

Spring Harbor News

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Neighborhood Welcome

Take advantage of everything your neighborhood has to offer this summer! Whether you're coming for the 51st time or if this is your first, please join us at Spring Harbor Park on July 4th for a friendly and welcoming celebration. Also be sure to take advantage of our various neighborhood parks:

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

Big thanks to our volunteers and garden club members who spend their time and dollars to maintain those spaces. If you are interested in participating in any of our neighborhood committees, don't hesitate to contact the committee chair or SHNA President Greg Hull.

Although the weather is finally nice again, don't forget to frequent our commercial neighbors! In addition to all of our long term neighbors you're already familiar with, we have a lot of new businesses in the neighborhood. Be sure to check out our two new coffee shops and the Marrakesh restaurant.

Lastly, we've received a lot of inquiries from neighbors who could not attend our last general meeting but have a lot of questions regarding water quality. The annual drinking water report, well reports, and quality of water at your address can be found on the Madison Water Utility's website: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/water/> See page 7 for further information.



Join the 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 Friday, 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 pop-sicles, 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, contact Jeanette Tierney at 608-354-5336 or Jeanette.tierney@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you on the 4th! *Submitted by Jeanette Tierney*



Indian Hills Garden Club: Contributions to the Neighborhood

Thanks so much to all who supported the Indian Hills Garden Club at our recent garden club sale. Our 10th annual plant sale was held this year on Saturday, May 17, realizing a record-setting profit of \$3,125. The plants, trees, shrubs and vegetables for sale are all dug from the club members' gardens. The West Side Garden Club donated a carload of their unsold plants for us to sell as well. The school's garden club takes our unsold plants to plant in the school's gardens.

Over the years, the club has earned and given away a total of \$16,184. Money has been donated to the neighborhood for the removal of invasive trees and shrubs in Spring Harbor Park and

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replace them with native shrubs and trees. We also donated funds to purchase native shrubs in Kettle Pond Conservation Park, planted three neighborhood rain gardens, and maintained many flower gardens.

Spring Harbor School, an environmental middle school, has received a sizable contribution to help with the construction of a greenhouse/classroom. Profits from the plant sale, our annual dues, and the annual holiday auction party also go to Olbrich Gardens, the UW Arboretum, Allen Centennial Garden, Lakeshore Nature Preserve, Pheasant Branch Conservancy, and the Nature Conservancy.

The plant sale takes place in Spring Harbor's historical neighborhood where there are Indian mounds and where Chief Black Hawk spent time.

The original club started on April 25, 1955 with 26 members. Ladies were invited to join if they lived in Indian Hills. The group held flower shows with the women in hats and gloves of the era. They did plant therapy with the developmentally-challenged children at the Kiddie Camp on Norman Way. They also hosted teas and breakfasts in the members' homes. It was very much a social club and devoted to gardening.

Our charter member is Kay Newton, who is 96 years old and lives at Oakwood with her husband, Baxter, who is 98. They lived for many years on Risser Road in the farmhand's home on Fred Risser's family farm. This house is one of

the oldest homes in Indian Hills. The garden club was an important part of Kay's life. She was an asset to the club by being very involved and active for many years.

We welcome anyone in the neighborhood with interest in plants and gardening. It's a great way to meet people in the neighborhood who share interests. To join us, please call either Shary Bisgard at 233-1238 or Jeanette Tierney at 238-9084.

Submitted by Ann Sowaske

Spring Harbor Development News

Two new coffee shops have opened in the neighborhood. EVP Coffee, across the street from the entrance to UW Health, is owned and operated by Tracy Danner, who serves coffee to lift the spirit. Moka Espresso Coffee & Tea is a drive-up with tables inside and on the terrace. They are located at the former GoodN'Loud site. Becky Pelnar is manager, emphasizing coffee with quality flavor.

Population of Spring Harbor is growing. New University Crossing apartments located behind the office/professional building on University Ave expects to have all 118 units rented this summer. That will add more than 200 people to our neighborhood population, currently at about 2,650. The population of surrounding neighborhoods is also growing for the same reason—Overlook next to Target, and Walnut Grove in Shorewood Hills.

Hill Farms is updating its neighborhood plan. A completely revised Hill Farms plan proposes major

new developments in the Triangle area (Taco Bell location) that will directly impact our neighborhood. The Hill Farms plan can be viewed at: http://www.cityofmadison.com/planning/universityhillfarm-splan/documents/UHF_Plan_Draft06112014.pdf. The draft plan places heavy emphasis on office/commercial and multi-family residential development. The Triangle plan proposes large office/residential buildings up to 10 stories high next to University Ave traffic just west of the railroad overpass. A new right-turn in, right-turn out driveway on University Ave is also recommended. Large buildings are being promoted by the city with emphasis on infill which is now part of the City of Madison's recently passed land use plan.

Tree planting and landscape improvements were recently completed on University Ave. It is the final phase of University Ave reconstruction begun two years ago. Trees and shrubs were placed in front of Well 14 and along the bike/ped path in front of Spring Harbor Park. Median plantings were also added from Spring Harbor Drive west. In separate action, University Crossing agreed last fall to install advanced-design erosion control mats and fiber logs on the steep slopes of the 5-acre vacant parcel behind UW Health. It has been highly effective. Check it out; it's an interesting walk.

Submitted by Herman Felstehausen
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Your Neighborhood



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Thank You to Clean-Up Volunteers

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the neighborhood cleanup, including preparing the harbor gardens for warm-weather flowering plants. Listed below are the volunteers who signed in on Saturday, April 26—some of the names are difficult to read so our apologies if any names have been inadvertently misspelled.

Thanks to Kim McBride and Ellie Metzloff who provided treats!

Tree House Arbor crew—Joe House, Alice, Jackie and Charlie Stacy Littrell

Cary Wheeler

Autumn and Keegan Johns

Sophie Wilke

Lucas Petrynovski

Shary and Jerry Bisgard

Sarah Congdon

Liz Freitick

Jim Gern

Tamara England
Kim McBride
Bill and Faith Fitzpatrick

A Big Thanks to Garlic Mustard Pull Volunteers

Thanks also to those who pulled garlic mustard in an effort to rid our public spaces of this invasive plant. Below are those who signed in on Saturday, May 3. We know there are many others who pull garlic mustard plants on their own properties and wherever else they notice it. Thanks to you as well.

Joe House, who again worked on clearing brush and ridding Spring Harbor Park of invasive trees and bushes

Jeanette Tierney
Kathy Anderson
Michele Jasik
Lyn Kirschner
Bernie and Allegra Tennis
Ann Sowaske
Tamara England
Shary Bisgard

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

Special Thanks to Joe House

A special thank you is owed to Joe House. Joe is a certified arborist who owns his own business, Tree House Arbor Science. Russ Hefty, conservation manager for the City of Madison, had marked a number of trees and brush in Spring Harbor Park that needed to be chain sawed before the Phase 2 buckthorn removal could take place. Joe removed those trees and the brush during two consecutive Saturdays in late April and early May. He has made significant improvements to Spring Harbor Park by volunteering his time, professional expertise and equipment. We are grateful for his contribution.

If you have tree trimming or tree removal, please consider contacting Joe. He lives in the Spring Harbor Neighborhood on Capital Avenue.

How to reach Joe:

Email-

Joe@treehousearbor.com

Website-

Treehousearbor.com

Phone number-

332-6548

**More Guns in Parks and Playgrounds– June 2014**

Several dozen of my constituents have contacted me recently to express their concerns about people openly carrying guns in public places such as parks and playgrounds. These incidents of open carry, or Constitutional carry, have been increasing lately. However, having the legal right to do something doesn't mean it's wise or prudent to do so. Many of these displays of firepower seemed designed solely to provoke and intimidate people who disagree with carrying guns in public.

I believe there is growing public momentum against this type of extremism. You can be assured that I will continue to promote sane gun safety policies such as my legislation to require background checks for all gun purchases. I will also work with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America and Mayors Against Illegal Guns to protect our communities from senseless gun violence.

Even the National Rifle Association (NRA) initially stated some open-carry proponents who bring tactical, military-style long guns to public venues had gone too far. "Let's not mince words, not only is it rare, it's downright weird and certainly not a practical way to go normally about your business while being prepared to defend yourself." Unfortunately, the group later retreated from its statement. Apparently, even the NRA is cowed by the most extreme elements in its midst.

Unfortunately, I don't see the legal situation changing any time soon. Under current law, people are banned from openly carrying firearms any place where concealed weapons are prohibited. Right now, weapons are banned in airports past security checkpoints and in buildings that house police stations, sheriff's offices, state patrol stations, prison, jails, secured correctional facilities, courthouses, and municipal courtrooms when court is in session. Federal law prohibits guns in elementary and secondary schools and on school grounds.

However, guns cannot be prohibited on government-owned grounds like the Milwaukee Zoo, the property owned by Dane County around the Alliant Center, or the lawn of the State Capitol. Weapons are specifically allowed in city and state parks and wildlife refuges. Thus, the City of Madison has banned firearms in city buildings such as park shelters and restrooms. But it cannot prohibit guns at city parks, playgrounds, or beaches. Individuals who bring open or concealed weapons to places that are posted as banning guns are guilty of trespass. But the penalties for doing so are the same as for simple trespass without a weapon and include only fines, not criminal charges.

People in Wisconsin should not have to worry that the person next to them in a crowded shopping mall or a public park (and even inside their State Capitol – although I have posted my office as an area where concealed weapons are not permitted) is carrying a lethal weapon. More guns and lower penalties for using them improperly is not a recipe for safety and security in our communities. It's one thing for an individual to assume the risks of gun ownership in his or her private home or business. It's another issue entirely for that person to impose those risks on everyone else in the general public without their consent. There is wide, bi-partisan support for common-sense gun safety policies such as universal background checks for firearm purchases. Yet the Republican majorities in the Senate and Assembly refused even to hold a public hearing on the bill I offered to require background checks in Wisconsin.

I hope this edition of the SHNA newsletter finds you and your family well. As I begin my service for another two-year term on the County Board, I was reappointed to the County's Health and Human Needs (HHN) committee and elected to serve as Chair. I value my role on HHN, as the county spends more than half of its budget on human services for residents in need.

The 2014-16 term will see an active term for the County's human services: HHN, along with the Executive Committee, was presented the findings of an audit report from Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP in regards to Dane County's Department of Human Services current approach to and future planning for Purchase of Service contracting on May 15. This analysis will hopefully lead us down a path to more efficient and effective contracting; The HHN committee has also worked to finally secured a daytime homeless resource center that should open up this fall, while the purchasing of that site and renovations move forward, homelessness will unfortunately be a continued concern that will face the committee and our community; The HHN Committee will continue the County's work on racial equity and be involved in the start of the study involving the County Jail, assessing our three current jail facilities for space, security, mental health, and supportive services for inmates.

In non-human service news, the county has established this new endowment fund to support Dane County Parks. The new fund, "The Friends of Dane County Parks Endowment," will be managed by the Madison Community Foundation and enable anyone with a passion for the parks to make a tax refundable donation of any asset, including cash, stock and real estate. The endowment has been created through a successful public/ private partnership with Dane County and the Madison Community Foundation, which will match 2 to 1 all donations to the endowment in 2014. Individuals interested in making a gift to The Friends of Dane County Parks Endowment are encouraged to contact Darren Marsh, Dane County Parks Director, at marsh@countyofdane.com or at 608-224-3766.

Finally, Dane County's two composting sites, in Verona and Waunakee, will stay open until July 1st to provide free compost to the public. Dane County will be giving away compost by the car and truck load for free, after recently being notified that municipal partners like the City of Madison won't be bringing compost material to county sites any longer.

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 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)**

<p align="center">Dale Heights Phone: 608-233-0134 e-mail: dalehghts@sbcglobal.net www.daleheightspc.org</p>	<p align="center">Sah-lang www.madisonsahlang.org</p>
<p align="center">Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Wednesday Lunch Studies 11:45 a.m. for more information see website</p>	<p align="center">Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Wednesday Lunch Studies 11:45 a.m. for more information see website</p>

SHNA Board of Directors' Meetings

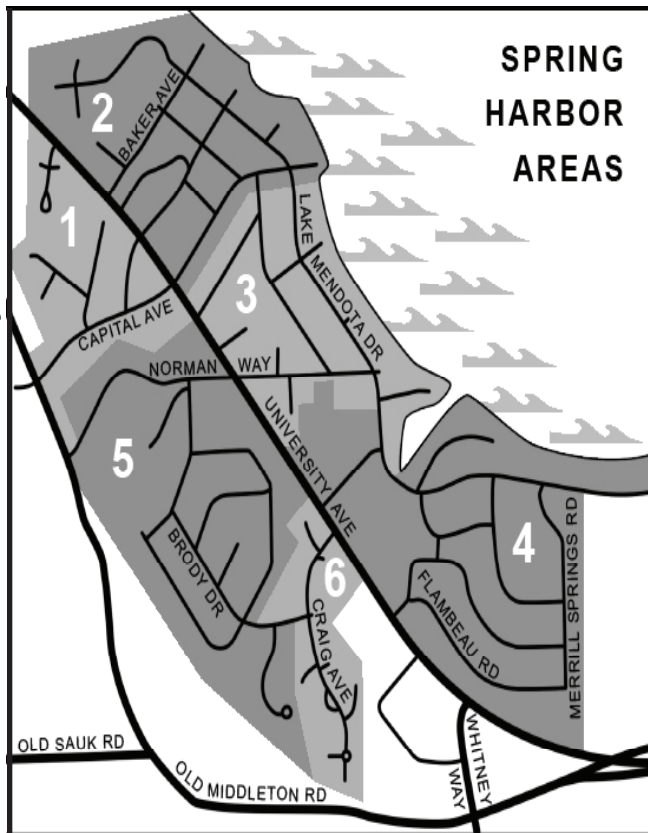
You are welcome to attend the monthly SHNA Board of Directors' meeting, currently held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending a meeting, be sure to check the SHNA website at www.SpringHarborOnline.com to confirm the date, time and place. If you would like to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

First off, thank you to all the neighbors and friends who were able to join us on Sunday, May 18. We had about 40 people stop by throughout the day, many of whom brought a dish to pass and good conversation to share. Neighbors from all over Spring Harbor seemed to really appreciate the opportunity to mix and mingle, and it appeared that many were meeting each other for the first time. To help our event, the weather also cooperated and we had a beautiful day to enjoy being outside.

The neighborhood sponsored the tent and porta-john, and Madison Parks dropped off additional picnic tables and trashcans, so thank you to everyone who was able to help make that all happen. Also, THANK YOU to EVP Coffee for bringing coffee and coupons for free coffee, and Marrakesh Restaurant for the tea!

It was a good beginning, and we hope to keep it going and possibly make it yet another Spring Harbor annual event!

Submitted by Aaron Crandall



Well 14 Water Quality

At SHNA Spring Meeting on April 23 we had a presentation from Madeline Gotkowitz, President of the Madison Water Utility Board and Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey Hydrologist. Drilled in 1960, Well 14 operates year-round and serves Madison's Westside neighborhoods including Spring Harbor, Glen Oak Hills, Hill Farms, Sunset Village, Regent, Dudgeon Monroe and Vilas as well as the Village of Shorewood Hills and parts of the University of Wisconsin campus. Annual data from the 2013 report is as follows:

Sodium: Well 14 sodium at 37 mg/L exceeds EPA guidelines which is set at <20 mg/L sodium. This may be of concern to individuals with high blood pressure or those needing lower sodium diets. Road salt application is a likely contributor.

Bacteria: No samples were found to have coliform bacteria present. The Water Utility chlorinates all drinking water.

Hardness and other minerals: Calcium and magnesium contribute to Well 14 hardness (462 mg/L or 27 grains per gallon). The well does not contain significant amounts of iron, lead or manganese. Naturally occurring chromium and hexavalent chromium are also at low levels.

Radionuclides: Levels are below maximum contaminant level.

Other Contaminants tested, such as trichloroethylene, tetrachloroethylene and 1, 4-dioxane were found at low levels.

Please read full report from the Madison Water Utility at <http://www.cityofmadison.com/water/documents/waterquality/well14qualityreport.pdf>

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 _____
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