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WNF Christmas Party December 15th (no regular meeting December 7th)



In lieu of this year's block party, which was cancelled due to the weather, the WNF is having a Christmas party on Friday, December 15 at 7:00 pm . The party will be held in the Ghent Grace Brethren (Jesus Saves) Church gym.

As with the block party, this event will be a potluck, so bring two of your favorite dishes (meat, vegetable, salad or dessert). Come to reconnect with your neighbors and kick off the holiday season right!

Wanted: Wasena's Best and Brightest

For the past six years, WNF, Inc. has provided a cash prize for the best-decorated house and yard in the neighborhood. Who couldn't use an extra \$100 to spend on their electric bill? Our team of impartial judges will be out on the night of December 16th to make their selection. You will be notified the next day and will be able to pick up your check at the next WNF meeting. What a great way to start the New Year!



Let's light up Wasena for the Holidays!





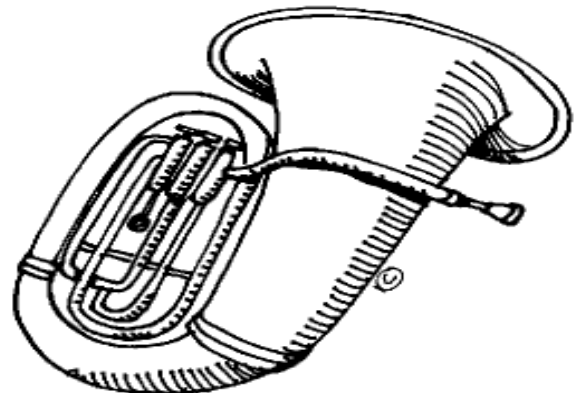
Businesses Owned by Your Neighbors!

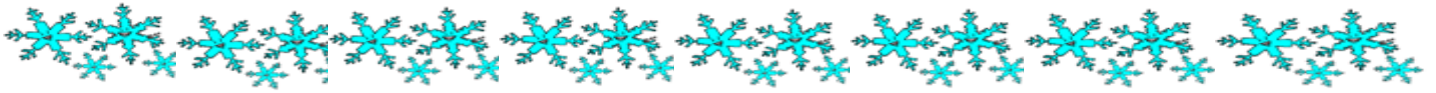
While you were admiring the Main Street trees this summer and fall, you may have noticed a little storefront starting to show signs of life and a touch of class. Sonya Chappellear of Winona Avenue has worked for 6 months to turn an empty shell into the **Cheshire Gallery**, a gallery of fine and wearable art and local crafts. **Come see this exciting new addition to Wasena at 1116 Main Street.**

Meanwhile, over on Memorial Avenue, Anna and Brandon continue to own and operate Pop's, the definitive ice cream and soda shop. Anna, a longtime resident of Floyd Avenue, says running the soda shop is like stepping back in time every day. In addition to the gourmet soups, grilled cheeses, ice cream, and soda creations, Pop's has entertainment on many nights, ranging from a soothing guitar player to a knife swallower! Check them out next time you are in the Grandin Village. Or better yet, make a special trip. They are worth it!

Ring in the Holidays with a FREE Concert!

The Roanoke Valley Community Band will be playing its Holiday Concert on Thursday, December 7 at 7:30 pm at Cave Spring High School Auditorium (snow date is 12/13). Bring the kids out to see the shining brass and hear the soaring woodwinds and kick off your season right with holiday favorites, as well as several popular and symphonic pieces. Maybe your New Year's resolution will be to dust off that old trombone and join the RVCB!





Holiday Wishes from Your WNF Officers:

Happy Holidays to the best neighbors in town!!! I wish you a festive season full of forever friends and precious family. I hope that you will have big seasonal surprises that you will long remember. Also, I trust that you will get in the Christmas spirit by taking in all the local traditions... beginning with our **neighborhood Christmas party on December 15th**. Our family also loves to head off to the Christmas parade downtown and to the Dickens of a Christmas on the Roanoke City Market. Hands down though, my favorite Roanoke holiday tradition is the Old Southwest Parlor Tour. We always go at night when the gorgeous homes are lit with candles. They shimmer magically and look so lush for Christmas.

The older that I become, the more I appreciate the unexpected perks of the season. I still remember the year that a former student showed up at my house with home baked presents. Also, I cherish the Christmas that a neighbor sought me out to tell me what a difference my father had made in her family's life. That made my heart so happy. My dad passed away when I was seventeen. Another delight is the occasional Xmas gag gift that one of our Wasena Neighborhood Executive Board members likes to leave on the porch. Keep them coming!!!

However, the ultimate Christmas bonus... has got to be all those December snow storms that we have been blessed with. I am enchanted by them. SNOW DAY!!! Nothing makes me happier, after living in Florida! As the snow falls on our surrounding mountains, our cozy neighborhood becomes so quiet and peaceful. We can all use a dose of the white stuff during the hectic days of December. It reminds us of how soft Christmas really should be. So, let it snow and I hope that our paths cross in it on a beautiful day in the neighborhood!!!

Merry Christmas and Happy 2007 from: Dian Tapscott and Family

THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON I AM THANKFUL THAT I AM DONE WATERING THOSE TREES! SEE YOU IN 2007 FOR ROUND TWO!

JAMES SETTLE

As we have entered into this holiday season, I have been reflecting over many memories throughout my life. A lot of great memories are the ones I have are ones spent with people in our neighborhood.

I have wonderful neighbors and I feel that we are as close as family. Friends I have made within the WNF are so very special to me. Memories of block parties, neighborhood cleanups, hot dog sales, Christmas parties, 5K race events, social get-togethers, yard sales and spaghetti dinners will always remain with me. I have been so blessed with family and friends.

MY WISH FOR YOU THIS SEASON IS THAT YOU ARE AS BLESSED AS I AM. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

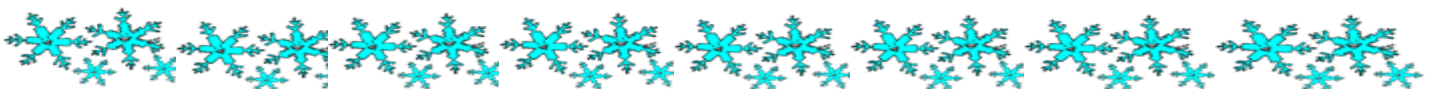
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Did you know you can help your neighborhood just by shopping at Kroger? WNF, Inc. is enrolled in the **Kroger Cares Program**. All you have to do is buy a Kroger gift card and shop with it as you normally shop.

Recharge the card as you need and every time you shop, Kroger will contribute 5% of the purchase price to the WNF account.

This program costs you nothing! Please inquire at the next WNF meeting.





1st Annual Roanoke Holiday Career and Lifestyle Fair

December 28, 2006
 Time: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 Roanoke Civic Center
 Exhibit Hall

Each year thousands of native sons and daughters return to Roanoke to visit their families during the winter holiday season. Whether they are current college students, young single adults, new families, or persons in any other stage of life, some of these people would like to one day return to Roanoke and begin a new life. The holdup in making the move is typically employment opportunities.

This fair will bring local employers, entrepreneurial organizations, and other quality of life organizations together to showcase Roanoke's professional, social and personal opportunities.

Happy Birthday!!! December



Tony Adams	28
Terry Aldhizer	9
Bill Dowdy	5
Chris Fabian	16
Donna Mollica	26
Tim Morgan	2
James Settle	21
Patsy Waters	3

January

Gabe Anderson	28
Dwayne Blankenship	6
Mary Crook	10
Drew Beck	11
Roddy Hidusky	3
Suzi Jansen	31
Denise Kurade-Palin	30
Louise Watts	30

February

Thomas Blue	20
Mark Hurley	14
Dale Locklier	25
Andy Lynch	7
Joan Nash	21
Allen Shiplett	16
Sonny Widener	16