [Parkinson-assn@ssmhc.com](mailto:Parkinson-assn@ssmhc.com).

## Senior Center Group Activities

### Book Club

Book Club meets at 6:45 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Call the Senior Center for details. All are welcome!

### Monday Bridge

Senior Bridge is played each Monday at 12:00 p.m. in the Activity Room.

### Drop-In Bridge

Anyone is welcome to play each Monday at 1:00 p.m. in the Senior Center Dining Room. Please call the Senior Center at 849-8385 for more information.

### Duplicate Bridge

We have six individuals signed up to play duplicate bridge but we need a few more to get it started. Call the Senior Center at 849-8385 to let us know you're ready to play!

### Thursday Euchre

Euchre is played each Thursday at 12:45 p.m. Cost to play \$1.50. All money paid is given out as prizes.

### Wood Carvers

Are you interested in learning to carve? Visit the Wood Carvers on Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Senior Center stage area for carving instruction. They have spare tools (sorry no electronic carving tools can be used) to get you started and can direct you as to what supplies you will need as you learn. Feel free to join the group anytime, just bring yourself.

### Mah Jongg

Our Mah Jongg group meets every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. Come on in and join the fun.

### Let's Scrabble

Scrabble group meets Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. If you are good with words and enjoy playing scrabble, come join us.



### Senior Stamping Group

The stamping group meets the second Wednesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bring your own projects and enjoy each other's company while creating your own projects. Everyone is welcome!

### Painting Group

The painting group meets the first and third Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. each month. Bring your own watercolor, acrylic, or oil paint project and work on it in the company of friends. Anyone is welcome to participate anytime.

### Wii Bowling

The Senior Center offers Wii bowling every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. Four can bowl at a time so we ask you to call Diane at 849-8385, and reserve your time slot. Virtual bowling is fun and easy on the joints, anyone can do it.

## The Gift That Will Last Forever

In an ongoing fundraising effort, the Waunakee Area Senior Center is offering an opportunity to purchase a 24" by 24" engraved tile to be placed on the Senior Center patio. The patio, which overlooks beautiful Village Park, has 136 tiles. Your purchase of a whole or half engraved tile will be a lasting symbol of your generosity to your community. You may have your name, the name of a loved one, family names, or business engraved on the tile.

The cost of a full 24" by 24" tile is \$500, and \$300 for half of a tile. For an additional \$25, a logo may be placed on the tile. Please call the Senior Center at 849-8385 for more information or visit the Senior Center to see the engraved tiles already placed on our patio.



## SilverNotes

The Senior Center publishes "SilverNotes," a monthly newsletter. To receive the "SilverNotes" newsletter by mail, for a small fee (\$6.00 annually), contact Diane at 849-8385. Or you can stop in to pick up a complimentary copy. If you are interested in receiving the SilverNotes by mail send in the annual subscription form below. Subscriptions run from January 1 through December 31. Donations are also welcomed. Please make checks payable to Waunakee Senior Center.

## Home Energy Plus Program 2009 - 2010 Who Qualifies for Energy Assist?

Households whose total gross income for the 3 months immediately preceding the month of the application are at or below the amount for their household size. Households of 1 with a 3 month gross income of \$5,859 and households of 2 with a 3 month gross income of \$7,661. An Energy Assistance representative will be at the Senior Center on 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, and written proof of all household income for the 3 months prior to your application.

Day: Wednesday  
Date: March 3

## Share Food Network

Share food boxes are available to be picked up at Waunakee Senior Center at 333 S. Madison Street. Orders can now be placed online at [www.sharewi.org](http://www.sharewi.org). If you have any questions please contact Mary Unger at 849-9192.

Day: Saturday  
Date: March 27, April 24, May 22  
Time: 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

## Seeking Volunteers

The Senior Center is looking for a few people willing to act as substitute volunteer helpers during Foot Care. Responsibilities include greeting clients, filling soak bins, assisting clients with shoes/socks, and scheduling return appointments. If you are interested in volunteering on an as needed basis, please contact Jean at 849-8385.

### 2010 SilverNotes Newsletter Subscription Form

Please mail the SilverNotes directly to my home each month.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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I have enclosed:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for subscription

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for donation

Complete and return to the Senior Center (at 333 S. Madison Street, Waunakee, WI 53597) with your \$6.00 payment. Thank you for your continued support of the Waunakee Senior Center.

## MATC Course Offerings at Senior Center

Class#	ClassTitle	(61- yrs)	Fees (62+ yrs)	Fees Day	Time	Dates
68904	Drawing 2	\$62.93	~15% off	W	8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	3/17 - 4/28
65496	MS Word 2003 Intro LP	\$49.63	\$4.00	R	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	4/8 - 5/13
71324	A Taste of Chocolate	\$14.14	\$4.00	T	5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	2/9 - 2/9
65734	Herb Gardening	\$14.14	\$4.00	T	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	3/9 - 3/9
71322	Memory & Mind Stimulation	\$34.42	\$4.00	R	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	3/4 - 3/25
70200	Quilting Beginning	\$43.29	~15% off	T	8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	4/20 - 5/11

### AARP Tax Clinic Schedule

Free tax assistance will be available at the Senior Center. There will be three tax preparers available to you. You need to bring the following to your appointment: Last year's tax return, your rent certificate, your property tax bill (even if you don't normally itemize deductions), and your 2009 tax return forms. Other necessary documents include annual statements from Social Security, banks, and savings and loans. Appointments are necessary and can be made by calling 849-8385.

Day: Tuesday  
 Dates: March 2, 9, 16, 23  
 Time: 9:00 a.m. to noon  
 Fee: Free

### Basketry by Anne Urso

Learn the skill of basket weaving in a relaxed environment. Anne offers an introduction class for beginners as well as an advanced class for more experienced basket weavers. You will make one or two baskets during the course that are yours to keep. Cost for a 5-week session is \$50, which does not include supplies. Call Anne at 850-6096 or email [caurso@chorus.net](mailto:caurso@chorus.net) for more information or to register for this class.

**Basketry (Advanced)**  
 Day: Monday  
 Dates: April 12 to May 10  
 Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Basketry (General)**  
 Day: Monday  
 Dates: April 12 to May 10  
 Time: 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### Genealogy Intro

Learn how to trace your family's roots in this 5 session class. You will become familiar with genealogy websites and what they have to offer. You will also learn alternative resources for those who do not use a computer. Call the Senior Center for more information or to register for this class 849-8385.

Day: Wednesday  
 Date: April 7 to May 5  
 Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
 Fee: \$40

## Tai Chi for Your Health Class

Tai Chi is a slow graceful movement program that enhances mental focus, posture, and relaxation. It is a very effective non-impact exercise that builds muscular endurance and improves flexibility. This ancient Chinese martial art form can be practiced by people of all ages and most physical conditions. Tai Chi has been shown to lower blood pressure and stress hormones and improve breathing function. Pain relief and low impact benefits of Tai Chi offers hope for those suffering from challenges of such conditions as Rheumatoid Arthritis or Fibromyalgia. As a weight-bearing exercise, it also offers potential advantages of stimulating bone growth and strengthening connective tissue in relation to prevention and treatment of osteoporosis. Tai Chi is a wonderful journey to enhanced health and well-being. Instructor for this class is Mary Weiker, PT, TCI. Call 849-8385 to register.

Day: Thursday  
Dates: March 4 to April 8  
Fee: \$45 (6 weeks)  
Time: 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.  
and 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

## Strong Women Class

The Strong Women exercise program will be held at the Waunakee Senior Center. This is an 8-week national fitness program for middle-age and older women. The Strong Women Program was

developed by Miriam Nelson, PhD, an associate professor at the Gerald J. and Dorothy R. Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University. The Strong Women Program is based upon years of research on how strength training and proper nutrition improve the health of women of all ages. "Strength is a critical factor in living healthier, more active lives. Our research shows that a program of strength training not only improves bone density but reduces falls, improves arthritis symptoms, and increases flexibility and strength," states Dr. Nelson. The program is appropriate for both sedentary and very active women. Instructor for this class is Tina Mueller. You will need a yoga mat for this, bring your own or purchase one from the Senior Center. Call 849-8385 to register for this class.

Day: Tuesday & Thursday  
Dates: April 8 to June 3, no class May 4  
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Fee: \$65 (8 weeks)

## Upcoming Events

### **Pancake Breakfast**

Mark your calendars! Bring your family and friends. All proceeds benefit the Senior Center. Menu will include pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit, milk, juice, and coffee. While you are here, don't forget to check out our Book Fair!

Day: Saturday  
Date: March 6  
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Fee: Adults \$6, Kids \$3 (12 and Under)

### **Book Fair**

If you like books; the Senior Center is the place to be on Saturday, March 6. The Book Fair will be held on the Senior Center Stage and there will be a HUGE variety of books available. There will be books for all ages, bring your family and friends. All proceeds will benefit the Senior Center. Don't forget this is on the same day as our Pancake Breakfast, come hungry and have breakfast too!

Day: Saturday  
Date: March 6  
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## The Trahms Sisters with Teddy Stempo

The Waunakee Area Senior Center is pleased to present The Trahms Sisters and Teddy Stempo. We invite you to come and enjoy! Emily and Tessa Trahms have been singing together for as long as they can remember. Family legend has it that each of them came into the world not crying but singing. For more than a decade Em and Tess have been singing at family gatherings, church services, weddings, and important celebrations that call for beautiful melodies, meaningful lyrics, and heartwarming harmonies. Among the musical genres in which they specialize are sacred music, contemporary Christian, and American pop standards—those great songs that made their mark on the American musical culture beginning in the 30's. These performers have always shared an interest in the great tunes of the past. Emily sings, plays violin and piano. Tessa, when not harmonizing, plays flute, piano and guitar. They are accompanied by their pianist Teddy Stempo. Teddy, like the Trahms Sisters, was a church musician as a kid, and has been performing music of one kind or another for over thirty years. People who enjoy the American pop standards of the 30's, 40's, and 50's along with unique arrangements of more contemporary tunes, are finding great pleasure in the live performances of the Trahms Sisters with Teddy Stempo. Come on over to the Senior Center for this exciting musical performance. We encourage paid reservations prior to this event but will also sell admission at the door beginning at 1:30 p.m. on April 17. Doors open for seating at 2:00 p.m. \$5 admission fee if paid by April 9 with your advanced reservation or \$6.00 admission the evening of. Call 849-8385 to make advanced reservations, seating is limited!

Day: Saturday  
Date: April 17  
Time: 2:00 p.m.  
Fee: \$5 (before April 9), \$6 at the door.

## Old Time Fiddlers

It's time to welcome back The Wisconsin Old Time Fiddlers! Join us as we tap and snap to the music with this talented group of gentlemen! If you plan to join us prior to the performance for lunch, don't forget to make your lunch reservation no later than 2:00 p.m. the day before.

Day: Wednesday

Date: April 21

Time: 12:45 p.m.

## Afternoon Tea and Vintage Hat Show

Join us here at the Waunakee Senior Center for a lovely afternoon of fun. The event starts with a relaxing and enjoyable tea. We will serve an assortment of hot tea, a delicious treat, and a lot of hospitality. Following the tea, we welcome Heather Edgington who will help us celebrate "A Century of Hats", from the delicate Bonnet to the sporty Boater, the jazzy Cloche to the classic Pillbox. Heather is not only an animated presenter, but she also knows the facts about history and hats. She will entertain you and educate you during this incredible interactive hat show. What a great afternoon! We are asking for a \$2 donation for this event. Please call 849-8385 to reserve your seat now.

Day: Friday

Date: May 7

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Fee: \$2 donation

## Help Needed

The Waunakee Senior Center is in need of Front Desk Volunteers. If you are interested in answering the phone, talking with people and sharing your time, please contact Jean at 849-8385.

## Celebrating Older American's Month

This will be a day of celebration to honor seniors that are 90 years and above. If you will be turning 90 in 2010 or if you've already had your 90th birthday, please reserve a special seat for you and a guest at our party. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m., following lunch we have wonderful musical entertainment scheduled by John Duggleby. If you plan to join us on this special day please call 849-8385 no later than 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 14 to make your reservation. Transportation is available. We hope to see you here!

Day: Wednesday

Date: May 19

Time: 11:30 a.m.

## AARP Drivers Safety

Five good reasons to take the AARP Driver Safety program: Learn defensive driving techniques, new traffic laws, rules of the road, find out how to adjust your driving to age-related changes in vision, hearing, and reaction time, and get an insurance discount. Auto insurance companies in most states provide a multi-year discount to AARP graduates! (Consult your insurance agent.) You don't have to take a test. Millions of people have taken advantage of this valuable course. Course Instructor is Steve Sheets. Call 849-8385 to register for this course. The fee is paid to the instructor on the day of class.

Day: Wednesday

Date: April 7

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Fee: \$12 AARP Members  
\$14 Non-AARP

## CarFit Event

What is CarFit for the older driver? CarFit is an educational program that offers older adults the opportunity to find out how well their personal vehicles "fit" them. Why is CarFit important? Driver safety programs improve adult driver safety by addressing cognitive abilities and skills, however, older drivers can also improve their safety by ensuring their cars are properly adjusted for them. A proper fit in one's car can greatly increase not only the driver's safety but also the safety of others. How is a CarFit check completed? At a CarFit event, a team of trained technicians and/or health professionals work with each participant to ensure they "fit" their vehicle properly for maximum comfort and safety. A CarFit check takes approximately 20 minutes to complete. This event will be held at the Waunakee Police Department (205 N. Klein Drive). APPOINTMENTS are necessary: If you are interested in a CarFit Check, please call 849-8385 and schedule an appointment.

Day: Friday

Date: May 21

Time: 9:00 a.m. to noon



## Upcoming Outings

### **War and Music Racine and Kenosha, WI**

Your first stop will be at the Civil War Museum in Kenosha. Did you know that 91,379 people from Wisconsin served in the civil war? That was 12% of the State's population in 1860. The Civil War Museum is like no other museum in the country. No current museum explores this war as seen and experienced on the home front nor the connections between the home front and the battle front. Through state-of-the-art museum technology, life-size dioramas, and interactive engaging exhibits, visitors travel back in history to the social, political and economic influences that contributed to the Civil War. Lunch will be included at House of Gerhard. Gerhard's has earned a reputation for outstanding German-American Cuisine. Consistently offering good food served by a caring staff in an atmosphere of old world charm. Following your delicious meal you will tour the Fred Hermes Basement Bijou. Ornate columns, chandeliers, lavishly detailed walls: its old-time movie palace splendor. The lights dim. A gold curtain silently glides open, and, like Poseidon rising from the sea, up comes the star attraction: an elaborate theater organ console-five keyboards, and countless pedals and switches. This 2,500-pipe Wurlitzer organ from 1926 is the largest five

manual organ that the company ever made. It's the largest of the three of its kind still in tact and in use. Cost per person is \$81. Come along and join the fun! Departs the Waunakee Senior Center at 7:30 a.m. and estimated return is at 5:30 p.m. Please call 849-8385 no later than March 8 to make your reservations.

Day: Tuesday

Date: March 23

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Fee: \$81

### **Daniel O'Donnell LIVE in Green Bay**

Daniel O'Donnell is returning to Weider Center in Green Bay. Join your friends and sign up now to see Daniel O'Donnell and guest artist, Mary Duff. Bring a little bit of Ireland to the Weidner Center stage as they sing a host of cherished Irish and American Classics. Entertainer Daniel O'Donnell has quickly made his mark in North America. With seven PBS Television shows (including his latest, **Daniel O'Donnell: Can You Feel The Love**) and over 7.5 million albums sold world-wide, this Irish-born musical phenomenon has a vast fan base, eager to experience his trademark combination of country music, inspirational ballads, 60's pop and Irish standards. O'Donnell's dazzling voice and his easy going, entertaining onstage personality makes each live show and exciting event. Fans travel from across the country to catch his appearances. O'Donnell tours North America with his longtime musical companion, Irish vocalist Mary Duff, as well as The Daniel O'Donnell Band. Seating is limited, so make your reservations early! Cost for this trip is \$151 per person. A Badger bus will pick you up here at the Waunakee Senior Center at approximately 12:30 p.m. and will return you to the Center at approximately 1:30 a.m. This trip includes coach bus, dinner prior to the show, and orchestra circle seating. Dinner will be at the Bay City Smokehouse and includes: roast pork loin with apple brandy sauce, garden salad, chef choice side dishes, rolls and

butter, desert, and coffee or tea. Alcoholic drinks are not included. Payments are due at the time of the reservation. All reservations and payments must be received by the Senior Center no later than Wednesday, March 31 (For this outing, please make your check payable to Badger Tour and Travel). For more information or to reserve your spot now call 849-8385.  
Day: Wednesday  
Date: June 16  
Time: 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.  
Fee: \$151

### **Amish Countryside Luncheon**

Let's enjoy a beautiful drive to a nearby Amish community. Our destination is near Markesan, WI where we will have a delicious lunch at the Mast Family Farm. Bring your appetites, because this incredible homemade lunch usually consists of mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet corn or green beans, noodles or dressing, chicken or ham, salad, bread and jam, fruit salad, pies, bars and cookies, coffee and tea. We plan to board a school bus and depart the Waunakee Senior Center at 8:30 a.m. We will see Amish homes, farms, and have time to make a few stops on the way. Bring a little shopping money as we hope to stop at an oven fresh bakery, and maybe a few other stops. Just before noon we will arrive at our destination for a lovely leisurely lunch. Because there are no phones on the Amish Farm, we must write to them in advance to tell them the exact number we will be bringing for lunch. Our strict reservation and payment deadline is 4:00 p.m. Friday, May 14. Cost is \$25 per person. Please bring some extra money on the day of the trip to tip the Farm family for our meal. We hope you will join us!

Day: Friday

Date: June 4

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Fee: \$25

## **Cedarburg Strawberry Festival**

Celebrate the most luscious fruit of summer, fresh home-grown strawberries, during Historic Cedarburg's 25th Annual Strawberry Festival. Schmit's Berry Farm provides ripe, juicy berries by the quart. Mouth-watering festival delicacies include: The "original" strawberry brat, strawberry shortcake, strawberry pie, strawberry crepes, strawberry slush, strawberry schaum torte, chocolate-covered strawberries and strawberry ice cream. Enjoy Cedar Creek Winery's Strawberry Blush wine and purchase one of their award winning wines by the glass. When you've over-indulged in succulent strawberries, there are dozens of savory food courts all over town. Festivalgoers will enjoy strolling Washington Avenue for Strawberry Festival's Arts on the Avenue. Lively music all over the festival's historic district will feature top forty, bluegrass and rock and roll. Call 849-8385 to make your reservation. Hurry, space is limited.

Day: Saturday

Dates: June 26

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Fee: \$41

## **Extended Trip Offerings**

### **Mayflower Travel Best of Ireland**

Explore the Emerald Isle from Killarney to Dublin, exquisite castles and stunning vistas, where the grass grows "40 shades of green"! Come listen to the legends, hear the music and experience the warmth of friendly Celtic hospitality. Your 9- day tour includes: Services of a professional tour manager, free local pick-up, 10 meals, round trip airfare from Chicago, free round trip airport transfers upon arrival, travelers protection plan, and \$45 in Mayflower Money. Per person, twin rate including airfare is \$2,174 (for single room add \$445). Contact Diane at the Senior Center for more information 849-8385.

Date: April 2

Fee: \$2,174

### **Mayflower Travel Oberammergau - Passion Play Trip**

In the middle of the Thirty Years War, after months of suffering and death from the plague, the Oberammergauers swore an oath that they would perform the "Play of the Suffering, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ" every ten years. Come to Oberammergau, Germany to see the 41st Passion Play since 1634. Also visit Munich, Salzburg, Berchtesgaden, Melk, Vienna, and Budapest. Pick your departure date: May 18, 25, 29; June 1, 5; July 6, 17, 27; August 3, 7, 17, 21; or September 7. This is a 9- day adventure and includes 10 meals. Per person, twin rate including airfare is between \$4,693 and \$5,208 depending upon the date of departure. Contact Diane at the Senior Center at 849-8385 for further information.

### **Trieloff Travel- Scenic Niagara Falls, French Canada and Upstate New York**

Enjoy the scenic panorama of the famous "Falls" from the Prospect Point Observation Tower! Then continue your trip with tours of Ottawa, Quebec, Cooperstown, Auburn, and a rail tour to Montreal—all on this 9-day adventure! Per person, twin rate including 9 meals and airfare is \$1799.00 (for single room add \$500.00). Contact Diane at the Senior Center at 849-8385 for further information.

Date: August 22

Fee: \$1799



## You Can Make a Difference

You could make the world a better place simply by purchasing renewable energy.

Through our new Renewable Energy Program, you can choose to buy electricity from “clean, green” sources such as wind, water and organic materials. Participation costs just a few dollars each month, and you'll have the satisfaction of knowing that you're preserving energy resources for tomorrow. Renewable energy is friendly to the environment. Renewable sources replenish themselves naturally, leading to significant reductions in waste and emissions and improved air and water quality. The more renewable energy we use, the less we need to rely on traditional sources of electricity such as coal, oil and natural gas. These resources are being used up. By choosing renewable energy, you help preserve our limited resources for future generations.

Our Renewable Energy Program is Green-e Energy certified. Green-e Energy was established by the non-profit Center for Resource Solutions to provide information and an objective standard for consumers to compare renewable energy options, and to verify that consumers get what they pay for. Participation is simple. There's no special equipment to install. You can change your participation level or withdraw at any time. You will pay an additional \$3.00 per month

for each block of renewable energy, the equivalent of 300 kilowatt-hours (kWh). For example, if you sign up for three blocks, a renewable energy charge of \$9.00 for 900 kWh will appear on your monthly bill. The future of renewable energy use depends on customers like you. To sign up, simply complete the participation request at [www.waunakeeutilities.com](http://www.waunakeeutilities.com). There's also a way for local businesses to get involved in the program. Through our Green Power for Business, you can support the use of electricity generated by renewable resources such as wind, waste gases, and moving water. Supporting the use of renewable energy is a real “win-win” for your business and for the community. We make it easy with the Green Power for business program. Through Green Power for business, you can contribute to a cleaner environment and sustainable energy future. Every dollar you invest in renewable energy is used to foster the growth of renewable resources. “Buying green” is also good for business. Studies show that people have a more favorable view of—and are more likely to buy services from—companies that demonstrate concern for the environment.

## Water Meter Replacement

Waunakee Utilities is continuing their project of replacing all residential water meters with new radio read meters. Your cooperation is needed to provide access to the meter. Randy Dorn, Waunakee Utilities Water & Sewer Manager, will send a letter to those people who need to open their homes for us. Entry to the home is required, but the entire process should only take 15 to 20 minutes. Your water service will be turned off for about 5 to 10 minutes. Replacing the meters will allow us to read the meters remotely. This will allow quicker readings with greater accuracy. We appreciate your help to replace these meters in a timely manner.

### Waunakee Utilities

322 Moravian Valley Road

Phone: 849-4111

Web: [www.waunakeeutilities.com](http://www.waunakeeutilities.com)

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.  
Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

## Take the Electrical Safety Quiz

Electricity is a powerful form of energy that works hard for us. But it also creates some potentially dangerous situations. We all need to treat electricity with respect. Take our quiz to help make you more aware of how to be safe around electricity.

- If an electric line falls on your vehicle, what should you do?
  - Run
  - Walk
  - Jump out the door
  - Stay in your vehicle
- Why can birds safely sit on power wires that would kill people if we touched it?
  - Yes
  - No
- Are all covered power lines coming from the transformer box into your house okay to touch?
  - Yes
  - No
- If you see a downed or low hanging power line, what should you do?
  - Move it out of the way and call Waunakee Utilities
  - Don't worry about it
  - Stay clear and call Waunakee Utilities immediately
- How much voltage is needed to hurt or kill people?
  - 120 volts
  - 240 volts
  - More than 240 volts
  - It depends on the current flow
- Which of the following can conduct electricity?
  - Metal
  - Tree Limbs
  - Human Body
  - A, B and C
- Electricity travels at the rate of?
  - 120 MPH
  - 2,800 feet per second
  - 186,300 mile ser second (speed of light)
- Flammable materials should?
  - Always be stored near electrical equipment that may cause a spark
  - Not be stored near electrical equipment that may cause a spark
- Where is the safest place to be during a lightning storm?
  - In a car
  - In the middle of a field
  - In a house
  - Lying face down on the ground
- Is it safe to use a land line telephone or a cell phone during a lightning storm?
  - Yes
  - No
- The average number of people killed by lightning in the United States each year is about how many?
  - 10
  - 100
  - 1,000
  - 100,000
- The greatest number of people who die from being struck by lightning are who?
  - Golfers
  - Fisherman
  - Farmers
  - Joggers

- Stay in your vehicle.
- Birds can safely sit on power lines because birds are not touching the ground or any other grounded object.
- Power lines are covered only to help protect them from weather conditions. Power lines are never ok to touch.
- Stay clear and call Waunakee Utilities immediately.
- It depends on the current flow.
- A, B and C.
- 186,300 mile ser second (speed of light).
- Not be stored near electrical equipment that may cause a spark.
- In a house.
- Lightning can strike telephone and electrical wires and travel into your house, through your phone cord, into your telephone, to the handset, and shock you. Cordless phones are not dangerous because there is no physical connection to the wires.
- B. 100
- C. Farmers

### Answers:



## ELECTRONIC BILL PAYMENT



All customers are encouraged to take advantage of our electronic bill payment service. You can have your electric, water, and sewer bill electronically paid from any bank, credit union, or savings and loan account. Sign up today to start enjoying these benefits:

- No check to write.
- No more late payment charges.
- No postage to pay.
- No matter where you are, your bill will be paid.

When you receive your monthly bill, review it, and record the amount in your checkbook register. If you see an error on your bill call us at 849-8111.

Your bill will state "P.A.P. DO NOT PAY" (P.A.P. means preauthorized payment). The due date that appears on your bill is the date the funds are withdrawn from your account. If this day falls on a weekend or holiday, the funds are withdrawn on the next business day.

To start Electronic Bill Payment on your account, fill out the form below and return it with a **voided check attached to the form**. If you are using a savings account, please provide us with the routing and account numbers.

You can cancel your electronic bill payment at any time by submitting the request in writing.

If you have any other questions about this program, please call us at 849-8111.

### APPLICATION FOR ELECTRONIC PAYMENT

**Complete this agreement and mail it along with a VOIDED CHECK if using a checking or share draft account.**

I authorize the financial institution named below to charge my account as noted and remit payment of my monthly utility bill to the Waunakee Utilities.

\_\_\_\_\_ Checking or Share Draft Account

\_\_\_\_\_ Savings Account Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Routing Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s) on Waunakee Utilities Bill (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address for Above Customer (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Financial Institution Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Bank Account Holder (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

#### PLEASE DROP OFF OR MAIL TO:

Waunakee Utilities  
322 Moravian Valley Road  
PO Box 70  
Waunakee, WI 53597

[www.waunakeeutilites.com](http://www.waunakeeutilites.com)

Account # \_\_\_\_\_  
(For Office Use Only)

## Tree and Vegetation Trimming

The Waunakee Utilities' Electric crews will be out trimming trees and other vegetation this winter. We ask that you help us by not planting trees under power lines or other vegetation within 10 feet of the green transformer boxes that may be in your yard.

## Fire Hydrants

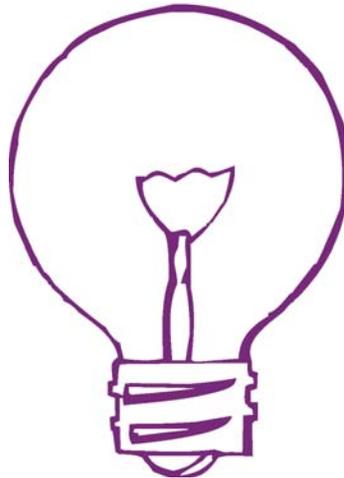
Residents are asked to clear snow and ice away from fire hydrants. This can save valuable time in the case of a fire when seconds count.

## Even Out Your Energy Costs

Most customers have higher electric bills during the summer and winter months and lower bills in the spring and fall. These fluctuations can make budgeting for your utility bill difficult. Waunakee Utilities' budget billing program allows you to even out your energy costs over the course of a year through a fixed payment each month. With this payment plan, you will not experience high bill surprises in the months you use the most electricity and your budget is easier to manage. We will review your account every six months and adjust your budget amount so there are no surprises at the end of the year. For more information, contact us at 849-8111.

## Assistance Program Helps Those in Need

A typical Wisconsin winter means higher utility bills. If you or someone you know is having trouble making ends meet, Wisconsin's Home Energy Assistance Program can help. Qualifying families can receive financial assistance to help pay their heating costs. The amount of assistance depends on household size, income level and household heating costs. To apply, contact Energy Services, Inc. at 267-8601. You must call to make an appointment.



## Waunakee Utilities Offers Scholarships

Waunakee Utilities and Waunakee's electric power supplier, WPPI Energy will again offer scholarships for high school seniors. The utility is offering two \$500 scholarships to be awarded to two students who will attend a post-secondary educational institution. Special consideration will be given to any student pursuing a career as an electrical line-worker. Waunakee High School seniors whose parents or legal guardians are customers of Waunakee Utilities are eligible to receive the scholarships. According to Tamara Sondgeroth, Energy Services Representative, the purpose of the program is to promote awareness of public power and the benefits of municipal utilities. "It is also another opportunity for us to give back to the community," she said. The deadline for submitting applications is April 1, 2010. The recipients will be announced at the Senior Awards Program in May. Scholarship program guidelines are available at the high school guidance office.

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