

Spring Harbor News

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serving the area from Shorewood to Middleton and Lake Mendota to Old Middleton Road.

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Put our 4th of July parade and picnic on your calendar

Hear Mayor Dave at the SHNA Spring Meeting 7:00 pm April 20th

Spring Harbor Middle School

We're excited to announce that Mayor Dave Cieslewicz will address the neighborhood at our spring meeting. This will be an excellent opportunity to ask the Mayor about neighborhood issues. We expect him to discuss such topics as University Avenue reconstruction, traffic calming, and the SHNA Neighborhood Plan. His talk will be followed by a question and answer session, so come with questions! Russ Hefty will be at the meeting to discuss a master plan for Kettle Pond and the 06/07 SHNA board elections will also take place. We're looking forward to seeing you.

SHNA 2006/07 Board Elections

Annual elections of the SHNA Board of Directors will take place at the April 20th meeting with the following slate of candidates proposed:

President: Shary Bisgard
President-elect Janet Loewi
Secretary: Jeanette Tierney
Treasurer: Bill Fitzpatrick

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Area 1 Shary Bisgard
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Area 4 Kim McBride
Area 5 Brenda Mayrack
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Clean-up Day and Garlic Mustard Pull

Want to be part of the city-wide 10th annual Earth Day Challenge? If so, join us for the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association's annual park and wayside clean-up day **Saturday, April 22 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.**

Tasks include picking up trash, weeding the flower gardens at the Spring Harbor boat ramp, and pulling up garlic mustard plants from park and greenways.

Trash bags from the city will be provided. We suggest you wear old clothes and bring gloves to protect your hands. Sign in at Spring Harbor Park to be assigned a job or to let us know where you want to work.

In case there are still some garlic mustard plants left growing in our green spaces, we've scheduled an **additional garlic mustard work session May 6 from 9 to 11 a.m.** Please join us! We'll meet at Spring Harbor Park. We guarantee you a wonderful feeling of accomplishment pulling these nasty invasive plants up by the roots. **If the weather is miserable April 22, come on May 6** and you can either do clean-up activities, garden, or pull up garlic mustard plants.

If you have any questions, call either of the event's co-chairs: Kim McBride at 238-8819 or Shary Bisgard at 233-1238. Let's make this year's clean-up the biggest and best ever!

Summer Art Cart At Spring Harbor Park

The Art Cart is a free traveling art program sponsored by the Madison > Museum of Contemporary Art and Madison School and Community Recreation. > The program provides creative, outdoor art-making experience to children > ages 5+ and their families. Activities include both group and individual > projects with a variety of materials. The Art Cart will be at Spring > Harbor Park on Wednesday, August 16 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

If you're interested in the Art Cart schedule at other city parks, please > call Stephanie at 204-3021. The program begins June 19 and ends August 24 > with art cart activity scheduled at 46 city park locations.

Spring Harbor Neighborhood Assn.

If you have suggestions or questions for your neighborhood association, please call:

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reduce income disparity between schools. We were unable to forward to the Board a recommended plan for boundary changes. Several options were included in the final report, however, as alternative plans if no new buildings or classrooms were created in the future. Two of those plans affected the Spring Harbor neighborhood: one shifted all neighborhood students who currently attend from Stephens Elementary over to Shorewood Elementary; another divided the SH neighborhood in half, sending students north of University Ave. to Shorewood, and south of University to Stephens. With the support of other SH neighbors, I argued against both plans during Task Force proceedings and public hearings before the School Board, in the interest of keeping the neighborhood unified and remaining in the Memorial HS attendance area.

On March 27, the School Board did unanimously support proceeding with plans to build a school in the Linden Park development on the far West side of Madison. They also approved plans for an addition and renovation for Leopold Elementary, although funding for this project is still in discussion. If student capacity is increased (new school, additions) the need for disruptive school boundary changed will decrease. In particular, Stephens Elementary will not reach projected overcrowding if far West developments gain a new school. On April 10, the School Board will discuss when to go to referendum and how to finance a Leopold addition.

If you are interested in more information on any of these issues, you can visit a MMSD website <http://www.madison.k12.wi.us/boe/longrange/> or call or email Carol Quintana 238-4211, carolq30@aol.com

Madison Metropolitan School District Memorial/West Attendance Area Task Force Update

By Carol Quintana

In response to current and projected overcrowding in West side elementary schools, a MMSD Task Force recently studied possible solutions. I represented Stephens Elementary on this Task Force and solicited opinions of SHNA parents about school boundary issues. Now I'd like to review and update this process for you below.

Representatives from each elementary school in the Memorial/West HS attendance area met from September to January with Madison Metropolitan School District staff, and held several community forums in November to share their findings. The final report submitted to the School Board included: 1) a recommendation to build a new elementary school on the Far West property owned by the District; and 2) a recommendation to add 7 classrooms along with a common space onto Leopold Elementary school. Members of the School Board, however, voted in January not to bring a school building/addition referendum before the public until Fall 2006.

The Task Force also created and discussed school boundary options to redistribute student numbers and

Merrill Spring Restoration

by Bill Fitzpatrick

The restoration of the old stone cistern at Merrill Spring Park is almost complete. The cistern has been cleaned out, lined with clean sand, the sluice gate repaired, a new well has been drilled, and most of the plumbing is in place. It is a wonderful improvement to this great little park. Many thanks to all who have contributed to this important project.

City staff from the Water Utility, Parks, and Engineering Departments have worked very hard to help the neighborhood restore this treasure. Many of your neighbors have contributed time and money for this project. We have met our fund raising goals for our \$5000 match to the city for this \$20,000 project. Contributions have come from current residents and past residents. The Yahara Lakes Association, representing the lakefront property owners on the Yahara chain of lakes, has contributed \$200 to help preserve this lakefront treasure.

This spring the city will finish the final plumbing and wiring for the well and conduct a pump test to verify the new system is working. Water will be tested to insure it is clean and safe. (Continued on page 3)

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Come down to the park to enjoy the restoration.

Remember there is still more work need to care for this park. The landscaping and stonework of the benches and outlet channel need attention. There is an old buried sidewalk that needs to be uncovered and many other improvements that the neighborhood could implement. Donations are still being accepted and volunteers are encouraged to contact SHNA.

Donations can be made out to the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association and sent to: Bill Fitzpatrick, SHNA Treasurer, 5156 Spring Ct. Please be sure to note that the donation is for Merrill Spring in the memo portion of your check. If you have questions or need additional info #233-3584 or fitzengr@aol.com.

Spring Harbor Neighborhood Plan (2003 – 2006)

The first-ever Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association (SHNA) Plan has been completed and is ready for implementation. Schreiber/Anderson and Associates (SAA) completed their work at the end of March, and the SHNA Plan Steering Committee turned the Plan over to the current SHNA Board in April for implementation.

The new SHNA Board, and Alder Noel Radomski, who will introduce the Plan to the Madison Common Council, will lead the implementation process. After introduction, the Plan will be reviewed by the Madison Plan Commission, and ultimately considered for approval by the Common Council.

The SHNA Plan began in April of 2003, when the SHNA voted to seek grant funding from the City of Madison. A Grant Application Committee, led by Chuck Dunning and Michael Curtin, achieved approval in November of 2004. Deborah Hobbins led fund-raising to match the grant money, and in April

2005 the SHNA voted to proceed with the planning process and created a SHNA Steering Committee co-chaired by Bob Steffen and Celest Regenber. The Committee consisted of residents, businesses, and city staff (see * list below). During the last ten months, three large neighborhood forums, seven city oversight meetings, five focus group discussions, three large stakeholder meetings, and two county meetings were held by the Steering Committee. (Note: See www.springharboronline.com/Plan for all meetings, results, and minutes/notes from all public sessions held.)

The sessions resulted in seventy-one recommendations and twenty-seven goals. The Steering Committee then used Design Guidelines based on "Sense of Place", "Sense of Focus", and "Sense of Principles" for their work to prepare for the final large forum. At the last forum, participants from the Plan Area gathered in the Spring Harbor Middle School gym to hear the results, and then vote individually to determine top priorities. SAA, then prepared recommended Action Plans for the priorities: University Avenue reconstruction, commercial redevelopment, residential redevelopment, light rail/commuter service, rain gardens/storm water run-off, bicycle trail expansion, traffic calming, and neighborhood historic preservation.

Now it is your turn! As the SHNA Plan moves into adoption and implementation mode, the plan will only be as good a tool as it has participants who are interested in particular areas that need to be worked upon. This will not be a SHNA Board initiative; it will be a residential and business partner initiative that is based upon your civic interest in helping.

Four initial subcommittees are recommended by the action plans:

Transportation
Historical Preservation
Zoning & Redevelopment
Natural Resources

Please come to the annual

meeting on April 20 at the Spring Harbor Middle School, and sign-up for working on one of these four subcommittees. The SHNA Plan Steering Committee would like to say **Thank You**, to all those who gave willingly of their time, money, in-kind services, and especially active opinions, ideas, and support. Living in the active Spring Harbor Neighborhood has the added benefit of sharing creative ideas, easing the impact of issues, and leading our neighborhood to be truly a civic-minded, open-gateway that is unified towards making Madison a great place to live, work, play, and have fun.

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Spring Harbor Neighborhood Playgroup

Got Kids? Spring Harbor has a neighbor playgroup for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. We

meet every few weeks on various days. For more details contact Sarah at 669-3818 or sarah.orkowski@sbcglobal.net

City of Madison Report Alder Noel Radomski

Soon I will celebrate my first anniversary of service as the District 19 Alderperson, and below are a few highlights for the residents of Spring Harbor. Please contact me if you have any questions, comments or suggestions about improvements to the neighborhood, District 19, or the City of Madison (236-0892) or district19@cityofmadison.com.

Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association Plan

This month I will introduce a city resolution to adopt the SHNA Plan, which will trigger a review by numerous city commissions, and ultimately the Common Council will be asked to adopt it. If adopted, any proposed development or requested city action will be made in context of the Plan and the recently adopted City Comprehensive Plan. A big thank you to Bob and Celest for their tireless efforts, and a sigh of relief that they escaped the process with their sense of humor still intact.

Kettle Pond Restoration Project

If you walk near Kettle Pond you will notice changes in the area, and I would like to applaud the efforts of Ken Haak, a neighborhood volunteer, who has been clearing exotic trees and shrubs in the park for several years. Soon, work will commence on a dredging project for the pond, which has filled with four feet of sediment. As part of the project they will reroute the trail off Dale Ave. and construct a rain garden to infiltrate the street runoff. It is planned that the project will be completed sometime this year, with Parks restoring the Kettle Pond edges with wetland plants.

City Policy Regarding Lakeshore Courts?

I continue to work with the SHNA Board, the Mayor's Office, the City

Attorney, City Engineer, Parks Superintendent, and others to "operationalize" public access to the lakeshore courts. I hope to have more information later this Spring

.Mow vs. New Meadow Park Areas?

The Parks Division recently drafted maps of each city neighborhood park detailing where new low mow areas or "meadow management practices" are being proposed for the 2006 mowing season. I placed each District 19 park proposal on my web site—please go to the following web page if you want to review the proposal:

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/council/District19/index.html>

The Park Commission will conduct a public hearing at their April 19th meeting to review the proposals (6:30pm, Warner Park Community Recreation Center).

Madison Metro Improvements along University Avenue?

To improve passenger convenience through greater directness of service and improve operating efficiencies to help control costs, Metro is proposing route and service changes to go into effect on September 3, 2006.

Several route improvements are being considered for the University Avenue corridor between Madison and Middleton. Please go to the Madison Metro web page for a list of public hearings and proposal outlines:

<http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/metro/ServiceChangeProposals/ServiceChangeProposals2.html>

I will continue to work with Madison Metro on a new Middleton Transfer Point, and improved service for Spring Harbor residents.

Thank you!

Boat Found

Are you missing the hull of a 20 foot fiberglass racing sailboat? It was found in salvageable condition on the shore when the ice melted. Call Ted Iltis 238-9175

Spring Harbor Park Playground equipment -Donations Needed

Just over a year ago SHNA formed a committee to look into replacing the horse swing at Spring Harbor Park with another play structure. The neighborhood association has generously offered to provide \$2,500 in matching funds for new equipment. A representative from Landscape Structures, a contractor for playground equipment for city parks, has provided some alternatives that are appropriately sized for the space. Some of the other equipment at the park is showing some wear, including a worn-out tot swing and the digger. We'd also like to replace the existing swing chains with coated (non-pinch!) chains.

Volunteers are needed to help make the final selections for equipment. We will be applying for City matching funds but donations from neighbors are also needed. Please contact Faith Fitzpatrick (233-3584 or faithfitz@sbcglobal.net) to volunteer or find out more information. If you use the park a lot this is your chance to have a part in selecting the best replacement equipment!

Tot Lot Volunteers Needed to Make a Tot Lot a Reality

Playgrounds for children are a wonderful amenity in any neighborhood and we are blessed in the Spring Harbor area to have a very good playground at Spring Harbor Park that serves the entire neighborhood.

However, during the neighborhood plan process, a need was identified for a small additional playground serving pre-school/early grade school children and their parents in the residential area from Mohawk Park to Whitney Way. We're ready to get moving on this project! However, we need an enthusiastic individual to spearhead the effort and other individuals willing to pitch in to help make this project a reality.

Volunteers would need to:

- Work with the SHNA Board, City of Madison Parks Division, & landowners to determine an optimum location
- Identify the playground equipment & site improvements needed
- Secure Parks Division grant money by seeking an allocation from the SHNA treasury and individual contributions through the SHNA newsletter

The city parks division has voiced its support. The SHNA board & membership are interested in the project. Help us make it a reality! Please call Shary Bisgard at 233-1238 or email her at sharybisgard@charter.net if you can help.

Sesquicentennial

In 2006, Madison celebrates its 150th anniversary as a city

See the web site

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/planning/150/index/html>

Dane County Report Supervisor Brett Hulsey

Dear friends,

Hope you are ready for spring.

The good news is our new county manure management plan seems to be working. You may have read about the Lake Mendota manure spill dumping thousands of pounds of pollutants into the lake. I led the effort to reform our manure management ordinances to keep this from happening again. We can protect our lakes, streams and family farmers.

You can help protect our lakes by planting a rain garden to soak up the rainwater before it runs into the lake. Old fashioned rain barrels are even coming back, too. Check mine out. I also created a County Clean Water Fund to pay to clean up sewer outfalls and stream banks. We are making progress to clean up our lakes. On the health care front, I led a national effort to get Wal-Mart, which has more employees on Medicaid than any other company, to improve its health care plan. This will reduce the millions Wisconsin taxpayers have to pay. That is just wrong to stick taxpayers with their insurance bill when they can afford to pay it.

Speaking of that, do you know someone who needs help paying for medicine? My father wrote a free medicine book and I have posted it on my website. Check out www.brett4us.org/freemedicine to download a book or call me if you want a hard copy.

On the county board, I work to represent you, and build a better Dane County. Let me know how I can better serve you by calling me at 238-6070 or email Brett@Brett4us.org.

Have a great spring and summer

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SHNA-Sponsored Garage Sale May 19 and 20

If you have anything to sell-furniture and other household goods, clothes, crafts, this is your golden opportunity to be part of the 3rd annual neighborhood-wide garage sale to be held May 19 and 20! Just think-you can get rid of the stuff you no longer need and someone will pay to take it away.

Here's what **you** need to do:

a.. Call Sheila Mroz, our garage sale coordinator, at 238-6703 to let her know you'll be participating in the garage sale no later than May 1

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b.. Make signs advertising your garage sale location and place them on University Avenue, Old Middleton Road, Whitney Way or any other busy street near where you live the day(s) of your sale. This will help to attract potential customers. Remember that your sign must be legible to passing cars to get your message across.

To help make your event a success, Sheila will:

a.. Advertise the neighborhood-wide garage sale in the Wisconsin State Journal and The Capitol Times

b.. Provide a map or a list of the addresses of all the known garage sale locations. She will deliver copies of the map/list to each garage site she knows about so interested buyers know the locations of all the garage sales.

c.. Place large signs on arterial streets advertising the neighborhood-wide garage sale to attract interest in the event from passers-by.

If you have any questions or need advice on how to hold a successful garage sale, please call Sheila at **238-6703**

Youth Gang Prevention Task Force and more

by Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk

Greetings! Spring is just around the corner - - I sure hope! I've talked about the challenges that youth gangs present to our community, and I've outlined some of the steps that the county is taking to meet these challenges. We are making progress and I want to share news and ask for your participation.

The first recommendation in the "Dane County Youth Gang Prevention Task Force Proposed Community Response Plan" called for an "enhanced" Task Force to

include broader community involvement. I am happy to tell you that a co-chair "dream team" has graciously agreed to take leadership roles in this important work. The Task Force co-chairs being appointed by Madison Mayor Dave Cieslewicz and myself will be Milt McPike and Luis Yudice. Milt McPike recently retired as principal of East High School where he devoted 23 years to his students and the community. Luis Yudice recently retired from the Madison Police Department where he served the Madison community for 32 years. They are both terrific. Please help us to broaden the discussion about gangs and the ways that they manifest in different parts of our county and to help to get the word out about this important work. Everyone has something to contribute to the solutions.

If you are interested in participating on the "enhanced" Task Force as a member, sub-committee member, or in some other way, or to receive an electronic version of the plan, please contact Ken Haynes in my office. He can be reached at (608) 266-3197 or haynes@co.dane.wi.us

On another note, I need your help on another very important matter. Last year Dane County established a special fund to help deployed military personnel who are serving, or have served, on active duty in the Middle East. This assistance is also available to the families of these brave servicemen and servicewomen.

The special fund cannot speed up the safe return of loved ones stationed in the Middle East, but it can help to take the sting out of possibly mounting bills such as those connected to rent, mortgage, medical, dental, utilities, household and other emergencies. Please help to spread the word about this program. Our servicemen and servicewomen and their families deserve it.

Interested persons should call Eleanor Harris at the Dane County Veteran Service Office at (608) 266-4158 or email her at harris@co.dane.wi.us to make an appointment to fill out the application or bring in a completed application.

I'm sure we all join in wishing the safe return of all military members serving in the Middle East.

JOIN SPRING HARBOR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Please join or renew your membership in the Spring Harbor neighborhood Association for 2006. We need you. The purpose of our association is to improve living conditions in the neighborhood and to promote and maintain its family, residential character. Money is used to publish this newsletter and to support various activities throughout the year. Annually we sponsor a Halloween party and a Fourth or July picnic and parade. We have two member meetings a year: April and October. Everyone is invited. Newsletters are delivered to over 1,000 households in our area in April, June and September. Memberships are renewed annually (beginning each January) dues are \$5.00 per household. If you have not already renewed, please renew your membership now for 2006. See reverse side for handy form.