



# The Neighbors' Place

"People helping people"

Newsletter for everyone in our neighborhood

Summer 2010



## LOCAL BANDS *ROCK FOR A CAUSE*

Friday, July 23, 7pm

Burns VFW Post 388, 388 River Drive, Wausau

Join the fun as six local bands support The Neighbors' Place Food Pantry in concert at the VFW in Wausau. Admission is free, but the groups are soliciting donations of non-perishable food items, including canned and boxed food, and staples such as flour and sugar. Cash contributions also are welcome, as are checks made out to The Neighbors' Place.



## CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2010

4-7 PM

FEATURING LIVE MUSIC BY GARY HERNANDEZ!

*City Grill has partnered with us to support the growing needs in our community, and YOU can be a part of it! Bring out your inner elf, and deliver some love to our neighbors in need! Santa's tending bar and the place will be alive with the spirit of giving. There's no admission cost – please join in the fun before the Concert on the Square!*

*WHILE IT IS BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE... YOU MAY END UP ON THE RECEIVING END TOO*



## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

*DISCOUNT WOODCHUCKS TICKETS WHEN YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE FOOD PANTRY*

Come to Athletic Park on August 9 and August 16 -

Baseball fans will get \$1 off the \$6 ticket price for each item of non-perishable food donated at the box office, up to a maximum of \$2 off per ticket. So bring your family, make a donation to TNP Food Pantry, and enjoy some great baseball with the Woodchucks!



## *FORE!* PLAN TO PLAY! 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

*SPONSORED BY INNOVANT*

MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2010

WAUSAU COUNTRY CLUB

All proceeds benefit The Neighbors' Place programs meeting the core needs of our neighbors. For sponsorship or foursome information, please contact the Innoviant Golf Committee at 715-841-5001 or [INN-Golf@innoviant.com](mailto:INN-Golf@innoviant.com). Everyone is welcome to participate!



## EAT LOCALLY – SUPPORT LOCALLY

Over the past 3 decades, the 2510 Restaurant and Deli has understood the importance of buying locally and supporting our community. With the help of their primary food distributor located in Baraboo, WI, they have partnered with many local manufacturers, growers and farmers around the state. Each month, they will feature these companies in a separate, limited menu. Each time a guest orders off this menu, \$1.00 towards the purchase of food will be donated to TNP's Food Pantry. In addition, their staff has already donated \$500.00 toward the purchase of food for the same cause.

Thank you to all of our supporters – "It takes a village," and our village is up for the challenge!



# THE COMMUNITY GIVES SO WE CAN HELP

## *A message from Tom Rau, Executive Director*

Several Sundays ago I had the good fortune to listen to a sermon that talked about gifts, and the spirit of giving and helping. I don't recall the exact words, but I certainly remember how it made me feel.

The crux of the message, as I heard it, revolved around the idea of unconditional gifts or help. This kind of message is right up my alley. I believe this is the cornerstone of why The Neighbors' Place was formed. It is an intentional idea that says the help or service we offer at The Neighbors' Place is offered without condition. It is available to anyone. There is no judgment to be made about who qualifies or who doesn't. The motivation to help comes from the need for help, not from worthiness or un-worthiness. To me this is the spirit of giving at its purest.

Every day at The Neighbors' Place, because of the wonderful community we reside in, we are blessed to be able to reflect this idea to the people we serve. It is the community's commitment to this mission that allows us to do what we do. I think of this as we again approach a major fund raiser for The Neighbors' Place. Monday, August 9 is the date for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Benefit hosted by Innoviant. As they have for many years, our friends at Innoviant put their hearts into making this event a success *so we can help*. Each year, golfers from our community and beyond generously participate in this event *so we can help*. If you have participated in the past, we hope you will join us again; if you have not had the chance yet, make this your first year. For information, please call The Neighbors' Place at (715) 845-1966 or you may contact the Innoviant Golf Committee at (715) 841-5001 or [INN-Golf@innoviant.com](mailto:INN-Golf@innoviant.com).

One Fathers' Day, a young avid golfer decided to take his "older" father golfing. To his surprise, his "old" dad played fairly well. He didn't hit the ball far, but plodded along consistently and didn't waste much time. Finally, they reached the 9th fairway and the young man found himself with a tough shot. There was a large pine tree right in front of his ball - directly between his ball and the green.

After several minutes of debating how to hit the shot, his father finally said, "You know son, when I was your age, I'd hit the ball right over that tree."

With that challenge placed before him, the young man swung hard, hit the ball up – right smack into the top of the tree trunk. It thudded back on the ground, not a foot from where it had originally lay.

His father then offered one more comment, "Of course, when I was your age, that pine tree was only three feet tall."

This story is offered to you by a member of FTGBTS – *Fathers Teaching Golf Balls To Swim* and failing for over 100 years.



## ***FILL AN EMPTY BOWL WITH A FULL HEART***

*Wausau Area Empty Bowls, a project to fight hunger in Wausau and greater Marathon County, will benefit The Neighbors' Place Food Pantry again this year.*

***SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16***

Please join us at the Rose Garden in Wausau for the third annual Empty Bowls event, where you'll enjoy the delicious cooking of area restaurants and groups while mingling with others who are all working together to combat hunger in our community. You'll take home a unique bowl and have a chance to bid on sensational items in the Silent Auction. Mark your calendar, and plan to participate! For more information, go to [wausauareaemptybowls.org](http://wausauareaemptybowls.org) or our Facebook page.



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Keep an eye on our Web site – you never know what new things you'll learn! At the site, you'll find information about all of our valuable programs, events and news, as well as hours and contact information to help you with whatever you need.

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