

# Spring Harbor News

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## Spring Membership Meeting

**Tuesday, April 28, 2013, 7:00 PM**

**Spring Harbor Middle School**

**S**pring is in the air and the SHNA board has a great meeting scheduled just in time to kick off spring. Madison's new Parks Superintendent Eric Knepp will be our guest. Eric used to live in Spring Harbor and now lives in Crestwood so he is very familiar with our local parks and very excited to speak with us. Our new neighborhood police liaison, Officer Ryan Henderson, will also be stopping by to introduce himself and answer any questions.

SHNA's annual elections will also take place at this meeting, with the proposed slate of candidates for 2015–2016 (Nominations are still open and any interested neighbors are encouraged to run):

<b>President</b>	<b>Greg Hull</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Aaron Crandall</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Bill Fitzpatrick</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Mary Beth Dunning</b>
<b>Area 1</b>	<b>Shary Bisgard</b>
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Additional items on the agenda include a brief update on the Hill Farms Neighborhood plan which is in its final stages as well as our usual City/County updates from Alder Mark Clear and Supervisor Jeremy Levin. Check our website for upcoming events and email SHNA President Greg Hull if you would like to join a committee.

### **Park and Neighborhood 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 18th from 9am - 11 am** and sign up to work an hour or two. Trash bags will be provided. If you prefer gardening to picking up trash, the perennial beds by the boat landing and Spring Harbor Park sign need to be cleaned up for the growing season. Bring a pair of work gloves and join us to make our neighborhood a better place! If you have questions call Kim McBride at 238-8819.



### **Garlic Mustard Pull**

Garlic mustard is a nasty invasive weed that takes over native spring plants. Meet in Spring Harbor Park from **9am -11am on Saturday, April 25th** to help rid our parks of this invasive weed! It's a great way to enjoy our parks and meet neighbors too!

## SHNA Elections

The SHNA annually elects the members of its board of directors for one year terms at the April membership meeting. Any member of SHNA in good standing who has been a resident of the geographic area for at least six months is eligible to hold office as a member of the board except elected officials of city, county, or state government. Elected members of the board include the President, President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer and the six area directors. Candidates for any area director position must be a resident of the geographic area corresponding to that area (see the map on page 4 of this newsletter). Please forward the name of any SHNA resident who desires to place their name in nomination for any of the board positions to Greg Hull, Mary Beth Dunning or any other board member in order to be on the ballot at the April membership meeting.



## Annual Plant Sale

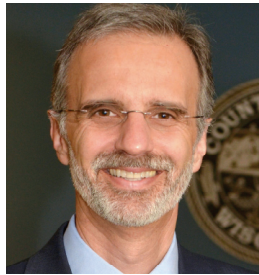
Indian Hills Garden Club members will be selling plants at Spring Harbor School on Saturday, May 16th, from 8 am - 2 pm. Many different plant varieties will be for sale at lower prices than those at local nurseries and retail stores. Shade and sun perennials, ground covers, vegetable and house plants will be available. Native plants will be identified.

Proceeds from the sale benefit our park and garden projects. We welcome help to set up on the two days prior to the sale, and to assist on sale day May 16th.

Contact Jeanette Tierney at 354-5336 or [Jeanette.tierney@gmail.com](mailto:Jeanette.tierney@gmail.com), or Shary Bisgard at 233-1238 to contribute plants or volunteer to help with the plant sale. Garden club members may also be available some days prior to the sale to help you dig extra plants from your yard, or deliver free pots to donate plants.

### Joe Parisi-Dane County Executive

Dane County is repeatedly ranked as one of the best places to live in America - with practically limitless opportunity. However, not all of our residents have access to all our community has to offer. My top priority as County Executive is to work with our entire community to ensure that every single resident has access to opportunity which is why I recently launched my Access to Opportunity initiative.



We know the most reliable vehicle out of poverty and toward upward mobility is accessing and maintaining family sustaining employment. All of my efforts will support our residents in accomplishing that goal by addressing barriers that they may face along the way. Some of the most urgent challenges include: access to a valid drivers license, successful reentry to the community after incarceration, employment training and placement, and mental health services. My Access to Opportunity initiative will work with the community, businesses, and other levels of government, including the state, to tackle some of these challenges in a practical way.

We are embarking on challenging, yet exciting, work in our efforts to make Dane County a better place to work, play and live for all its residents. I am optimistic that Access for Opportunity will take a large step forward towards addressing some of the longstanding issues of inequity and racial disparities we face in this community. We no longer have the luxury of discussing the problems without taking bold and meaningful action steps towards addressing them. That's what my plan attempts to do. For more details on this initiative go to:

<https://opportunity.countyofdane.com/>

## Spring Harbor Park Vegetation Restoration Plan

**Buckthorn Removal** – The Spring Harbor Park Vegetation Restoration Plan Phase II is nearly complete. A heavy covering of buckthorn was removed in fall 2014 from the hillside near the dog park by contractors, Micheler and Brown, LLC. Thanks again to SHNA and Indian Hills Garden Club for sharing the costs for this work. City Parks Department has no funds for invasive plant removals thus Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association paid \$2,353 and Indian Hills Garden Club paid \$3,353 for this incredible job. In the winter, through an individual neighbor donation of \$250 and an additional \$200 from Indian Hills Garden Club, seed mixes from Agrecol Nursery (Evansville, WI) of “savannah woodland edge”, “native slope stabilization” and June grass (*Koeleria cristata*) were seeded in some of the steeper bare sections. Additional seed of Golden alexander and *Eupatorium purpureum* were donated and spread amongst the oaks. We'll need additional oak savannah seed mixes to spread and will be seeking additional cash or seed donations in upcoming months. We've received many compliments about this space since it is in such a high visibility area.

Thanks also to our arborist neighbor Joe House (<http://www.treehousearbor.com>) for his volunteer time doing cleanup work in the Phase I ravine woods and other volunteers last fall that continued to remove regrowth of invasive shrubs and trees, as well as garlic mustard that has been crowding some of the 2013 tree plantings in the ravine woods. Please email Faith ([faithfitz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:faithfitz@sbcglobal.net)) if you have questions or if you'd like to help with invasive removal in the park. We will need continued volunteer help to keep the invasive plants from taking over again.

Get involved in the spring neighborhood cleanup and garlic mustard pulls or do some on your own. Every little bit helps.



### **2nd Indian Hills Gathering**

Save the date for our 2nd Annual Indian Hills Gathering, planned for Saturday, May 16th, from 11 am to 3 pm, at Indian Hills Park. This is a great opportunity for neighbors to get together for an informal and family-friendly gathering in a neighborhood park. This is a potluck and BYOB, so bring a dish to pass and a beverage of your choice. The neighborhood will be setting up a large tent for shelter and renting a portable restroom, and City of Madison Parks will provide additional tables and trash receptacles for the event. You are encouraged to bring your own service-ware, such as plates and utensils, to limit waste.

Please join us! In case of inclement weather, the "rain date" is set for that Sunday, May 17th. Please contact **Aaron Crandall** at [aaron.crandall@yahoo.com](mailto:aaron.crandall@yahoo.com) if you have questions or would like to help with the event.



### **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. Directions are included. The Dandelion puller will save your

back – it is used in a standing position to pull and remove the entire plant. It will also save 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 at 238-9169 or [rhharris9169@charter.net](mailto:rhharris9169@charter.net). Contact Jeanette Tierney at 608-354-5336 or [jeanette.tierney@gmail.com](mailto:jeanette.tierney@gmail.com) to borrow a Dandelion Puller.

### **Merrill Spring Park**

Cottage & Fallen Oak – On August 30, 2014 a large 24-inch oak on the slope above the spotted cow cottage suddenly crashed down crushing part of the old building. City Parks removed the tree and demolished the cottage in October-November 2014. A native woodland edge seed mix will be planted on the slope, and the driveway will be planted with grass. A new park bench was installed by City Parks for viewing the lake. Thank you to the anonymous donation for the funding.

### **Spring Harbor Neighborhood**



Check out our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/springharbor-neighborhood](http://www.facebook.com/springharbor-neighborhood) and "like" us today! Facebook is a social network for sharing info about people, organizations and events.



The SHNA neighborhood is also on the Nextdoor private social network at <https://indianhillswi.nextdoor.com>.

This is a place for info sharing, event announcements, and classifieds specific to our local area. Nextdoor.com has local networks across the country and claims to have 54,000 neighborhoods in the network.



**Sunday  
June 21**

Make Music Madison is an annual one-day citywide, free, outdoor music festival to be held on the Summer Solstice, June 21. The goal is to generate a continuous wall of music as people walk around participating spaces. "Music" is whatever live sound an individual or group wishes to produce, and whatever the hosting space accepts. The festival will be inclusionary in terms of genres, ethnicities, styles of music, skill levels of musicians, and in the use of public and private spaces throughout our community.

Spring Harbor plans to participate in this year's Make Music Madison by making one of our neighborhood parks a venue, most likely Spring Harbor Park. See the website for Make Music Madison at [www.makemusicmadison.org](http://www.makemusicmadison.org) for more information, and to sign up as a musician or volunteer.

Please contact Aaron Crandall at [aaron.crandall@yahoo.com](mailto:aaron.crandall@yahoo.com) if you are interested in performing in our neighborhood for Make Music Madison.



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

**Dale Heights**  
**Phone: 608-233-0134**  
**e-mail:**  
**Office@daleheightspc.org**  
**www.daleheightspc.org**

**Sah-lang**  
**www.madisonsahlang.org**

**Sunday Worship**  
**10 a.m.**  
**for more information see website**

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**SHNA Board of Directors' Meetings**

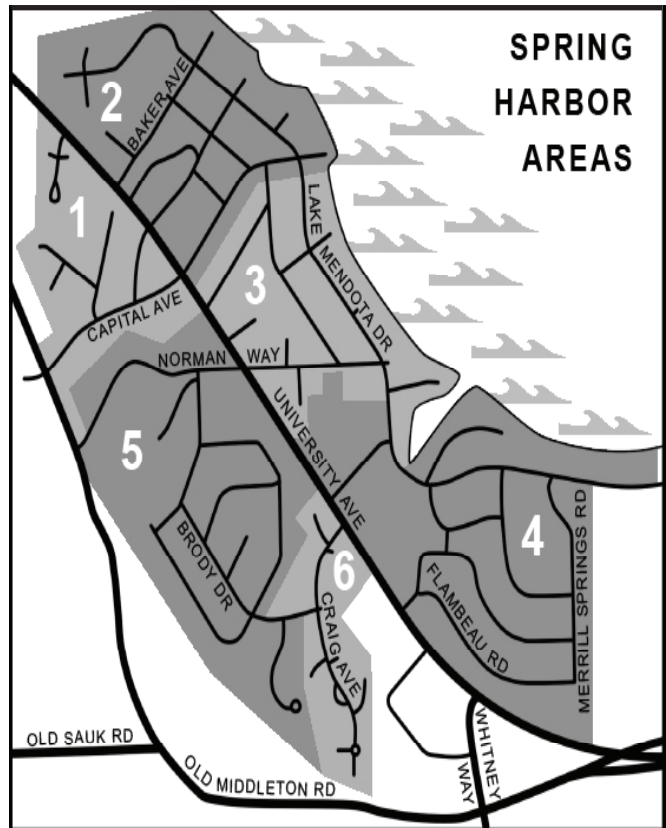
You are welcome to attend the monthly SHNA Board of Directors' meeting, currently held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending a meeting, be sure to check the SHNA website at [www.SpringHarborOnline.com](http://www.SpringHarborOnline.com) to confirm the date, 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	Aaron Crandall	294-9505
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	238-7465
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



## Recent Donations!

Below is a listing of those who have generously contributed extra funds to help support our work over the period October 2014 - March 2015. SHNA keeps our annual membership dues low (\$10) to encourage all households in our neighborhood to join & participate. Donations are our principal source of funds to support our association. Thank you for supporting your neighborhood and our many projects and activities. Please consider making an extra contribution to SHNA when you send in your annual dues. Of course, thanks are also due to the many volunteers who contribute time and energy to help with our activities throughout the year. A reminder: membership dues are on a calendar year basis, please use the membership form in this newsletter and mail it in to pay dues for 2015.

Andy Bachhuber & Susan Heighway  
John & Betty Batson  
Nancy Breden  
Carol Briggs  
Cathy Brown  
Deb Durcan & Eli Schmukler  
Jerry & Joyce Ensign  
Geke DeVries & Herman Felstehausen  
Bill & Faith Fitzpatrick  
Stanley Fuka  
Chuck Gates & Candy Schrank  
Mike & Gloria Green  
Jenny Gumperz & Carol Glaser  
Mike & Marge Hallenbeck

Greg Hull  
Tom & Giovanna Jeffries  
Philip & Tamara Kerch  
Michael & Beverly Kienitz  
Elizabeth & David Koehler Lambert  
Lasecki  
Don & Susan Lauffer  
Jean Lind  
Jay & Janet Loewi  
Marilynn Meyers  
Mike & Sally Miley  
Barry & Irene Mirkin  
David Mladenoff and Deborah Hobbins  
Howard (Omar) & Gloria Nelson

Jerry & Amy Jo Nickles Barbara Sella  
Jennifer Sereno  
Jussi & Rosey Snellman  
Ben & Ann Sowaske  
Sarah Spencer  
Sam Stechmann  
Linda Warsek & Rick Taylor  
Robert & Judith Taylor  
Jeanette Tierney  
Nick & Judy Topitzes  
Jim Twesme & Cathy Sullivan  
Mary Voss

## 600 GALLONS OF FREE WATER



That's the amount of free water that comes from a 1000 square foot roof in every one inch rain event. Harvesting rainwater and backyard composting don't just make healthier plants; they also help sustain communities by reducing runoff.

Stormwater runoff, a by-product of every rain event, carries organic materials loaded with phosphorus into our waterways and is fueling excess plant and algae growth that is plaguing Madison lakes. It is estimated that the urban communities alone contribute 30% of the total phosphorus entering lakes Mendota, Monona, Waubesa, Kegonsa, and Wingra each year. One pound of phosphorus, the equivalent of about one large compost pile of leaves, can generate up to 500 pounds of algae if not managed correctly by homeowners.

Rain barrels along with compost bins will be available for discounted prices at the Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sale on Saturday, May 9th at the Alliant Energy Center parking lot. Compost bins will be sold for only \$69.99 and 50 gallon rain barrels with a diverter are just \$119.99. Area residents who pre-order before by April 27th will save an additional \$10. This opportunity is open to both Madison residents and non-residents.

For more information and to pre-order your rain barrel and compost bin, supplies are limited, visit:  
<http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/compost/CompostBinSale.cfm>

I hope this edition of the SHNA newsletter finds you and your family well. In 2015, the County Board and County Executive are looking to combat an issue that has plagued our area for too long, namely, racial disparities. In December, the County Board solicited proposals from vendors to conduct an evaluation of Dane County government from a racial equity perspective to help guide county leadership and to provide strategic recommendations.

The objective of this racial equity analysis is to:

1. Provide an unbiased, independent evaluation of county government operations, programs, and policies through a racial equity lens in order to inform the work of the Dane County Racial Equity and Social Justice Initiative Staff Team and the Strategic Leadership Team on Racial Equity, and assist the County Board in carrying out its general oversight responsibilities for county government operations and investment;
2. Provide specific recommendations for immediate, high-impact changes the county could implement, as well as longer term, higher resource recommendations;
3. Provide information regarding data needs and next steps; and

4. Assist the County Executive in providing guidance on racial equity to all county departments.

The County has a selected vendor and they will begin conducting the Racial Equity Analysis soon. While we have been working to address racial disparities on a number of fronts, the county still has some of the highest racial disparities of all counties in the nation and inequities exist at every age and in every aspect of life, including: economic well-being, family structure, education, child welfare, juvenile justice, health, housing, and the adult criminal justice system. The analysis will focus on racial equity issues across all Dane County Government operations, programs, and policies to identify strategies that all of us can work on together to address inequities within county government.

A couple of tangential efforts are being made that impact racial minorities to a greater extent. The County Executive introduced his “Access to Opportunity,” which included initiatives to begin to address some of the very real barriers to work. Providing County funds to fund a pilot with the Madison Metropolitan School District to help students afford to take driver’s education and funds to assist those who have lost their driver’s license to regain their licenses through the highly successful “Driver’s License Recovery

Program” at the YWCA. Also providing funds to support an evidence-based, successful, transitional jobs program operating in Southwest Madison that has demonstrated effectiveness in finding jobs for residents with multiple barriers to employment. Collaborators on this initiative include the City of Madison, the County, local businesses, churches, and community volunteers.

Finally, the County Board has been debating Resolution 556 in effort to address ongoing concerns of racial disparity and mental health in the criminal justice system. The resolution establishes three work groups of the Board’s Public Protection & Judiciary Committee: one workgroup to study inmates’ length of stay; one to study mental health issues facing inmates; and one to study alternatives to incarceration. The County has retained the consulting firm Mead & Hunt to assist in making recommendations regarding space needs of the jail and its population based on work group recommendations.

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](mailto:levin.jeremy@co.dane.wi.us) or call me at 608.577.9335.

## SALT DEICERS CONTAMINATE WELL #14 AND SPRING HARBOR

We need immediate, assertive, and innovative new local policy that eliminates the overuse of salt deicers in the groundwater protection zone for Well #14 and Spring Harbor. Local leadership on a city-wide problem is needed if we are going to continue to be able to use our local shallow aquifer as a drinking water source to Well #14.

Please take note of your own salt deicer usage. Is it critical? Besides the major roadways of University Avenue, Whitney Way, and Old Middleton Road, particular areas of immediate concern are Indian Hills, Craig Ave, and University Crossing residences; businesses on the south side of University Avenue between Craig Ave and the railroad overpass, including University Crossing; and Spring Harbor School. These areas are within the 5-yr zone of capture for Well #14.

Some immediate alternatives to using salt-based deicers:

- Stop using salt on your property if at all possible. Use an inert alternative like sand that can be swept up in the spring. Remove snow and ice by physical means.
- Raise awareness of the problem with others. If you see oversalting by local businesses, perhaps say something to them about your concern on the effects to our drinking water.
- Use crampons or the popular “yaktrax” on shoes and boots when taking winter walks.
- Plan for more time to get to your destination when using a car for travel after a snowfall.
- Install rain gardens and bioretention basins that infiltrate all clean runoff from rooftops and lawns. This will help recharge our shallow aquifer and well #14 with free clean water during nonwinter months.
- Use paving materials that are less slippery. Investigate solar heated paving or other innovative paving solutions.



**Can you think of other solutions to save our drinking water supply and Spring Harbor?**

*By Herman Felstehausen, Planning & Development and Faith Fitzpatrick, Natural Resources Comm*

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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