

# Westwood News

## Jazz in July!



JUNE 2013

**Roxi Copland Band Friday July 12**  
**Sylvan Theatre at Greenwood Park**  
**6 pm to 8:30 pm**

This year, the WNA neighbors who organize our Jazz in July event every year, decided to aim big, and scored. Teaming up with the Linden Heights and Salisbury Oaks neighborhood associations, WNA residents Brad Sammon, Rob Den Hartog, and Tom Kisch successfully secured the Roxi Copland Band for our annual gig.

A native of the Pacific Northwest, Copland began studying music at an early age; she started classical piano at age 4. Her formative musical years were spent learning and performing in Aberdeen, WA, the town that provided the world with Nirvana's Kurt Cobain. After high school, Copland studied music at Grinnell College in Iowa & built a following touring the Midwest for several years – she was twice voted Des Moines' Best Local Musician, in 2009 and 2011. In July of 2012, Copland relocated to her current city of Milwaukee.

In addition to her own tours, Copland has opened for a number of prominent and international acts, including most recently pop sensation Venessa Carlton, jazz virtuoso Jason Lindner, the Mingus Dynasty Band, and the acapella powerhouse the Manhattan Transfer. Her latest release, a stripped-down solo acoustic effort entitled 'Pretty Lies' is earning impressive reviews from critics: Cityview Magazine raves "Roxi Copland has got a gorgeous set of pipes – her voice is big, sultry and rich ...."

Both Silent River and Mel Shivers will be providing kids activities throughout the event, and there will also be an arts area for adults that will include a jeweler, tie dye maker, and greeting card maker. Bring the entire family for a summer night of Jazz and fun. Big Daddy BBQ and Chocolaterie Stam will have food for sale, while Crystal Clear Water is donating water for the event available at the WNA info booth. Anyone bringing alcoholic beverages is encouraged to do so discreetly.

Not convinced yet? Then go here and watch this skilled woman, who will have her baby grand piano with her: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P3SOY1\\_bN38](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P3SOY1_bN38) (solo performance); <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SINEkUbfvdM> (solo performance); <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vqU7-1wjgdI> (with band). Okay? Now, we'll see you there for the WNA's best Jazz in July ever!

In the event of inclement weather, the event will be held at Roosevelt auditorium. In addition to the above named folks, thanks also go out to Ames Digital Sound, an additional co-sponsor helping to make this event possible. This happening, like all WNA events, will be free admission to all thanks to our WNA dues paying members.

### Reviews for Roxi Copland:

**"If you haven't heard Roxi Copland sing, you have missed out on one of life's sultry, sinful little pleasures."**  
—*Examiner.com* April 2012

**"Jazz/pop musician Roxi Copland is a petite powerhouse. Even when hidden behind a Baby Grand, her presence is huge thanks to a voluptuous voice and fierce piano skills."** —*Seattle's Crosscut.com*

**"...her voice is multidimensional, capable of resonating the essence of lost love..."** —*Kansas State Collegian*, July 2010

**"There is a fire inside Roxi Copland. You can see it in her hectic performance schedule and hear it in her dark, sultry voice..."**  
—*Des Moines Register*, December 2008

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Jazz in July

Those with an ability to help out at this year's Jazz in July are encouraged to call Brad Sammon at 883-0616.

Volunteers are needed from 7:15 – 8:30 pm to help staff the water and info booth, and from 8:30 – 9:15 PM to help with cleanup and breaking down the sound equipment.

Free beer and water is provided to help keep our volunteers hydrated.



## Thanks and Questions From Mike Keller

Thanks to all for your involvement in the WNA this past Spring. With your help we have helped clean up Walnut Creek, assisted with native plantings and the removal of Garlic Mustard as part of the Greenwood Pond Restoration Project, and helped reduce the number of property crimes affecting our neighborhood.

Special thanks to: Kris Sutton and Dave DeBord for sponsoring the Westwood Perennial Divide this year, and for providing the Jack in the Pulpits for the native plantings; James Spevak for his significant assistance with our "green" events; Vicki Sehgal, for keeping us up to date on neighborhood crimes and other matters; Barb Bremner for putting together our neighborhood newsletter over the past year; and, Amy MacKrell for agreeing to take on the newsletter going forward.

The WNA has two events planned this summer, both kid friendly, which, as always, are free to attend. The first is Jazz in July the evening of Friday July 12, and the second is our annual end of summer ice cream social, Sunday August 25, from 1 pm – 4 pm. You will find articles with all the details on both in this newsletter.

In continuing to move forward, the WNA Board would greatly appreciate your input on a few issues. Please e-mail your thoughts to me at [mrk515@gmail.com](mailto:mrk515@gmail.com) on any of the matters below, or on anything else you would like to share with the board.

- ◆ First up is the location of our annual winter party, held in late January. Consideration is being given to moving that to Pal Joey's this year both because the bridge closure has been hard on this local neighborhood pub, and because of increased costs (and long time parking difficulties) associated with use of the Art Center.
- ◆ Second, we continue to look for feedback on the dues increase we instituted last year and whether folks feel we have hit the right balance between having sufficient funds to make neighborhood events top notch and keeping our dues affordable.
- ◆ Third, please let us know of any speakers you would like us to consider for the annual meeting in October. Suggestions so far include inviting a representative of DNR to give a presentation on the deer hunting that goes on in and around our neighborhood, along with an update from Hanawalt principal Andrew Berg. Last, and also related to the annual meeting, is the question of whether we should continue to serve a meal at that event. In the past it has been chili (and cinnamon rolls), which we could continue to do, or we could change the menu or simply skip the meal. Your thoughts on all of the above will be appreciated.

## Save the Date –Back to School Ice Cream Social: Sunday, August 25, 1-4 pm

The WNA's annual ice cream social is set for Sunday August 25, from 1 pm-4 pm at the Greenwood Park Shelter by Bergman Academy (the old science center). Ice cream, hot dogs, burgers and pop provided. Other beverages are BYOB, but please avoid glass.



For those who haven't been to the park, the site has restrooms and playground equipment.



### Call Me Maybe – 248-6099

← *Genus Annoyus Westwoodicus*

Westwood residents who want to see more mosquito spraying in our area should call the City of Des Moines Mosquito hotline at **248-6099** during regular business hours and register a complaint about the level of mosquitoes.

The city's mosquito program has been up and running since early May. Larvicide has been applied by aerial drop and mosquito traps are in place with populations being monitored. Complaints to the hotline are logged and, when threshold counts of complaints and trap populations are reached, responded to. Hand crews applying larvicide will also respond to additional ponding locations based on reports. Mosquito trap data south of Grand has hit the threshold levels, thus, calls from multiple neighborhood residents to the hotline complaining of the mosquitoes will result in additional neighborhood spraying. Persons wishing to be removed from the spray program may have their address added to the city's "no-spray" list at the same number.

Testing on insects collected in traps so far this season include no incidents of West Nile Virus or Encephalitis. Mosquito activity is highest during the early morning and evening periods. According to city officials, in addition to mosquito sprays, clothing with washed-in repellent, and electronic devices such as Thermacell, are also effective.

## In Memoriam: Curt and Janie Clemenson

The neighborhood lost two dedicated members this spring. Janie Clemenson, who passed away in March, had lived in her family house on 56th Street nearly sixty years. She often told neighborhood children stories of how years ago horses ran in the fields behind Hanawalt and on what is now 58th Street, and how few houses were around at that time. Janie was always seen in her porch swing on the first day of Hanawalt each fall. She loved to watch the children on their first days of school.

Sadly, Curt Clemenson, her husband, passed away two months later in May. The couple had been married over fifty years and were firmly dedicated to Westwood and the people in it. They will be missed.

## Sidewalk Talk

We are lucky enough in our neighborhood to have a lot of greenery, but some of the shrubs and trees have a tendency to grow whatever way they want — and at times they can cover the sidewalk. As a courtesy to your neighbors, take a stroll down the sidewalk in front of your house and make sure your shrubs and trees aren't impeding walkers, runners, kids on bikes, or moms with strollers.

When the shrubs and trees take up the sidewalk, people using it are often forced to walk, stroll or bike on the grass easement that lines the street. In addition, the greenery can make it difficult for people (especially the short kind!) to see cars as they back out from driveways. If your bushes or shrubs are growing over the sidewalk, please trim them back to ensure that we all have a safe place to walk.

## Lots of Changes on 56th Street — Welcome new neighbors!

Three houses in a row on 56th Street have new occupants — but only 2 have new neighbors! Westwood residents Scott and Amy MacKrell & family moved two doors up from 200 to the Clemenson's house at 224 56th (with the generous help of the Freudes, Malcomsons and Kleiber clans).

The MacKrell's house was purchased by Angela and Joe Woodard. Their son, Hunter, will be starting third grade at Hanawalt this fall.

And in the middle in 216 are Jeremy McCleary and Kayla Sowder, who moved in at the end of May.

We hope you enjoy your new homes —and we know you'll love the neighborhood!

## Upcoming WNA Meetings

**Westwood Bench Committee**  
Monday July 1, 7:30 PM  
Tom and Margo's House – 14 SW 58<sup>th</sup> Drive

**WNA Board Meeting**  
Tuesday August 27, 7 PM  
Pal Joey's – No speakers scheduled

**Westwood Annual Meeting**  
Tuesday October 22, 7 PM  
Speakers TBA

## Westwood Neighborhood Association Board

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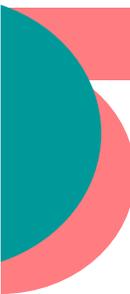
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**Kristy Barzen**, Immediate Past President

## Thanks to our Block Captains:

**Bill and Ginny Sattertrom**, 49th St.; **Joe and Jo Kobes**, N 51st St.; **Sharon Walsh**, S 51st St.; **Barbara Bell**, 52nd St.; **Lynn and Bill Heggen**, Robertson Dr.; **Jim and Allison Fleming**, SW. 52nd; **John and Colleen Burgeson**, Welker Ave.; **Scott and Diane Post**, SW 58th Dr., Terrace St., and 58th St.; **Tom and Dena Zisko**, 58th Pl.; **Sheila Keene**, 59th St.; **Cheryl Pederson**, behind Hanawalt; **Marti Huber**, 44th and 45th St.; and **Rob den Hartog**, Grand Ave.



## Westwood Membership—Is it Time to Renew?

Last year we changed our dues so that they no longer go from July 1 of one year to June 30 of the following year because of the confusion this caused for many. Instead, it has been changed to regular calendar year, effective January 1, 2013. This change has itself been understandably confusing to some since many of you had already paid dues through June 30, 2013 before the change.

Neighbors listed below have paid their WNA dues through December 2013, meaning the envelope and dues card received with this newsletter should go to the recycle bin. If your name is not listed, please consider paying a half year of dues - \$12.50 for individuals or \$20 per household – for the remainder of 2013.

Inquiries about dues should be directed to [Vicki.sehgal@gmail.com](mailto:Vicki.sehgal@gmail.com). Thank you.

Althoff, Angela	Fox, Cynthia	Michelson, Brent & Ann	Smith, Val & Elizabeth
Aspengren, Mary Lou	Fulton, Jay & Diane Kuhn	Mouw, Matthew & Mary	Spevak, James
Baldwin, Patricia	Furstenau, Bob & Valerie Landis	Moyer, Debra	Stevenson, Peter & Barb Bremner
Bannister, Scott & Kathy	Galeazzi, Dennis & Nancy	Mullins, Dan & Laurie Meythaler	Strief, Charles & Peggy
Barr, Jud & Heidi	Galenbeck, Scott & Leann Treloar	Munier, Shirley	Stroh, David & Tami
Barzen, David & Kristy	Grannes, Dean & Stephanie Masumura	Murphy, John & Sharon	Tatge, Bob & Sandy
Bates, Dennis & Sally	Harman, Brett	Murphy, Kathy	Taylor, Dawn
Beckley, Stephen & Gretchen	Huber, Rory & Marti	Nesbit, John & Ann	TeGrotenhuis, Jeff
Beh, Carleton & Mary	Hull-Jackson, Marg	Pederson, Dennis & Cheryl	Tempero, Howard & Megan
Bell, Jim & Barbara	James, Fred & Rose	Peterson, Mike & Margaret	Textor, Jack & Susan
Berry, Dr. Greg & Maria	Jansen, Dale	Petrov, Vasil & Teodora	Tiffany, Bill & Maureen
Burgeson, John & Colleen	Jessen, Jeremy & Janel Brown	Pokorny, David & Betsy	Tiffany, John & Laura Martino
Byers, Jay & Katie	Keefe, Brian & Monica	Pollard, David & Stephanie	Townsend, Rod & Jenny
Caldbeck, Garry & Debbie	Keehnle, Maureen	Pollard, Tom & Julita	Tracy, Rob & Ann Steger
Campbell, Chris	Keller, Mike & Rick Marura	Pomerantz, Rose Lee	Truslow, Ed & Nancy
Cary, Daniel & Tiffani	Kisch, Thomas & Margo Hutcheson	Rabinowitz, Sheldon & Roselind	Uhl, Kiel & Lisa
Cervetti, Nancy	Krantz, Mary	Rasley, June	Urban, Tom & Mary
Chase, Hal & Avril	LaValle, Michael & Lisa	Reece, Dr. Mark & Barb	Van Hon, Thomas
Clutter, Ryan & Vicki Sehgal	Linebaugh, Jesse & Melissa	Reynolds, Dennis & Charlotte	Wallace, Sam & Sally
Coffman, Garth & Celene Gogerty	Lonning, Judy	Richards, Mike & Leighton	Walsh, Sharon
Crandell, Mark & Kitty	Lorber, Fred & Mickey	Ricker, Ronald & Kathleen	Watson Fuller, Lori
DenHartog, Rob & Brenda Currans	Lyford, Dick & Barb	Roy, Peg	White, Toby & Ruth
Downing, Dr. Wendell & Joyce	Mackaman, David & Laura	Satterstrom, Bill & Ginny	Wieland, John & Denise
Eckhouse, Herb & Kathy	Mackrell, Scott & Amy	Schroeder, Diane	Williams, Ted
Faber, Vern & Nancy	Malcomson, Rob & Ginny	Scott, Debora	Windsor, Stephanie
Fisher, Bob	Mandelbaum, Justin & Li Zhao	Shadur, Dr. Craig & Kimberly	Wittmayer, Kreg & Emily Christensen
Fleming, Jim & Allison	Melton, Mark	Shannon, Zoe	Wolnerman, Michael & Missy