

Spring Harbor News

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SHNA President's Message

Summertime is upon us and that means it is time to take advantage of the wonderful weather by enjoying our neighborhood parks and right of way areas:

- **Spring Harbor Park**
- **Boat Launch and Beach**
- **Kettle Pond Conservation Park**
- **Indian Hills Park**
- **Merrill Spring Park****
- **Lakeshore Courts**

Big thanks to various neighbors, Dave Ropa, and his students at Spring Harbor Middle School, for helping to maintain all of our green space. Special thanks to Herman Felstehausen and Eric Olson for fixing the historic Indian Hills Neighborhood sign.

The first open meeting of the newly formed Zoning and Redevelopment Committee went quite well. We have a great core group lead by Chair Herman Felstehausen. They are energetic and ready to tackle any development issues that may come our way. If you are interested in participating in this or any other neighborhood committee, don't hesitate to contact the committee chair or neighborhood President Greg Hull.

**There is an active, ad-hoc Friends of Merrill Spring committee currently trying to initiate a master planning process for Merrill Spring Park, which will hopefully then be implemented in a timely manner. All are welcome to participate. If you have thoughts on the direction of the park, now is the time to get involved.

Attention Computer Savvy Youth

We need your help. You don't have to be highly skilled but are comfortable with emailing, facebook, etc. You negotiate your own time and pay. If interested, please call Kim McBride, 238-8819, or email at kasmcbride@gmail.com with the following information: name, year of birth, street name, phone number. This will be a new category in the newsletter bulletin board.

Join SHNA Annual 4th of July Picnic and Parade

You are invited to join your neighbors at Spring Harbor Park for the traditional neighborhood parade and picnic. This is a great opportunity to visit with neighbors you haven't seen for awhile and meet new folks who are living in the neighborhood.



Kids with decorated bikes, trikes, strollers and wagons should gather on Thursday, July 4th, near the corner of Tomahawk Trail and Merrill Springs Road.

The parade begins at 11:00 and heads toward the park for fun games and prizes for everyone. A potluck picnic begins at noon. SHNA provides popsicles, 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 will be out of town this year so we need a few more people to help. Please help with a small task like picking up donated food, decorating in the park, or helping with the games.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Barb Schultz-Becker at 232-1810 or jhbbsb@gmail.com or Jeanette Tierney at 608-354-5336 or Jeanette.tierney@gmail.com. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on the 4th!

Planning and Development Progress

University Avenue corridor remains the most active development zone in the neighborhood. This dynamic will continue and is affecting traffic volume, noise, lighting, pedestrian safety, and street runoff into Lake Mendota. A drive-thru coffee service on the site of the former GoodN'Loud music store has been given final approval. The developer, Joe Krupp, will remove the existing building and replace it with a new structure-space for two commercial businesses.

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Your Neighborhood

SHNA Clean-Up Day

It was a warm-coat morning on the chilly mid-April date designated for our yearly SHNA neighborhood park and street clean-up. A few of us signed in at 9:00 a.m, including Faith and Bill Fitzpatrick, Art and Teresa Pratt, Kim McBride, and Shary and Jerry Bisgard. Others arrived a little later to work that day. We scoured our neighborhood parks for trash--Spring Harbor, Merrill Spring, Indian Hills and Kettle Pond. We also picked up trash at Stony Point, Spring Harbor Beach and its parking lot, the boat ramp area, under the University Avenue viaduct and along the bike path, and both sides of University Avenue, where there is always lots of trash strewn along the roadway after the long winter. Thanks so much to everyone who helped in our effort to rid our neighborhood of its unsightly trash. We know many of you regularly pick up trash you encounter when you're out walking around the neighborhood. Keep up the good work!

Garlic Mustard Pull

Given the late spring this year, there were no garlic mustard plants big enough to pull on April 20th. However, this vigorous invasive plant has since made up for lost time and is abundantly flowering in many neighborhood areas. If you have a few minutes to spare, please take a garbage bag and fill it with pulled garlic mustard plants. If you notice any plants on your property, please get rid of them so its spread can be curtailed. With concentrated efforts on all our

parts, we can minimize its adverse effect on our native woodland and green space plants.

Indian Hills Garden Club Plant Sale

The May plant sale at Spring Harbor Middle School was a great success again this year thanks largely to your support and our active advertising effort. We made \$2,700, another record! We devoted much time and effort before the plant sale date digging and potting plants from our gardens to sell. The West-side Garden Club donated their unsold plants from their plant sale the week before and we sold those too. After the sale was over, the woodland plants that were left were planted in Spring Harbor Park. The remainder of the unsold plants were given to the school's garden club members to plant on school grounds. We have already donated a portion of the proceeds from the May 18 plant sale, giving \$1,000 to the Spring Harbor Middle School's greenhouse project to provide materials for a school workday which was held on June 1. Thanks for supporting our 9th plant sale!



Indian Hills Garden Club

Despite its historical name, the garden club is open to everyone in the neighborhood. You don't have to be a "good" gardener to join. You may not garden at all but want to learn how or just have an interest in plants. Joining is a wonderful way to meet others in the neighborhood with a common interest and be enriched by attending our educational programs and tours. Our activities include presentations by gardening experts, field trips, neighborhood planting projects, annual plant sale, spring garlic mustard pull, April potluck at Dale Heights Church, and a winter holiday auction party. Our fund-raising efforts benefit our neighborhood parks and contributions to garden and conservation groups. If interested in joining us, contact Kim McBride at 238-8819 or Shary Bisgard at 233-1238.

Borrow a Weed Wrench

The Indian Hills Garden Club has purchased two Weed Wrenches for neighborhood residents to use to remove invasive trees and shrubs from their property. The smaller wrench will remove plants with main stems up to one inch diameter. The other will pull stems up to two inches. Directions for use are included. Both are easy to use and very effective. If you'd like to borrow one of these tools, please contact Rita Harris at 238-9169 or rharris9169@charter.net

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A drive-up coffee café will include indoor and outdoor seating and parking along the west edge of the property. Questions remain about outdoor lighting and the amount and quality of landscaping. You can view the drawings online at:

<http://madison.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=2508767&GUID=9DB55EA2-FFD0-4D57-82D8-71589CD9995C>

University Crossing's building program is proceeding on schedule. The office/retail building on the corner of University Ave and Whitney Way, and the apartment building at the back, are scheduled to open in the fall. Parking lot lights and building signs are ongoing concerns. Strong white light projecting from the UW Health Digestive Health Center sign penetrates well into the residential neighborhood along Flambeau and Tomahawk. New street lights on University Ave are also shining into people's windows. Alder Mark Clear is investigating corrective options.

Hill Farms Neighborhood is preparing a new neighborhood plan. The Hill Farms neighborhood was designed in the early 1950s as a planned urban development including a town center at Hilldale. The Hilldale urban hub is filling in and moving. Its reach includes Shorewood Hills/Walnut Grove, DOT state office property, the Triangle, University Crossing, and a mile of University Ave. SHNA Planning and Development recommends collaborative discussions with Hill Farms planning groups to improve green corridor connections across neighborhoods.

Prepared by Herman Felstehausen, P&D Comm

Indian Hills Sign Restored

The Indian Hills Historic Sign has been rescued and reconstructed after being damaged by high winds and heavy snows in January. Long-time residents say the sign is more than 50 years old. Countless comments came from neighbors urging its preservation. Question: Does anyone know when the sign was built and by whom? The design is unique—two flying buttresses representing a banner in the wind. Restoration work was done by Eric Olson, Spring Green. He inserted new rot-resistant interior framing. All of the original sign

boards were preserved. Good as new, fair to predict the sign will stand for another 50 years.

repared by Herman Felstehausen

Dane County Board Report—District 10 Supervisor Jeremy Levin

I hope this edition of the SHNA newsletter finds you and your family well. While the County Board will not approach our budget until the fall, I did want to update you on some of the recent occurrences with the Board. In June we will welcome our second class of Youth Governance Program (YGP) members, students from county high schools, who will participate on the Board's six standing committees. Following the first year of the YGP program, the benefits of having two students on each committee participate in the County's governance process has offered a fresh perspective for me and fellow supervisors in how we approach our jobs and I look forward to the continued experience.

Recently we passed a resolution that will require clients of Dane County services seeking information on reproductive health options to be provided access to comprehensive and factual information. The law requires clients with reproductive health concerns to be referred only to organizations that provide "comprehensive, non-directive reproductive health care information, including but not limited to family planning, birth control, pregnancy, and post partum." The proposal comes in response to growing evidence that a number of crisis pregnancy centers in Wisconsin and across the nation provide biased and medically disproven information to women about their reproductive health options, and was a concern to many district 10 residents who contacted me, which is why I supported the resolution both in committee and before the full Board.

Finally, the County Board also passed an ordinance calling for a preference for locally-sourced goods in all County purchasing. The County has long given preference to local vendors in its purchasing and contracting, but with the passage of this ordinance, now will also give an advantage to vendors that supply goods made in Dane County.

As always, please feel free to contact me at levin.jeremy@co.dane.wi.us or call me at 608.577.9335 with specific questions and concerns.



Dale Heights Presbyterian Church & Korean Madison Sah-lang Church

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(next to Brennans)

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Pastor Marilyn Gamm
Phone: 608-233-0134
e-mail: dalehghts@sbcglobal.net
www.daleheightspc.org

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e-mail: takgam@yahoo.com
www.madisonsahlang.org

Sunday Children-Friendly Worship
10 a.m.
Sunday Church School 9 a.m.
Wednesday Lunch Studies—
for more information see website or
contact Pastor Gamm

Sunday Worship 12:10 & 1:30 p.m.
Morning Prayer 6 a.m. Mon.-Fri.
College Group 6 p.m. Fridays
For more information see website or
contact Pastor Gam

SHNA Board of Directors' Meetings

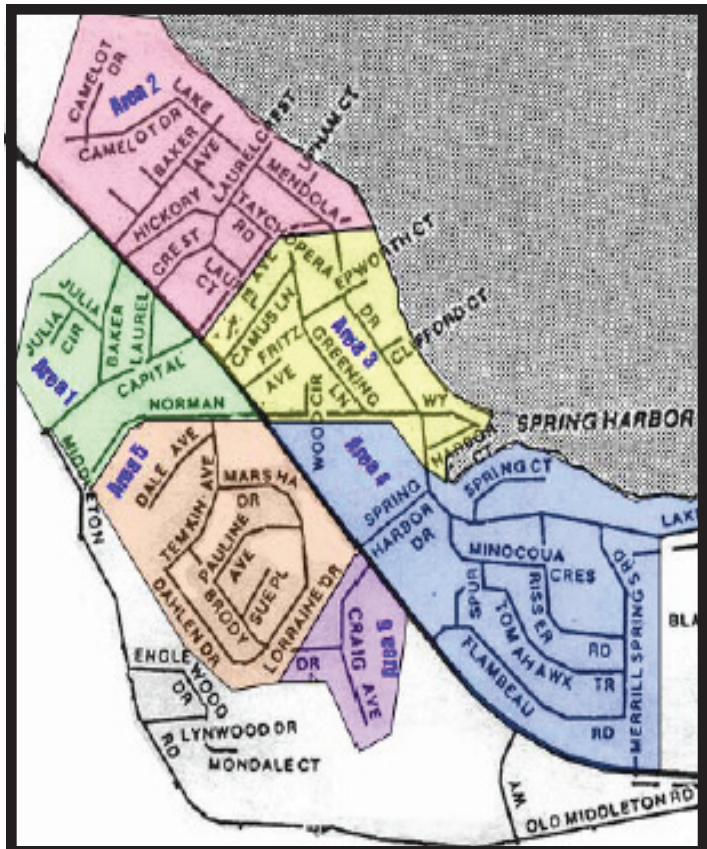
You are welcome to attend the monthly SHNA Board of Directors' meeting, currently held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending a meeting, be sure to check the SHNA website at www.SpringHarborOnline.com to confirm the date, time and place. If you would like to 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

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

Now that the warm weather has arrived, Spring Harbor Middle School is continuing to make progress on their sustainable greenhouse. With the foundation completed, the project is moving forward with the installation of the insulation and drain tile. The foundation has been back-filled and the utilities are being installed at the site. Once completed, students will have running water both inside and outside the greenhouse and there will be gas, electric and internet access in the facility.

In addition, this spring, several local Boy Scouts have enlisted their troop mates to implement their Eagle Scout projects. Will Caldwell constructed a wooden station for storing garden materials such as mulch, topsoil and gravel. The station allows trucks to enter quickly and easily off University Avenue and deliver supplies without driving over the gardens.

On Saturday, June 1st, Ben Townsend led members of his troop in the installation of numerous learning stations on the school grounds. Posts and platforms were constructed that will serve as educational stations that explain the local effigy mound, the composting process, sustainable design and permaculture. In addition, the troop finalized the construction of a new "Little Library" that was installed in the school's butterfly garden. Filled with books about ecology, gardening and the environment, it offers a wealth of great reading material for the avid gardener. This summer, the school is hosting four week-long gardening camps. Students from grades 5-9 can register on the MSCR website. Attendees will work in the gardens, work on aspects of the greenhouse, create art and sculpture to adorn the gardens and cook fresh foods made with produce from the gardens.

During that time, the timber frame, which has been completed by Glenville Timberwrights

of Baraboo will also be installed. Once the timber frame is up, adult students enrolled in building courses at MATC will be assisting in the framing of the walls, windows, doors and roof as part of their training. The expected goal is that the construction will be completed by the fall of this year so students can begin working in the building during the winter months.

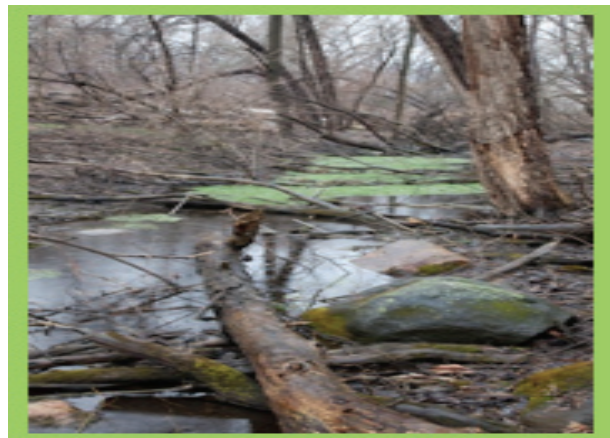
If you'd like to help the project in any way, there is a Facebook page with details about project activities, work days, and material needs. Project coordinator, David Ropa, is always looking for support, be it service, financial or materials.

By Dave Ropa

June Tree Planting

About 140 trees and shrubs will be planted in the woods at Spring Harbor Park as part of vegetation restoration effort by the SHNA Natural Resources Committee. Species include those common to forested spring seep setting. SHNA and Indian Hills Garden Club are cost-sharing with city parks on the plantings.

The SHNA restoration committee is in need of able bodied volunteers for trail maintenance, spot-removal of invasive plants, planning, and planting. Please contact Faith Fitzpatrick (faithfitz@sbcglobal.net) if interested in helping.





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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 \$ _____

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____ email _____

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 _____