

# Spring Harbor News

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## Spring Membership Meeting

Thursday, April 24th, 2014

Spring Harbor Middle School Library

We can't promise it won't be snowing during this year's spring membership meeting, but if you are able to brave the weather you will enjoy a very interesting conversation. We will have Madeline Gotkowitz, President of the Madison Water Utility Board, as our guest speaker. Madeline has been on the Board since 2009 and is a hydrogeologist with the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey. She will be able to address questions and concerns many SHNA residents have about our water quality and specifically our well pump 14, which is one of the most sensitive wells in Madison. How is our water changing? What was in it in the past, what is in it now? The future? What are the effects of salt? Of geothermal wells? What can we do as individuals to help protect our water supply? Bring your questions!

SHNA's annual elections will take place at this meeting, with the proposed slate of candidates for 2014-2015:

President	Greg Hull
Vice President	Aaron Crandall
Treasurer	Bill Fitzpatrick
Secretary	Mary Beth Dunning

Area 1	Shary Bisgard
Area 2	Jeff Schneider
Area 3	Jeanette Tierney
Area 4	Kim McBride
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Also on the agenda will be a brief update on the continued construction at University Crossing. We have two new coffee shops in the neighborhood, be sure to welcome them into Spring Harbor. Alder Mark Clear and Supervisor Jeremy Levin will give their usual update on City and County issues. Be sure to check our website for upcoming events. Spring is a busy time in our neighborhood with many activities for residents. You are invited

to join one of our committees at any time or participate in one of our spring events.

Happy Spring! Hope to see you all at the April 24th meeting.



### Clean Up

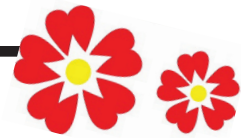
After the long winter, trash needs to be picked up in our neighborhood parks, green spaces, and along our neighborhood streets. Come to Spring Harbor Park on Saturday, April 26th, from 9 am-11 am and sign up to work an hour or two. Trash bags are provided. We have plastic gloves to protect your hands or you can bring your own gloves. If you'd prefer gardening to picking up trash, the perennial garden beds by the boat landing and park sign need to be cleaned up for the growing season.

### Pull Garlic Mustard

Meet in Spring Harbor Park to sign up on Saturday, May 3rd from 9 am-11 am, then spend a couple hours at any one of our four parks: Spring Harbor Park, Kettle Pond Conservation Park, Merrill Springs Park or Indian Hills Park pulling garlic mustard plants!

The City of Madison Parks budget is tight, so support from the neighborhood is crucial to improving our parks. Join us in the continuation of these projects! Note: your volunteer hours for the Clean Up and Garlic Mustard Pull can be recorded and will help when SHNA applies for matching funds for neighborhood improvement projects.

Contact Jeanette Tierney at 238-9084 or Shary Bisgard at 233-1238 for information and to record volunteer hours outside of the formal hours.

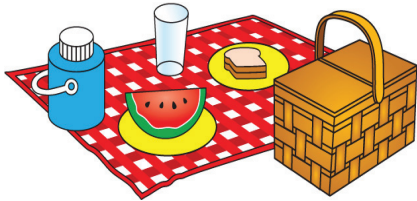


## **Merrill Spring Park**

SHNA President Greg Hull recently sent a letter to the DNR encouraging them to use part of their grant monies to partially reimburse the City of Madison for the acquisition of the Merrill Spring Park expansion. A copy of the letter can be found at [www.springharboronline.com](http://www.springharboronline.com). The SHNA Board is still trying to identify a funding source for a master plan in order to make future improvements to the park.

## **Indian Hills Gathering**

Join us for a neighborhood gathering at Indian Hills Park on Sunday, May 18th, from 11 am-4 pm! This will be a great opportunity for neighbors from all over Spring Harbor to get together and use our great little park in Indian Hills.



We will plan to rent a tent and a porta john for the event, and the City will be dropping off picnic tables and extra trash receptacles. It will be a potluck type of event and BYOB, so consider bringing a dish to pass. As we would like to make this a zero-waste event, consider bringing your own serving and drink ware, but some disposable items will be available.

If you are on Nextdoor.com, please RSVP to <https://indianhillswi.nextdoor.com/events/115865/>. Contact Aaron Crandall at [aaron.crandall@yahoo.com](mailto:aaron.crandall@yahoo.com) or 608-294-9505 if you have questions or would like to volunteer. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, May 18th, at Indian Hills Park!

## **Annual Plant Sale**

Indian Hills Garden Club members will be at Spring Harbor School on Saturday, May 17th, from 8 am - 2 pm. There will be many different plant varieties for sale at lower prices than those at local nurseries and retail stores. Shade and sun perennials, ground covers, vegetable and house plants will be available. Native plants will be identified. Proceeds from the sale benefit our park and garden projects. We would welcome help to set up on the two days prior to the sale, and to assist on sale day the 17th.

Contact Jeanette Tierney at 238-9084 or Shary Bisgard at 233-1238 to contribute plants or volunteer to help with the plant sale.

## **Spring Harbor Park Vegetation Restoration Activities**

University Avenue Corridor – Trees and shrubs will be planted along the terraces and medians on University Avenue from Allen Blvd. to Whitney Way in the Spring. We worked with City Engineering, Streets, and Parks Department to select native species along the multi-use path through Spring Harbor Park.

Buckthorn removal – Phase II of the Spring Harbor Park Vegetation Restoration Plan is scheduled to start this spring with removal of remaining buckthorn thickets in the oak woods toward Indian Hills. This area will be restored to an oak savannah setting. Thanks to SHNA and Indian Hills Garden Club for sharing the cost associated with this work!

## **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 are included. These are easy to use and very effective. Expect to return the weed wrench you've borrowed within 2 or 3 days so that other neighborhood residents can borrow it for their use.

If you'd like to borrow one of these tools, please contact Rita Harris at 238-9169 or [rharris9169@charter.net](mailto:rharris9169@charter.net)

## **Pre-Order City Compost Bins and Rain Barrels**

Spring is finally here and it's almost time for the annual City of Madison Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sale on Saturday, May 3rd, at the Alliant Energy Center parking lot from 10am - 2pm. Rainwater harvesting and backyard composting are easy individual actions to protect Madison area waterways. It is estimated that over 8,000 homes in Madison already have rain barrels or compost bins.

Rain barrels with downspout diverters as well as a sleeker designed compost bin are available in three different colors. The standard rain barrels can hold 50 gallons and the larger systems can hold 200 gallons per downspout. Compost bins will be sold for \$79.99, normally \$129.99, and standard rain barrels are just \$119.99 with a diverter. Area residents who pre-order before by April 23rd will save an additional \$10 off. For larger systems and homeowners with less time, installation services are also available. For more information or to pre-order in advance visit [www.rainreserve.com/madison](http://www.rainreserve.com/madison)

## **Spring Harbor: Part of a Fast Growing Urban Hub**

An expanding Urban Hub is forming around the Hilldale shopping center. And Spring Harbor, especially University Crossing, form a part of that. New developments are taking place on all sides. Hilldale Mall is scheduled for redevelopment later this spring creating an open arcade along the north side of Macy's. Walnut Grove in Shorewood Hills has completed two new apartment buildings and a row of shops on University Ave. There are plans on the drawing board to demolish the Pyare Square tower and replace it with a longer lower building, possibly for senior living.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) office building and parking lot are again being considered for development. Earlier proposals called for complete redevelopment of the state owned parcel. This could mean several high-rise towers matching or exceeding the height of Weston Place on Segoe Rd. The farmer's market and community gardens would be lost. A new 12-story condominium building next to Weston Place is already in the approval process—over the objections of local residents.

Hill Farms is completely rewriting its neighborhood plan. Part of that plan includes future development of the Triangle on Whitney Way across from University Crossing. Triangle development is of immediate concern to SHNA, especially building height and highway set-back. Buildings taller than 4 stories in the Triangle will block the view of the state capitol from the west when driving toward Madison on Old Sauk Rd.—and would block the view of the bluff when driving west.

There is growing awareness in the city that green space with pedestrian-friendly corridors needs to be part of every large development plan. Spring Harbor needs to be connected to Hilldale. We are badly in need a safe and user-friendly pedestrian/bike route between Indian Hills and Hilldale Mall. University Ave. is an absolute barrier to north-south pedestrian traffic. An open, grade-level, underpass under University Ave. in the area of Shorewood Hills is a minimum requirement.

Continued active planning by SHNA will be important in shaping future development. Coordination with Hill Farms and Shorewood Hills must be part of that effort.

*Submitted by Herman Felstehausen*

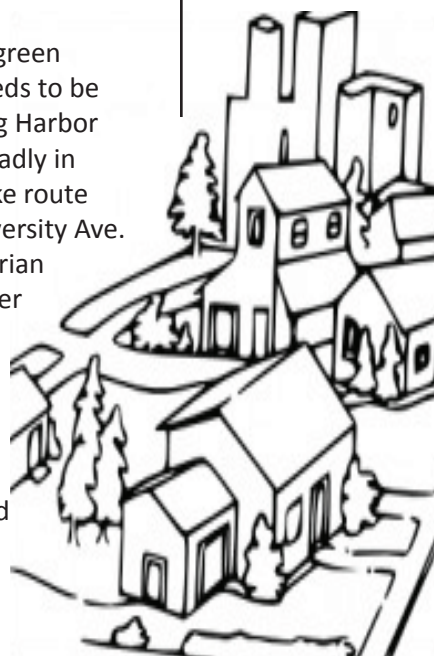
## **DANE COUNTY BOARD REPORT— DISTRICT 10**

### ***Supervisor Jeremy Levin***

I hope this edition of the SHNA newsletter finds you and your family well. As you read this, the spring elections may be over, and I'm honored to be entrusted with another two-year term to serve District 10.

Last term we saw a number of good initiatives that I look forward to seeing continue in 2014-16 term. For the environment: the Clean Lakes Initiative remains on track with projects aimed at cleaning up the county's lakes; and, the manure digesters, while suffering a recent setback, will continue to decrease phosphorus run-off into our lakes and produce energy.

In the area of human services: the Office of the Dane County Board of Supervisors contracted with Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP to conduct an independent analysis of Dane County's Department of Human Services current approach to and future planning for Purchase of Service contracting. I hope that the findings of this analysis, which will be made public early in this next term, will lead to more efficient and effective contracting that will raise the level of the services we provide and get the most bang for our taxpayer buck. For public safety: the next term will bring a much needed discussion on the future of our county jail, as maintenance and upgrades are needed to the sections that were originally built in the 1950s.



Though these areas and projects represent just a handful of the services Dane County offers its residents, I'm proud to work towards the advancement of Dane County as a destination to live, work and raise a family.

Should you or your family have an interest in specific projects or initiatives, please contact me at [levin.jeremy@co.dane.wi.us](mailto:levin.jeremy@co.dane.wi.us) or call me at 608.577.9335.



**Dale Heights Presbyterian Church &  
Korean Madison Sah-lang Church  
5501 University Avenue at Norman Way  
(next to Brennans)**

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**SHNA Board of Directors' Meetings**

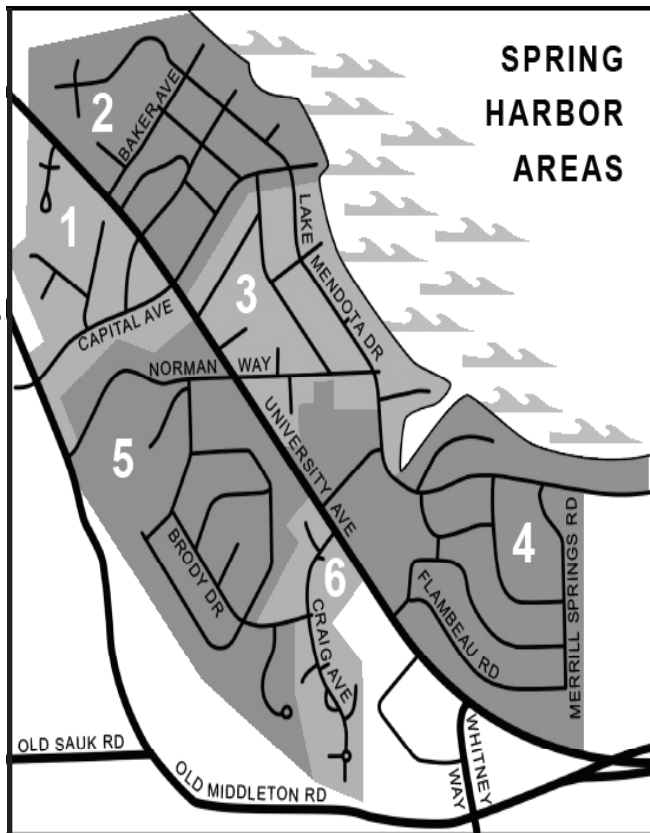
You are welcome to attend the monthly SHNA Board of Directors' meeting, currently held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending a meeting, be sure to check the SHNA website at [www.SpringHarborOnline.com](http://www.SpringHarborOnline.com) to confirm the date, 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	Gregg Hull	443-9169
President Elect	Vacant	
Treasurer	Bill Fitzpatrick	233-3584
Secretary	Mary Beth Dunning	238-4598
Past President	Janet Loewi	238-2626

**Area Directors**

Area 1	Shary Bisgard	233-1238
Area 2	Jeff Schneider	320-0531
Area 3	Jeanette Tierney	238-9084
Area 4	Kim McBride	238-8819
Area 5	Barbara Schultz-Becker	232-1810
Area 6	Stan Fuka	236-4229



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 \_\_\_\_\_

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