



Spring Harbor News

A publication of the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association (SHNA) serving the area from Shorewood Hills to Middleton and Lake Mendota to Old Middleton Road

President's Corner Aaron Crandall, President

It's beginning to look a lot like summer! This is my favorite time of year, with everything turning green and flowers popping up all around, while not yet too hot, and few to no mosquitos! Hope you are all enjoying the outdoors too, and I look forward to seeing many of you around the neighborhood this summer.

I have some exciting news and updates from your neighborhood association. First, I am excited to tell you that you can now join and pay membership dues online, using CHEDDAR UP (see page 8 to join) Cheddar Up is an online platform that allows organizations like our association to collect money online via credit card or bank transfer, and then transfer that money to our bank. This is just a more convenient option for some people, who choose to use it, to join our association or renew their annual membership. It is just \$10 per year to join your neighborhood association or renew your membership, and feel free to do so by visiting <https://spring-harbor-neighborhood.cheddarup.com>.

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SHNA's July 4th Parade and Picnic

- 11:00—Parade starts at corner of Merrill Springs Rd and Tomahawk Trail
- Games in Spring Harbor Park immediately following the parade
- 12:00—Potluck starts (set up only during the parade and games)

Our 4th of July fun begins at 11:00 with the parade, led by Parade Marshal State Senator Fred Risser and other dignitaries riding in the antique

Shorewood Hills fire truck. Walkers, bikes, trikes

and wagons should gather at the corner of Merrill Springs Road and Tomahawk Trail in Indian



Hills. The parade will make its way to Spring Harbor Park where the games will be begin.

SHNA will provide pizza and subs at the potluck, local businesses and neighbors are donating popsicles, brats, hotdogs, buns, condiments and beverages (water, tea, and orange drink). Please bring a dish or two to share—the crowd is growing and we want to make sure everyone gets something to eat. Also, please bring your own plates, cups and eating utensils. Seating at picnic tables is limited so we recommend that you bring a blanket or chair to sit on.

Please consider volunteering to help with a task, such as picking up donated food, set-up and decorating the park, helping with the games, or clean-up. We are in need of watermelons. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Mary Beth Dunning, mbdunning53@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you on July 4th! (No rain date)

NOTE: We were saddened to hear about the passing of Jackson Tiffany, long time Indian Hills resident. For many years Jackson pho-

Your Neighborhood

Spring Harbor Greenhouse & Gardens

We welcome all our neighbors to visit the Spring Harbor Gardens. These gardens are for the community, so feel free to pick fruits and veggies when they are in season. There are small plastic bags available to help you carry your fresh produce home. Also, feel free to weed garden beds or



keep the area tidy. One way to do that is to make sure your pets are leashed. We have had a few instances of dogs running through newly planted beds, so please help us protect our gardens!

Upcoming Greenhouse & Garden Events:

- SHMS Family Night & Wood-fired Pizza Party (5/22 from 4:30 - 7:30 pm)
- Greenhouse & Gardens Workday 6/21 from 9 am - 2 pm)
- Summer Garden Camps (6/24-28; 7/15-19; 7/29-8/2; 8/12-16)
- American Horticultural Society Youth Garden Tour (7/11 2-5 pm)

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Next, we elected some new members to your neighborhood association board at our spring meeting in April. I would like to welcome back Sally Miley to the board, as our incoming Vice President. Joan Martin will be taking over as Treasurer and Giovanna Jeffries is continuing on the board as the Area 3 Director. And welcome John Patrick, who will be taking over as Area 4 Director. Thank you to all our board members, both past and present!

Then, with summer almost here, the neighborhood has some great events lined up, with our annual 4th of July Picnic and Parade, along with our annual Labor Day Jazz event. There are more details about both of these great events in this newsletter. Thank you to both Mary Beth Dunning who plans our 4th of July event, and to Barb Schultz-Becker for our Labor Day event. I hope all of you reading this will be able to join us for both of these events!

Lastly, communication can be challenging, making sure that everyone is aware of what is going on in our neighborhood and the surrounding area. Your neighborhood association utilizes several different methods of communication, such as this newsletter, along with an email list, Facebook page, and on Nextdoor. Currently, I am utilizing Nextdoor for communicating because it seems to have the widest audience and reach, not to mention surrounding neighborhoods/areas are also on Nextdoor. If you are currently not on Nextdoor, consider joining at <https://nextdoor.com>. Feel free to contact me at aaron.crandall@yahoo.com if you have other suggestions on improving our communication.

Enjoy summer. See you around the neighborhood!

Friends of Merrill Spring



Summer Solstice Celebration

This year will be our 4th Annual Summer Solstice Celebration. Mark your calendars for Thursday June 13th and Friday June 14 (rain date). Once again we will have a drum circle, snacks and comradery. Our celebration will begin at 6:45 for treats and music begins at 7:00.



2019 Project

There is great news in that Operation Fresh Start (OFS) will be partnering with us, with supervision by city engineering to rebuild the Merrill Springs path wooden steps from the park up to Lake Mendota Drive. Work was expected to start early May, but things have gotten busy and there are some delays. Keep an eye out for this exciting improvement.

Spring Cleanup

With the help of Ms. Vena's Spring Harbor Middle School 7th graders, we have the park ready for summer. Ninety students came on a beautiful day to help rake, clean the cistern, move shoreline rocks, pick up trash, prune and do a ton of mulching to the path. Thank you 7th graders!!!! Check out our Facebook page for some workday pictures.

Kiosk

If you haven't been by the kiosk lately, information is changing. There is a new article discussing different aspects of nature as the seasons change.

Ash Tree

FMS is waiting to hear from the city whether the beautiful big ash tree (with tape around it) needs to be treated again this year to provide protection against the Emerald Ash Borer. If so, FMS will fund the treatment.

Sign

FMS has a proposal before Madison Parks to put a small brass sign with the Native American name for Merrill Springs on the big rock next to the cistern.

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Don't forget to follow us on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Merrill-Spring-366885473435529>



I hope this edition of the SHNA newsletter finds you and your family well. Many of you contacted me as you saw news articles that reported on the deteriorating relationship between Dane County and the Henry Vilas Zoological Society (HVZS) over the contractual public-private partnership. I wish I could say that I had had more advance knowledge, but other than overlooking a memo sent out Friday evening from the County Executive's Chief of Staff, I found out from a constituent who contacted me on a Sunday morning, two weeks before the contract was due to expire. While it seems a few Supervisors had some knowledge, the rest of us were in the dark. The amount of memos, letters, press releases and other contacts have been head-spinning and unfortunately muddied any clear view of what occurred to jeopardize this successful public-private partnership.

I reached out to Henry Vilas Zoological Society and the County Executive's office, and I looked into the relationship, read documented

background materials and everything that was flooding my inbox. Ultimately, I never bought into the false narrative that the Henry Vilas Zoo would lose Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) status unless our relationship with HVZS was significantly altered, because AZA's biggest concerns from their 2018 inspection were related to animal welfare and facilities. Unfortunately, the timing being so compressed means the County Board couldn't even pass a resolution before the contract with HVZS expired at the end of March. This is where the whole process and outcome seemed to be a fait accompli engineered by the County Executive.

I saw no reason to end or jeopardize a 100+ year relationship of HVZS with the zoo or the County's management of the zoo. I think HVZS should've done what they do best, raising funds and providing services that will produce funds for the sustainability of the zoo. I think the County should've concentrated on the management and day-to-day care for animal welfare. My worst fear is that the County will end up paying

more for a zoo of lesser quality. As much as this process has upset and frustrated me, I do hope those who have supported the zoo will continue to do so. The zoo is an asset to our community and one that I hope everyone will enjoy for many years to come.

In other news, my work on the Environment, Agriculture and Natural Resources (EANR) Committee, was presented with the Yahara Chain of Lakes - Lake Level Task Force recommendations at our April 4th meeting. These recommendations include both short and long-term recommendations that seek to position the County to better deal with future flooding events. While the task force references "lake levels", I believe the most important component will revolve around "flow" and getting the water out of the Yahara Chain of Lakes as quickly as possible.

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.

Labor Day Jazz Concert

Bring a picnic, a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a beautiful evening of jazz to close out the summer. Join us at Spring Harbor Park on Monday, September 2, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm for a jazz concert sponsored by the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association. The concert will feature blues and jazz vocalist, Sally DeBroux, bassist, Laurie Lang and John Becker on piano/percussion. Sally's signature CD is *The Way Love Can Be*. Sally de Broux teaches workshops and classes on vocal improvisation through UW-Madison Outreach's College for Kids program. She grew up singing songs in four part harmony with her parents and four siblings as



they drove hither and yon in various Pontiac station wagons.

Laurie enjoys performing all types of jazz and building community through educational outreach. She most recently helped inspire and produce *Facing Blue*, an artistic response to the tragedy of human trafficking. She is frequently an artist in residence in Madison and area schools and supports local jazz through the Madison Jazz Society.

John Becker teaches music at Sauk Trail Elementary and Kromrey Middle School. He plays piano, vibraphone and percussion in various jazz configurations around town. Formerly a member of the Madison Symphony and the Wisconsin Chamber orchestra, John also leads the adult choir at his downtown church, Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel.

Dale Heights Presbyterian Church on Temkin and Norman Way has graciously offered to be our rain location. Check <http://www.springharboronline.com/> for updates, as the date gets closer.

Barb Schultz-Becker

Spring Harbor Beach Opens Memorial Day Weekend!

Spring Harbor Beach is a great family destination. Use the Clean Lakes Alliance website, lakeforecast.org to find this beach or any other beaches closest to you and learn about up-to-date water conditions at each beach.

Spring Harbor Beach offers a sand beach and sand bottom swim area that is cordoned during Memorial Day—Labor Day weekends. Due to lack of Madison Park District lifeguards, lifeguards are only on duty Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

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Other beach amenities include: restrooms with running water (no showers), picnic tables, plenty of green grassy areas for games or sunbathing, a paved sidewalk to the water's edge and a great wide open area for kayak/canoe launching or pick up.



Please be aware that no dogs are allowed in the beach or the water at the beach according to City of Madison ordinances.

Grab your gear and head out to Spring Harbor Beach and get in the waters of Lake Mendota. If you come on a Thursday morning, you may see me with a long plastic tube and a thermometer. I'm the water monitor at Spring Harbor Beach. Every Thursday morning I take visual observations of the condition of the water including wave intensity, presence of waterfowl, presence of surface algal bloom, type of algal bloom present, bather load, and water clarity. I also measure air temperature, water temperature and water turbidity. All of this data is electronically submitted to the Clean Lakes Alliance where the data is uploaded to the lakeforecast.org website to provide up-to-date water conditions of Spring Harbor Beach. Stop by and say hello! See you at the beach!

Nancy Ellison, Spring Harbor Beach Steward

Spring Harbor Board and Meetings

You are welcome to attend the monthly SHNA Board of Directors' meeting held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Dale Heights Presbyterian Church. If attending, be sure to check our Web site at www.SpringHarborOnline.com to confirm the date, time and place. If you have an issue to be considered by the board, contact your area director or the SHNA president to place it on the agenda for that meeting.

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A big thank you to our neighbors who helped to pick up trash, pull garlic mustard and weeds, work on path maintenance, and spread mulch in our public spaces and gardens. These volunteers worked on four Saturdays in April and May in Spring Harbor Park, Indian Hills Park, Kettle Pond, the Spring Harbor Boat Ramp, the Turtle Rain Garden and the entrance to Indian Hills! Some volunteers worked on their own during the week in other green spaces and along roadsides not mentioned above. It is great to see the native

plants in Spring HarborPark getting some breathing room. Please continue to pull garlic mustard as you see it. A good guide is 10x10x10--cover your favorite area of about 10 ft. by 10 ft. in about 10 minutes when you are out for a walk--it makes a difference! Thanks to all who participated in the clean-up and green space care events, as well as those who didn't get to sign-in. Through the combined efforts, we have contributed well over 100 volunteer hours to caring and keeping our neighborhood beautiful.

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| Beth Bauer | Susan Lauffer | Renee Weber |
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Sign up for the SHNA listserve!

Send an email to springharborna@gmail.com. Put in the subject line: SHNA listserve. If you want to give your name and the name of the street you live on that would be great but is not required.

**Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association invites you
to be active in your Community JOIN US, see page 8**

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, Joan Martin, 1701 Camelot Dr., 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 \$ _____
 Donation, Greenspaces \$ _____
 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 _____
- 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 _____
 - Planning and Development _____
 - Neighborhood Watch Committee _____
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 - School Gardens _____

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