

Spring Harbor News

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Neighborhood Welcome

School's out and there's no better time or place than summer time in Spring Harbor! Join us for our 52nd annual Fourth of July parade and picnic and be sure to take advantage of all our amazing green spaces. Make a point to check out the turtle rain garden at the top of Spring Ct at Lake Mendota Dr. Faith Fitzpatrick, our garden club and other neighborhood volunteers have invested a lot of energy into improving this little gem. Congratulations to our garden club as they are celebrating their 60th anniversary this year! They have been around even longer than SHNA itself! While you're out enjoying our local parks, don't forget to support our neighborhood businesses. For a complete list of businesses in the SHNA area, visit our website www.SpringHarborOnline.com. Also on the website you will find neighborhood news, event updates, and you can SIGN UP FOR OUR EMAIL LIST SERVE on the top right of the home page. As always, please contact SHNA President [Greg Hull](mailto:greg@gmhull.com) at (608)443-9169 or by email at greg@gmhull.com, if you wish to serve on any of our fun committees

YOU'RE INVITED **4th of July Picnic and Parade!**

Join your neighbors at Spring Harbor Park for the traditional neighborhood parade and picnic. This year, the Indian Hills Garden Club is celebrating its 60th anniversary, and we have found a notice of the first 4th of July parade and picnic held in 1955. Many of the traditions we will continue to enjoy at the 2015 celebration were started 60 years ago!

Kids with decorated bikes, trikes, strollers and wagons should gather on Saturday, July 4th, near the corner of Tomahawk Trail and Merrill Springs Road. The parade begins at 11:00 and heads toward Spring Harbor Park for fun games and prizes for everyone. We hope to

enjoy beautiful weather on the 4th, as we have for many recent years. There is no rain date.

A potluck picnic begins at noon. SHNA provides pop-sicles, pizza, brats, hot dogs, and orange drink. Neighbors are asked to bring a dish to pass and your own plates, drinks, utensils, and blankets or chairs. Some of our long-time volunteers are not able to attend this year so we need a few more people to help. Please volunteer to help with a small task like picking up donated food, decorating in the park, or helping with the games.

For many years the historic Shorewood Hills Fire Truck has led the parade and fireworks that provide entertainment at dusk over Blackhawk Golf Course. Your contributions are welcome and can be given at the picnic to the Shorewood Hills EMS and Fire Association who provide for these activities. For more

information or to volunteer, please contact [Jeanette Tierney](mailto:Jeanette.Tierney@354-5336) at 608-354-5336 or Jeanette.tierney@gmail.com. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on the 4th!



NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

The neighborhood association would like to thank each of you who came out to pick up trash or clean up the neighborhood gardens on Saturday, April 18th! The turn out was great with several new faces. As always, a big thanks to those of you who continue to pick up trash in the neighborhood as you walk, run or even bike!

We concentrated our clean up on University Ave, Spring Harbor Park and Indian Hills Park, along with the underpass and bike path. Other volunteers cleaned up under the Spring Harbor Park sign and the two harbor gardens to ready them for mulch. Cleaning up our neighborhood is always a great way to meet neighbors after a long winter!

BUCKS Arena Plan: Voodoo Economics

State Representative Teresa Berceau

Although the recently-announced financing deal for a new Milwaukee Bucks arena is substantially different from the plan the governor included in his proposed budget, it certainly isn't substantially better for taxpayers. The governor claims the state will lose out on \$419 million over 20 years if the Bucks leave. But that assumes money people currently spend on Bucks games will simply disappear, which is completely false. Instead, people will choose other activities and entertainment options, and will patronize other area businesses. The Bradley Center would also be available for more concerts and events.

When all the interest costs are added up, the taxpayers will be liable for \$400 million. That represents a subsidy of \$28 per ticket for every single Bucks game in the next two decades. In addition, the Bucks are exempt from corporate taxes. The materials used to build the arena are exempt from the state sales tax. The bonds are exempt from state and federal taxes. The arena itself will not pay property taxes. It's not clear if the ancillary development will also be exempt from property taxes. If so, that would cost taxpayers another \$260 million over 20 years.

Under the new plan, the state will issue \$55 million in bonds. The City of Milwaukee will contribute a parking garage and tax incremental financing totaling \$47 million. The Milwaukee Center District, which currently runs the Milwaukee Convention Center, will be responsible for \$93 million of bonding. Milwaukee County expects

to provide tens of millions by having the state recover uncollected county debt.

The Bucks will be responsible for any cost overruns. It's not clear who will pay for ongoing maintenance. (This is currently an issue with the Bradley Center. The governor claims the state will owe \$100 million in deferred maintenance. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel puts the figure at about \$20 million.) It's also uncertain who gets money from selling naming rights to the arena, which will likely be worth more than \$50 million. There is a clawback provision so the team has to repay some money if it leaves.

There are several problems with this. First off, the Center District raises money through taxes on rental cars, hotel rooms, and restaurant sales in Milwaukee. That revenue now goes to pay the debt on Milwaukee's convention center. It won't be available for the Bucks arena until 2028.

The Milwaukee County portion is probably the sketchiest part of the whole deal. The county has approximately \$120 million in uncollected debt. But digging a little deeper reveals how unfeasible it is to rely on this money for a new arena.

\$76 million is owed to the Milwaukee County Courts. Most of that money, however, is restitution that criminals have been ordered to repay their victims. It cannot legally be used for the arena. The state already collects some court debt for Milwaukee County. Historically, about 11 percent is simply uncollectable, due to people declaring bankruptcy, etc. The Fiscal Operations Administrator for the Milwaukee court

system estimated the state would likely collect less than \$2 million over 20 years.

Another large chunk of unpaid debt is delinquent property taxes. The county already eventually collects about 90% of that money. The remainder, again, is probably uncollectable. Finally, about \$19 million is owed in unpaid ambulance charges and other various county service fees. The Milwaukee County Comptroller indicated it will be difficult to collect this money.

If the county doesn't produce its \$80 million share of arena funding, the state can reduce shared revenue to make up the difference. It appears the Milwaukee County Board will not be allowed to vote on any of this – the county executive alone will have authority to approve the deal. He has also offered to sell ten acres near the arena, valued at almost \$9 million, to a development firm owned by the Bucks for only \$1.

Pro sports teams like the Bucks tend to concentrate entertainment dollars at the top, with most of the money they generate going to millionaire players and billionaire owners. The other jobs they create are mostly low-wage, part-time concession positions. Spending on sports instead of other recreational options lowers the total number of jobs and the number of full-time jobs. Numerous empirical studies show stadiums don't result in much new economic activity. They merely siphon recreational spending away from other businesses. Instead of putting money into our local schools, our universities, even our highways, we seem poised to rush headlong with this reckless plan, based on voodoo economics, which could leave taxpayers on the hook for hundreds of millions of dollars.



Your Neighborhood

Garlic Mustard Pull

Thanks to all of you who filled trash bags with garlic mustard plants during the SHNA-sponsored garlic mustard pull April 25 at Spring Harbor Park. We were in luck; while it was a chilly, cloudy day, it didn't rain. It was satisfying to band together in a common cause to rid the park of as many nasty, invasive weeds as we could manage in two hours so the wildflowers have the chance to multiply and grow. Signing up to work were if you wish to serve on any of our fun committees Richard Rehm, Ken Highfill, Kathy Anderson, Kim McBride, Jeanette Tierney, Shary Bisgard, Faith Fitzpatrick, Bernie Tennis, Joe House and Tamara England-Zelinski.

For those of you who weren't able to work that day but pulled garlic mustard plants this year in our parks and greenways on your own, we applaud you for making our green spaces nicer places.

A special thank you is owed to Joe House who arrived with his arborist equipment and worked all morning chain sawing and chipping large box elder and hanging snags. Joe lives in the SHNA neighborhood and has contributed significantly to removing invasive trees and bushes from Spring Harbor Park. If you have tree trimming or tree removal jobs, please consider calling Joe—he is a wonderful example of a neighborhood businessman who volunteers his expertise to improve Spring Harbor Park. How to reach Joe: Email: joe@treehousearbor.com Website: treehousearbor.com Phone: 332-6548.

Weed Wrench and Dandelion Pullers

The Indian Hills Garden Club purchased two weed wrenches and two Fiskars dandelion pullers for neighborhood residents to use. The weed wrench is useful to remove invasive trees and shrubs from your property. The smaller wrench will remove plants with main stems up to one inch diameter, the other will pull stems up to two inches.

The Dandelion puller will save your back (used in a standing position) and saves the environment by not using toxic chemicals to control these weeds. Expect to return the tools within 2 or 3 days so other neighborhood residents can borrow them. To borrow a weed wrench, please contact [Rita Harris](mailto:Rita.Harris) at 238-9169 or rharris9169@charter.net.

Contact [Jeanette Tierney](mailto:Jeanette.Tierney) at 608-354-5336 or jeanette.tierney@gmail.com to borrow a Dandelion Puller.

Turtle Rain Garden

A major overhaul of the turtle rain garden at the corner of Lake Mendota Drive and Minocqua Crescent was undertaken starting in May 2015. This area was originally planted and maintained by volunteers from SHNA, Indian Hills Garden Club, and Girl Scouts Troop #2498 and received funding from City of Madison Engineering's Stormwater Department and Parks. Some of the grasses were replaced in the turtle rain garden and 2 tons of sediment removed from the rain garden.



Shredded bark, from City Parks, was replaced. Thanks to many of the neighbors that helped with the various stages of a very labor-intensive project!

Indian Hills Gathering Recap

This year's Indian Hills Gathering was our second year for the event held in Indian Hills Park on Flambeau, and was held on Saturday, May 16. We saw a low attendance this year mostly due to the annual plant sale being held on the same day, and also graduation parties that conflicted. Even though the attendance was low, we still had a nice event with several new neighbors stopping by and chatting for a while. If we host another similar event next year, we will revisit the date to avoid too many conflicts, have a potluck signup to ensure we have enough food/drink, and try to do more to get the word out about the event. Please contact [Aaron Crandall](mailto:aaron.crandall@yahoo.com) at aaron.crandall@yahoo.com or 608-294-9505 if you have feedback, suggestions, or comments about either this or last year's Indian Hills Gathering at Indian Hills Park.



Dale Heights Presbyterian Church & Korean Madison Sah-lang Church

5501 University Avenue at Norman Way
(next to Brennans)

<p style="text-align: center;">Dale Heights</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Phone: 608-233-0134</p> <p style="text-align: center;">e-mail: Office@daleheightspc.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">www.daleheightspc.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sah-lang</p> <p style="text-align: center;">www.madisonsahlang.org</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Worship 10 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">for more information see website</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Worship 11:45 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">for more information see website</p>

SHNA Board of Directors' Meetings

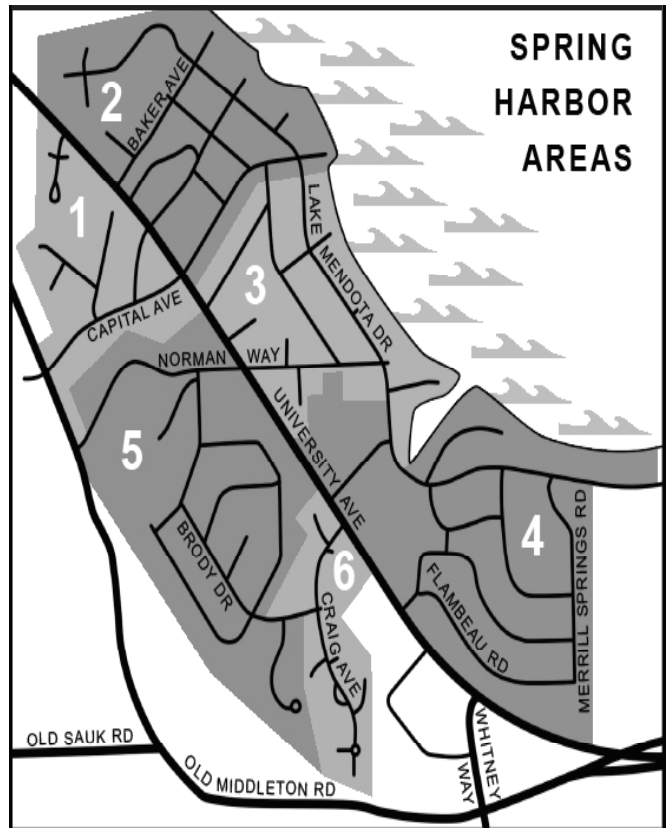
You are welcome to attend the monthly SHNA Board of Directors' meeting, currently held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending a meeting, be sure to check the SHNA website at www.SpringHarborOnline.com to confirm the date, time and place. If you would like to have an issue considered by the board, please contact your area director or the SHNA president to have it added to the agenda for that meeting.

SHNA Board of Directors

President	Greg Hull	443-9169
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Area 4	Kim McBride	238-8819
Area 5	Barbara Schultz-Becker	232-1810
Area 6	Stan Fuka	236-4229



Garden Club Plant Sale

The 11th annual Indian Hills Garden Club plant sale was once again a resounding success, thanks to you. We appreciate your supporting our efforts to raise money for neighborhood park projects, frequently in conjunction with the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association. The money from the sale also is used for annual contributions to local non-profit organizations whose missions are related to gardening and the environment.

The garden club was formed 60 years ago in 1955. Plant sales were held annually but discontinued at some point. Our plant sale event was restarted in 2004 and earned around \$500. Due to your patronage, we earned over \$4,000 this May, realizing over a thousand dollars more than last year. Since our first plant sale in 2004, we've raised over \$20,000 for local projects and organizations.

Hosting such a successful sale makes all our members' strenuous efforts in digging and potting worthwhile. Thanks also to:

- Spring Harbor Middle School for allowing us to hold the plant sale on school grounds.
- Teacher Dave Ropa and the school's garden club who helped to clean up the plant sale site and helped after the sale to take our unsold plants to plant in school gardens.
- Jerry Bisgard and Don Macaulay who put up the signs advertising the sale all over the neighborhood.
- The Westside Garden Club which donated several carloads of the unsold plants from their earlier plant sale.

We so appreciate everyone's support in helping to make our neighborhood plant sale successful. Thank you.

We welcome anyone in the neighborhood with an interest in gardening. It's a great way to meet other neighbors who share this common interest. To join us, please call either [Shary Bisgard](#) at 233-1238 or [Jeanette Tierney](#) at 354-5336.



JAZZ IN THE park

We hope you will be able to join us for a relaxing wrap-up to summer with Jazz at Spring Harbor Park. Bring a lawn chair and mark your calendars for September 7th, from 4 to 6 pm, for a free neighborhood jazz concert. The performance will be a family friendly event including selections for all ages and even magic tricks. In case of rain, the event will continue as planned at the Spring Harbor Middle School gymnasium.

This year's musicians will be neighborhood residents, John Becker and Jon Vriesacker, and friends, Laurie Lang Croasdale and Chris Sandoval. The following are short bios for each musician:

[John Becker](#) is a songwriter, pianist, percussionist, recording artist, vocalist and educator. He works as an elementary music teacher for the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District. John started his career perform-

ing in Los Angeles, California, and taught percussion for several years at UW-Whitewater. His recordings are "Time Stands Still" and "Are You in a Band"?

[Laurie Lang Croasdale](#), bassist, is an advocate for jazz music through the Madison Music Collective and the Improvisational Music Workshop. Laurie has recorded "Beautiful Friendship", and is on Sally Debroux's "The Way Love Can Be" and John Becker's "Time Stands Still".

[Jon Vriesacker](#), violinist, is a member of the Madison Symphony Orchestra and also plays jazz, bluegrass and other improvised styles. Jon played on the Academy Award winning Best Song "Al Otro Lado de Rio" from the movie "The Motorcycle Diaries" and can be heard on recordings with Willy Porter, Freedy Johnston, and Garbage.

[Chris Sandoval](#), drummer, is originally from San Francisco and currently resides in Middleton. He spent many years touring the world with internationally known performing acts. He has played with such diverse artists as Jorge Santana and Huey Lewis.

Dane County Board Report—District 10 ***Supervisor Jeremy Levin***

I hope this edition of the SHNA newsletter finds you and your family well. As I wrote about last time, the County Board finally approved Resolution 556 – Investigating Alternatives to Incarceration, Solutions to Racial Disparities and Mental Health Challenges in the Dane County Jail and throughout Dane County’s Criminal Justice System. The resolution calls for a comprehensive reform of the Dane County criminal justice system which will include the establishment of three work groups of the Public Protection and Judiciary (PP&J) Committee. The three work groups that will be advising the PP&J Committee will be:

- Mental Health, Solitary Confinement and Incarceration – will investigate the possibility of establishing a mental health toolkit or mental health court to support Dane County’s Circuit Court judges, one or more stand-alone community-based facilities, potentially based on a crisis intervention or restoration center model, and eliminating or greatly reducing the use of solitary confinement.
- Length of Stay – address approaches to reduce the number of people in jail and racial disparities among people in jail
- Alternatives to Arrest and Incarceration – address alternatives to arrest and incarceration, prior to being booked

All three work groups will include community members, explicitly including communities of color, people

with mental illness and people who have been impacted by incarceration. Each work group will make recommendations for next steps to the PP&J Committee and to the Criminal Justice Council by September 30, 2015.

The County Board also approved an amendment to the agreement with Harris Corporation for a DaneCom expansion, the County’s public safety radio system. The amendment to the agreement is to furnish an interoperable voice radio communications system, increase coverage in areas reporting troubles, improve paging effectiveness and enhancements to the analog tactical subsystem.

Should you or your family have an interest in specific Dane County projects or initiatives, please contact me at levin.jeremy@co.dane.wi.us or call me at 608-577-9335.

SPRING HARBOR GOES GREEN

A giant rain garden called a ‘Bio-basin’ has just been completed at University Crossing in collaboration with City of Madison Stormwater Utility. The Bio-basin is located behind UW-Health and the Spring Harbor Animal Hospital. It is pictured here showing workmen laying a perforated pipe on top of an impermeable rubber mat. The white perforated pipes were covered with a fiber mat and then topped with 3 feet of specially prepared soil to act as a sponge to trap sediments and contaminants from parking lots and University Crossing streets. The Bio-basin is now complete and is planted with prairie and wetland plants that will be blooming later this summer.

Visit the Bio-basin on your bike or while enjoying a walk. The U Crossing

bike/ped path runs next to the basin and takes you up to the open green at the back of the apartment buildings. The 5-acre open green is pictured in the parking lot photo. Spring Harbor Neighborhood played a leading role in getting University Crossing developers to give special attention to managing runoff because of proximity of the development to Spring Harbor and City Well #14.



Spring Harbor Neighborhood provides a model for going green. Besides University Crossing, bio-basins have now been constructed in Indian Hills Park, Norman Way beach parking area, upgraded at the headwaters of Hickory Hollow on Old Middleton Rd, and gained city-wide attention for the Turtle Rain Garden at the corner of Spring Ct and Lake Mendota Dr. Rain gardens are more effective than first anticipated in trapping sediments and contaminants and limiting runoff.

Irwin A. & Robert D. Goodman Greenhouse at Spring Harbor

1110 Spring Harbor Dr. Madison, WI 53705

Tax Exempt ID: ES42431

 Come grow with us

June 15, 2015

Dear Spring Harbor Neighbors,

I hope you have had a chance to watch the Irwin A. & Robert D. Goodman Greenhouse continue to take shape amidst the gardens behind Spring Harbor Middle School. Over the past year, our students, volunteers and contractors have installed the roof, finished the exterior siding, applied earthen plaster to the walls and added the final layer of lime plaster to our interior. Our



vegetable gardens are being planted, the butterfly garden is being refurbished and we thank many of you for your donation of time, materials and plants. With just a little bit more support, we will be able to open the facility this fall and offer a full array of classes.

To accomplish this goal, long-time resident and friend of Spring Harbor, Grant Frautschi and his wife Sarah, have offered a matching grant of up to \$5,000 to meet our funding needs. Every dollar we receive from the neighborhood will go twice as far. To open this fall, we still need to install lights and fans, insulate and install the ceiling, lay the brick floor and put in a small gas fireplace. To do this, we need just over \$12,000. Please

help us take advantage of Grant and Sarah's generous offer.

We have to raise the funds by

August 1st to obtain \$5,000 in matching funds, which will give us a chance to finalize the project before school starts. Please consider donating to this environmental learning center, which will soon become the cornerstone for the school-based gardening movement in Madison. The site will eventually host a community garden, brick oven and much more.



We thank you very much for your consideration. Please send a Tax deductible donation to the Spring Harbor PTSO Greenhouse Fund at the address above. Thank you for helping make our vision a reality.

Sincerely,

David Ropa
Spring Harbor Middle School



Artist's rendition of final greenhouse design.



Current view of the building

Join or renew your membership in **Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association**. Please fill out the form below to join SHNA or renew your membership and mail it to SHNA Treasurer, Bill Fitzpatrick, 5156 Spring Court, Madison, 53705. Dues are \$10 per household per calendar year; donations are welcome.

Please make checks out to SHNA

Membership Dues \$ **10**
 Donation, unrestricted \$ _____
 Donation, neighborhood parks \$ _____
 TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____



The work of the SHNA is done through committees; help SHNA serve our neighborhood. Please check your interests.

- July 4th Picnic and Parade _____
- Help with Halloween Party _____
- Serve on Board of Directors _____
- Deliver SHNA newsletter 3x a year _____
- Clean Up Day and garlic mustard pull _____
- Serve on a SHNA committee _____
- Historic Preservation _____
- Natural Resources _____
- Transportation _____
- Neighborhood Watch Committee _____
- Zoning and Redevelopment _____

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____ email _____