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Fall Membership Meeting
Tuesday, October 9, 2007, 7:00 PM
Spring Harbor Middle School

Topic: Hill Farms Redevelopment

Our next Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association membership meeting is planned for Tuesday October 9 at 7:00 PM. Peter Maternowski, from State Department of Administration, will talk to us about the planned development at Hill Farms, the site of the current DOT building. The Madison City Council recently passed a general development plan allowing the State to proceed with a major redevelopment of up to 2 million square feet of space on this property, with the possibility of buildings up to 20 stories tall. At this point it's a concept plan: developers and their proposals will be sought in the near future. We will also ask the membership to vote to allow the SHNA Board to speak and act on behalf of the Association on this issue when issues are presented. Please see the article inside this newsletter for more details.

At the meeting, we will also hear from our Alder, Mark Clear, and County Supervisor, Brett Hulsey, on matters of interest to our residents. Other items to be discussed will be the Halloween Party, traffic safety, especially in the Brody Drive area, and reports from our various committeeheads. A vote will be taken on allowing advertising in our newsletter as a permanent option. Last year we voted for a one year trial, which has gone very well.

Please plan to come. This is a great way to become involved in your neighborhood!



Don't miss this year's neighborhood

Halloween Party

on Sunday, October 28 at 2:00 pm

(see page 6 for details)



Our Neighborhood Public Places

Take advantage of our wonderful neighborhood parks and right of way areas:

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

and. . . .

If you're interested in reading the Madison Parks Newsletter, the link to the latest edition is at:

www.cityofmadison.com/parks/2007%20summer.pdf

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SHNA Committees and Groups

Transportation Committee

When the neighborhood plan was being developed, there was consensus that too many cars are speeding through our neighborhood streets and that we need to explore ways to slow them down so that pedestrians can be safe. There are 13 recommendations on pages 39-40 of the neighborhood plan. Among them are recommendations to: install traffic calming devices, improve pedestrian safety, build bicycle connectors to existing paths and encourage bicycle parking outside retail stores on University Avenue, improve bus service and pedestrian access to bus stops.

If you are interested in joining us to discuss how we can work with the city to implement these neighborhood plan recommendations, please attend the Transportation Committee's first meeting. It will be held on Thursday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m. at 1 Julia Circle. If you have any questions or need directions to our house, please call me at 233-1238 or email me at sharybisgard@charter.net.

Zoning and Redevelopment Committee

We are planning a meeting in September. If you are interested in attending or joining this committee, please contact Kim McBride at 238-8819 or email k2berly2@hotmail.com for specifics.

History Committee

The Spring Harbor history committee has met twice this year. We have been gathering information and ideas of how to record the facts and stories. We are still interested in hearing from neighbors who have been here for a long time and have things to add. We would like to have a tape recorder to borrow to tape the stories. If you have one we could use, would you please let either Amy or me know.

Amy Kinast has taken Bob Steffen's place as co-chair along with Ann Sowaske. Amy's phone number is 231-1086 and Ann's is 238-7903. We would like to hear from you. The committee will schedule a meeting in September.

Indian Hills Garden Club



If you enjoy gardening, you may enjoy belonging to the Indian Hills Garden Club. Our activities include presentations by experts, field trips, neighborhood planting projects, a spring garlic mustard pull, a spring potluck and a holiday party with items auctioned off to raise money for local park projects and other non-profit park organizations. If you would like to join us, please call Kim McBride at 238-8819 or email k2berly2@hotmail.com. You don't have to be an expert to join; all levels of gardening skill from beginner to expert, all are welcome!

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Natural Resources Committee If you're interested in joining the Natural Resources Committee, please contact Darin Burleigh at 231-1086 or email burleigh@chorus.net. The committee is working with the city and the Spring Harbor Middle School to develop a plan for the restoration of natural areas in Spring Harbor Park.



Spring Harbor Area Business Owner/Manager's Group

On July 19, Alder Mark Clear and SHNA business liaison, Celest Regenber, met with a small group of owners and managers of area businesses. If funds are included in the 2008 city budget, Alderman Clear said that it is likely planning for the University Avenue reconstruction project will begin next year. He said businesses will be consulted regarding their access needs and the possibility of sharing common driveways to adjacent parking lots. Alderman Clear also discussed the plans for the Hillfarms' DOT land. He noted there will likely be a significant traffic impact on Whitney Way, Old Middleton Road and University Avenue when that parcel of land is fully redeveloped.

Christine Campion Crawford, who recently sold her Irish Waters restaurant on Whitney Way, was thanked for her past service to the business group. She provided space in the restaurant for business group meetings and served on the steering committee for the SHNA Neighborhood Plan. If you have any questions about these local business group meetings, please email-Celest at regsr@sbcglobal.net or call her at 233-0751.



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SHNA Board Of Directors and Meetings

You are welcome to attend the monthly SHNA Board of Directors' meeting, currently held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. 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.

President	Janet Loewi 238-2626	Secretary	Jeanette Tierney 238-9084
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Area Directors

Area 1: West of University Ave, N of Normay Way	Shary Bisgard	233-1238
Area 2: East of University Ave, Capital Ave (North)	Carrie Dellinger	233-2401
Area 3: East of Univ. Ave, Norman Way thru Camus	Don Bally	233-1645
Area 4: Indian Hills, Spring Court (East)	Kim McBride	238-8819
Area 5: Temkin thru Lorraine	Jiyanna Beltran	238-7005
Area 6: Craig Avenue	Chuck Dunning	238-4598



July 4th Parade and Picnic



Spring Harbor would like to give a warm thank-you to all who participated in our July 4th picnic and parade this summer. Special thanks to the people and businesses who donated their time and energy for the event:

Don Bally	Pat McBride
Jiyanna Beltran	McDonald's
Shary Bisgard	Glass Nickel Pizza
Brennan's	Sally Miley
Sue Coppersmith	Lori Peppard
Chuck Dunning	Noel Person
Bill Fitzpatrick	Raul Reyes
Joe House	Jeanette Tierney
Suzanne Kercher	Jackson Tiffany
Amy Kinast	Matt Sykes and the
Jeff Larsen	Shorewood Hills
Kim McBride	Fire Department

And everyone who brought a dish or helped out at the event.

Area 5 Residents Working to Improve Traffic Safety

As in other neighborhoods in Madison, our neighborhood (Area 5) continues to experience excessive traffic speeds and dangerous driving practices. This is of particular concern since children are present. Residents have reported to police several hit and run incidents and cases of drunken drivers driving into yards.

The City of Madison has devised several methods to protect residents from these negative traffic patterns. These include stop signs, speed bumps, and traffic circles. A group of concerned residents are putting together an application for participation in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) through the City of Madison Pedestrian/Bicycle/Motor Vehicle Commission by submitting a "Neighborhood Petition of Support for Traffic Calming." The petitioned areas include Marsha Drive, Temkin Avenue and Brody Drive. Members of the group will be going door-to-door to collect signatures to submit to the Commission for stop signs and speed bumps.

Property owners will not have to pay individually for the traffic calming measures, if the request is approved. Residents who live on or close to these streets have an enclosed flyer in this newsletter with additional information.



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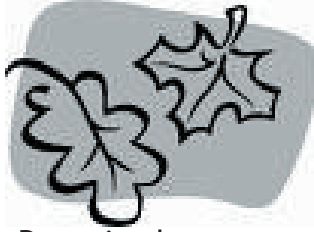
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Love Your Lakes – DON'T LEAF THEM

Did you see the “Love Your Lakes...” signs around Madison last fall? They are part of a citywide campaign to remind homeowners to keep their raked leaves and yard waste out of the streets and gutters.

Decaying leaves provide nutrients for the algae in our lakes. Algae is the green, stinky stuff that starts to plague our lakes in July, and as early as June. When placed in the street, nutrients from the leaves can be leached out by rain and snowmelt, wash down the storm sewers and into the lake, “feeding” the algae and causing them to grow rapidly. Leaf pickup is one of the city’s largest and most costly projects of the entire year.

Raked leaves should be placed on the terrace above the curb and NOT in the street. It is illegal to do so, and is punishable by a fine of up to \$291! Complaints may be forwarded to Al Schumacher, Madison Streets Superintendent at 266-4680 or e-mail at aschumacher@cityofmadison.com. If you must bag your leaves, leave the tops open so collection crews can determine what’s inside. You can also place a tarp over your leaves to keep them from blowing around. Pickup crews will leave the tarps. Leaves can also be mulched or composted.

The city is scheduled to begin fall leaf pickup on Monday, October 1st. You can check a recorded announcement (267-2088), or visit www.cityofmadison.com/streets to find out when leaf and brush pickup crews will be in your neighborhood. Lots more info is available at www.myfairlakes.com. Happy Fall Cleanup!

Halloween Party

This year’s neighborhood Halloween party is on Sunday, October 28, from 2 to 3:30 PM in the Spring Harbor Middle School gym. The party provides fun Halloween activities (such as bean bag toss, arts and crafts, pin-the-spider-on-the-web) for young children (approximately ages one to eight). The party also provides an opportunity for older children (approximately age nine through high school age) to organize, watch over and supervise the activities for the younger children (including distributing the prizes). Finally, everyone of all ages has the opportunity to socialize and enjoy the treats.

There are several ways to help. The easiest is to come to the party with a few treats to share, bring your kids if you have some, and help them participate in a neighborly way. Another easy way is to help clean up at 3:30 PM.

If you are, or have, children who would like to participate in the planning, set-up, and supervision of the games, please have them contact Suzanne Kercher at 608-238-4673 or email at skercher@wisc.edu

There will be a pre-party pizza gathering for the student volunteers while we set-up for the party.

Finally, if you are a Halloween enthusiast and can donate some adult supervision, set-up, planning, or special activity (like running a door prize raffle), we would love to have you.

We hope to see you there.



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KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR



For the last four years Ellie Metzloff and her husband Carl spent summers in Madison in their house on Lake Mendota Drive and winters in Tonawanda, near Niagara Falls, New York. Last January they sold their home in New York and became official year-round Madison residents to be near their son Kyle and his family, who live nearby.

Ellie has two masters' degrees and was a classroom teacher and reading specialist for 33 years and then supervised student teachers at Buffalo State College for five years. Carl was a professor and department chair of Materials Science and Engineering Science at Erie Community College and is now a SUNY Professor Emeritus. All three of their sons followed in their father's footsteps and are engineers as well. Kyle is a professor of Industrial Studies at UW-Platteville. Ellie has joined the Indian Hills Garden Club and has spent time this summer removing the overgrown vegetation in the large public triangle at Spring Court and Lake Mendota Drive. The garden club hopes to develop a plan to improve the triangle with plantings and turn it from an eyesore into a garden-like setting that they hope will be a pleasure for passersby to view.

Ellie has her own tutoring business in her home at 5122 Lake Mendota Drive. She tutors children in reading and writing from kindergarten through 5th grade. If you live in the neighborhood and need a tutor for your elementary-age child, you may wish to contact Ellie at 230-6704.

Looking to Sell or Buy a Home in the Spring Harbor Area? Call Your Neighborhood Specialist!



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Hill Farms / DOT Redevelopment

At its August 7th meeting the Madison Common Council approved rezoning the 21-acre parcel at University Avenue and Segoe Road owned by the State of Wisconsin and currently the home of the Department of Transportation. The rezoning will allow the state to begin redevelopment of the land into a high density office, residential and retail center.

The SHNA board learned about the proposed redevelopment at an April 30th informational meeting held by Vandewalle and Associates, consultants hired by the state to write the zoning text. We sent an email to our neighborhood list and included an article in the June newsletter in an effort to let neighbors know about this important issue. However, because there has not been a neighborhood meeting this summer, board members have been limited to speaking on behalf of the board only (and not the general membership) when dealing with the developer and the city. This article gives a brief overview of the plans for this parcel.

The property has been rezoned for a Planned Unit Development (PUD). The first step in a PUD is the approval of a General Development Plan, or GDP. The GDP for the Hill Farms project outlined the possibility for six building sites, with a maximum building height of 20 stories. More details of the GDP can be seen at www.hillfarmsproject.wi.gov.

The SHNA board spoke against the plan at Plan Commission on August 6, requesting that new construction be capped at the same height as surrounding buildings, that goals for green space be firmly outlined in the plan and that the site's stormwater not be sent to Spring Harbor. The GDP was approved by the Plan Commission that evening and approved by the Common Council the next night.

The rezoning plan provides a framework for the new construction, but it does not speak to the specifics of individual buildings. As each site within the parcel is developed, the developer must submit to the city a specific implementation plans (SIP), which will include site plans, architectural drawings and elevations, landscape plans, traffic plans, and storm water management plans. Each SIP will be subject to a public review and approval process prior to the start of construction.

The SHNA, with the help of our alder, will stay informed of these plans and will notify the neighborhood via email, the website and newsletters and/or meeting as the timing dictates. **At the general meeting this fall we seek the membership's approval to speak on behalf of the neighborhood on the following topics**, which are taken from our neighborhood plan.

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New developments should:

- Include street improvements that plan for increased traffic and help ensure pedestrian, bicycle and traffic safety
- Promote sustainable building and design practices.
- Vary roof and façade designs to provide architectural interest.
- Create buildings with details and proportions that are scaled to the pedestrian and reflect the surrounding buildings
- Provide green spaces that complement the character of the neighborhood.
- Provide a landscape buffer between the development site and residential areas.
- Install pedestrian amenities to encourage use as neighborhood gathering spaces.
- Utilize stormwater management systems to control drainage and prevent increased flow into Spring Harbor

We look forward to hearing from you at the fall meeting to discuss this important development that sits at the edge of our neighborhood. If you have questions or are unable to attend the fall meeting but wish to make a statement, please contact Carrie Dellinger (carriedellinger@charter.net) or Sally Miley (ssmiley1@charter.net).



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Sunday Schedule

Worship for all ages 10:00 a.m.

Church School for all ages 9:00 a.m. September-May - or see website

New Member Classes 9-9:30 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sundays

Nursery 9:15-11:15 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Night Bible Study or Service – current details on web site

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We seek to share God's love by inviting others to join us in following Jesus
and by serving those in need in our community and world.**

Alderman Report

Hello Friends and Neighbors,
Here are a few updates on issues that affect our neighborhood.

Hill Farms Project

The City has approved the General Development Plan (GDP) for a major redevelopment of its property at Hill Farms, where the Department of Transportation is currently located. Over the next ten to fifteen years, the site will see new office buildings, mixed-use residential/office and retail projects, and transportation improvements for cars, bicycles and pedestrians. SHNA was very involved in this process and will likely be again once we see the first specific project proposed for the site.

Automated trash collection

By now you should have received your tan refuse cart and (depending on when you're reading this) may have already begun using it. To make this program successful we need everyone's help with a few guidelines. Most importantly, remember that ALL refuse must be placed inside the bin; items beside the bin will not be collected (other than "large items" that won't fit inside the bin).



If you find that your bin is too big or too small, there will be an opportunity to switch sizes later this fall, but remember that you want to have a bin large enough to fit your biggest week of trash, not just your average week. If you would like to recycle your old plastic garbage can, the city will be accepting cans for recycling at the yard waste drop-off sites on Badger Rd. and South Point Rd. until October 12.

You can find all the details and guidelines on automated collection on the Streets Department's Web site: www.cityofmadison.com/streets.

City Budget

Fall is City Budget time, and it looks like this year's budget will be very challenging. We have many priorities as a city, including public safety, transportation, parks, street maintenance and much more. At the same time, we all want to keep tax increases as low as possible. What are your priorities for our city? Where should we spend more, and what things should we reduce? I would really appreciate your input.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, ideas, or concerns about issues in our neighborhood and beyond. You can e-mail me at district19@cityofmadison.com or call 310-8792. Thank you and have a great Fall!

Alder Mark Clear

Email: district19@cityofmadison.com

Phone: 310-8792

From Supervisor Brett Hulsey

Dear Friends,

Well, it's been quite a summer. We went from no rain and drought to too much rain and floods. It is a challenging time for those who live near the water and care about the lakes. County staff are doing all we can to protect your homes and shorelines.



This also points out the importance of the Land and Water Legacy Fund, the \$1.5 million in new spending County Executive Falk and I initiated to protect wetlands and shoreline habitat and clean up storm sewers. We just bought our first wetland property to protect habitat near Lake Mendota, clean up storm sewers, and help farmers plant buffer strips to reduce pollution. You can do your part by planning that rain garden, putting up a rain barrel, and keeping the leaves and grass clippings out of the street.

Energy and global warming are at the forefront and I started an Energy Independence Subcommittee to draw up a county action plan. My efforts are saving taxpayers \$150,000 and reducing greenhouse air pollution by 5 million pounds a year. We are the first county in the state to register these emission reductions and call for more reductions by 2050. To learn what you can do, go to www.focusonenergy.com.

I am also working with Alder Mark Clear to get money to upgrade University Avenue and make it safer for the children going to school in the neighborhood.

On the County Board, I represent you and your interests. As chair of the Personnel and Finance Committee, I am working for good programs like vital family and conservation programs, while holding the line on property tax growth. This is tough with state and federal budget cuts for mandated programs. Let me know what programs are important to you.

Give me a call at 238-6070 or email Brett@Brett4us.org if I can serve you. Have a good fall and let's hope we don't get much more rain.

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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 bring it to the October 9th membership meeting or mail it to SHNA Treasurer, Bill Fitzpatrick, 5156 Spring Court, Madison, 53705. Dues are \$5.00 per household.

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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 _____
 - Zoning and Redevelopment _____