



# 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

Hello again neighbors! I hope you are all doing well, staying safe and healthy, and mostly staying home if you can. What a strange time we are living! I will be brief, and just have a few updates.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association will NOT be holding our annual July 4th parade and picnic. Watch for further updates if we are able to do an alternative event to signify the July 4 holiday. We are also sad to have had to cancel our all-neighbor meeting in May, and hope that we will be able to host our annual fall meeting in October. Since we were unable to host our spring meeting, the current members of the board will continue serving, with the exception of our Area 4 director, John Patrick, who will be moving out of Spring Harbor. If we are able to meet in October, we will hold our board elections at that meeting.

For all the kiddos out there, the Madison Children's Museum will be doing some "Sidewalk Surprises" around our neighborhood sometime between June 22-26. Watch for more details on our website and Facebook page.

Remember to complete the US Census at [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov). It is very important that as many Madison residents complete the census as possible.

Lastly, I want to personally congratulate all the high school graduates in our neighborhood! They are: **Emma Cullen, Alice House, Sylvia Greene, Leah Metzger, and Anna Arnoldson**. Hopefully I did not miss anyone, these are the names of graduates that were brought to my attention, who all live in our neighborhood. Congratulations to all graduates!

Continue staying safe, healthy, and strong! We will all get through this. Enjoy your summer!

## **Labor Day Jazz Concert**

SHNA is proud to sponsor an end of summer jazz concert on September 7, Labor Day, 4 to 6 pm, at Spring Harbor Park where there will be plenty of space for social distancing. The event will be canceled if there is inclement weather. If the weather looks dubious, check our website at <http://www.springharboronline.com/> for up-to-date concert information. We look forward to seeing you at the concert. Be sure to bring lawn chairs, blanket and food for a picnic.

**John Becker** on piano and percussion, is an elementary school music teacher at Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District.



His recordings

are *Time Stands Still* and *Are You in a Band?*

**Laurie Land** on bass, is an advocate for jazz music through Madison Music Collective and the Improvisational Music Workshop. Her recordings are *Beautiful Friendship* and *Winter: A Joyful Peace*. **Jon Vriesacker** on violin, is a member of the Madison Symphony Orchestra and also plays jazz, bluegrass and other improvised styles. Jon played on Academy Award winning Best Song "Al Otro Lado del Rio" from the movie *The Motorcycle Diaries*. He can be heard on recordings with Willy Porter, Freddy Johnston and Garbage.

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# Your Neighborhood

## Indian Hills Garden Club

When we were unable to host our annual group garlic mustard pulls this year, Linda Layman and Kim McBride placed marker flags in Spring Harbor Park delineating 10 x 10 areas and asked individuals to choose a plot and work to clear it of garlic mustard. Many city parks do not have volunteers to pull garlic mustard and it takes over, eventually decimating the native plants. We are fortunate so many individuals volunteer their time in trying to rid this obnoxious plant from our parks. A great big thank you to all who helped in the effort this spring both in Spring Harbor Park and in other public spaces.

If you are interested in gardening and socializing with your neighbors, you are welcome to join our Indian Hills Garden Club. While we are unable to host our normal summer activities this year, we plan to utilize Zoom meetings to learn about various facets of gardening, and hope to gather at least once in Spring Harbor Park to socialize, bringing our own lunches and spacing chairs set 6 feet apart. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Lauffer at 630-9264 or Shary Bisgard at 233-1238.

## Lussier Center's Support/Solidarity Network

Consider a donation to the Lussier Center to help families in the Memorial H.S. attendance area impacted by job loss related to COVID-19. The Lussier Center delivers food and activity boxes to up to 75 families weekly, has a food pantry open to the community, and works with connectors, who check in with 400 families weekly to determine needs and support. Other organizations and volunteers act on those needs. Go to <https://lcecmadison.org/> for more information on how to donate or volunteer.

## Weed Wrenches 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 woody plants with main stems up to one inch diameter, the other will pull stems up to two inches. Directions are provided. Both the Weed Wrenches and the Dandelion Pullers will help to 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 either tool, please contact Rita Harris at 238-9169 or rharris9169@charter.net.

## Little Free Libraries Convert to Pantries

A movement nation-wide is converting Little Free Libraries to Pantries to help families disadvantaged by COVID-19. Neighbors are welcome to take what they need or donate to the Little Free Pantries conversions. Thanks to Tim and Shelly on Temkin Avenue for helping construct a pantry. It will be placed at Brody and Temkin Avenue soon. Read more at <https://littlefreelibrary.org/in-uncertain-times-little-free-stewards-lend-a-hand/>

## Keep Cats Indoors

Increasingly our neighbors' house cats are seen wandering freely outside. Predation by domestic cats is the number-one threat to birds, according to The American Bird Conservancy. An estimated 2.4 billion birds are killed by outdoor cats each year. Please keep cats indoors or on a leash. Thank you.



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## ***News From the Friends (FMS)....***

### **Plaque**

We hope that by the time you receive this newsletter, you will be able to visit Merrill Springs Park and view the beautiful new plaque mounted on the entrance boulder as a recognition of the Native American spiritual significance of the



spring. This has been a collaborative effort between FMS, Madison Parks and the Ho-Chunk. We've worked with Krause Monument in Reedsburg and have seen the beautiful plaque. Recently, the installer from Viroqua Stone met with us to determine final details before the plaque is mounted and Kyle Metzloff graciously donated his time to powerwash the boulder in prep for the install. Currently the time line is for installation by mid-June. A special thank you to SHNA for their generous donation for this project.

### **Summer Solstice**

We have spoken with Elmore Lawson and he is interested in doing a drum circle again with us. Obviously, we can't have the gathering in June, but we are continuing to think of options, possibly a full moon in August or the equinox in September, depending on how regulations ease up.

### **Kiosk Log**

This has been temporarily removed because of Covid. It is sad not to have all the beautiful notes that the Park's visitors have been leaving, but it will eventually be back.

### **Dogs**

Please note that the park is designated as a 'no dog' park. Unfortunately, the city signs have been stolen twice. If that continues, the city may mount a new additional permanent signpost. Let's be respectful of the current sign so we can keep permanent structures to a minimal in the park. PR: Don't forget to follow us on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Merrill-Spring-366885473435529>

### **Membership**

Renewals for 2020 are now being accepted along with new memberships: [Friend (\$10), Supporter(\$25) or Patron(\$50)] Make checks out to "Friends of Merrill Spring" and sent to: Friends of Merrill Spring, c/o Alice Erickson, 5109 Spring Ct, Madison, WI 53705

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## ***Spring Harbor Board and Meetings***

You are welcome to attend the monthly SHNA Board of Directors' meeting held on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Meetings are currently held via video conference due to COVID-10. If you have an issue to be considered by the board, contact your a board member to find out how to participate.

I hope this edition of the SHNA Newsletter finds you and your family safe and healthy. As I write this, Dane County has taken multiple actions to reduce the spread of COVID-19. For the latest information, visit the CDC's coronavirus website, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website, or the Public Health Madison & Dane County coronavirus page.

**2020 Budget Summary**

On November 11, Dane County Board of Supervisors approved the 2020 county budget at their meeting. With an operating budget of \$593.7 million, and a capital budget at \$69.6 million, the county's total budget for 2020 is \$663 million.

The proposed budget included \$1.25 million in new funds for mental health services in Dane County, adding to a base budget of over \$60 million. The County Board approved an additional \$1 million for the CJ Tubbs Fund for Hope, Healing, and Recovery designed to enhance community based mental health and addiction services. The Board also allocated \$25,000 to support a position at Outreach, Inc. to provide alcohol and other drug addiction prevention and homelessness in the LGBTQ communities in Dane County.

This budget also prioritizes affordable housing and home-

less prevention services. The County Executive proposed \$3 million for the Affordable Housing Development Fund, and the County Board added \$1 million to this amount. The County Board also included \$1.3 million for the Salvation Army's efforts to develop a mixed use project including a family shelter, a women's shelter, a pay-to-stay shelter, medical respite shelter, supportive service center, and residential housing units on the property on East Washington Avenue in Madison. In addition, the County Board approved a \$1.3 million contribution to the Bayview Foundation redevelopment project.

One post budget item, the County has hired a contractor to begin dredging operations on the Yahara River, specifically to remove bottom sediment in the channel section between Lake Monona and Lake Waubesa. A report on lake levels released earlier in 2019 concluded that removing blockages in the river's main channel was needed to help move water through the Madison chain of lakes more quickly to reduce shoreline flooding.

In a nod to their long-term commitment to look at the intersection of behavioral health and criminal justice, the Dane County Criminal Justice Council (CJC) applied for and has been

awarded a grant from the National Association of Counties. The grant provides Dane County with technical assistance on ways to provide support for individuals with mental illness who also are involved with the criminal justice system. Approaches will focus on a racial and ethnic disparities framework. The grant is funded by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation as a part of the Safety and Justice Challenge, an initiative Dane County has been part of for several years.

Focused on maximizing justice, equity, and the safety of the public, the Criminal Justice Council of Dane County is committed to progress and innovation in all aspects of the criminal justice realm. Engaging national and local experts, the CJC collaborates around criminal justice improvements.

Nationally, it is estimated that 2 million annual jail admissions involve a person with a serious mental illness. In Dane County, 46% of jail inmates received a mental health diagnosis according to the Dane County Behavioral Health Needs Assessment completed in 2019. The County Justice Peer Learning Network will run from January 2020 to June 2021.

Please contact me at [levin.jeremy@co.dane.wi.us](mailto:levin.jeremy@co.dane.wi.us) or call me at 608.577.9335 with questions or concerns.



## Neighborhood Diversions

We all need entertainment, which are hard to come by with CDC distancing recommendations. Fortunately, we have a few suggestions for both the young and the young at heart.

### Walk/Hopscotch

Yes, Spring Harbor has sidewalks! Area 5, which is across University Avenue—under the tunnel and up the ramp—has a one-mile outer perimeter from Marsha to Lorraine to Dahlen to Temkin.

You can park your stroller and step onto the 0.4 mile **Kettle Pond** path, accessible from Dahlen at Temkin, Dale Drive, and at Norman Way and Old Middleton. Each spring a pair of Sandhill cranes nest there. Evenings and early mornings the frogs will serenade you beautifully, as do the songbirds any time of day. Look for the **Children's Museum** hopscotch installations, which will be coming this summer, near the tunnel ramp, on Capital Avenue and on Craig Avenue. Thanks to Anna Strand, of the Children's Museum, who targeted our neighborhood for these playful learning opportunities.

### The UW-Madison Lakeshore Preserve

A ten minute drive from Spring Harbor, the Lakeshore Preserve has peaceful wooded walking paths along Lake Mendota leading to Picnic Point. You will pass the Eagle Heights Community gardens, beaches, a pond and several scenic overlooks before reaching the Picnic Point path. Park just after the first entrance to the Eagle Heights apartments, at Frautschi Point or near the soccer fields on University Bay Drive.

### Rent a Kayak

If you have your own, the lake access roads between Spring Harbor Park and Baker Avenue give you places to put in on Lake Mendota Drive. If you need to rent a kayak, you can do so at Marshall Park on Allen Boulevard. Check out the Madison Boats website for more information.

### Star Gaze

All you need is a patch of grass, an empty beach, a blanket and a clear night. Enjoy the show!

### Enjoy a Campfire

Whether you pick up a fire pit or convert an old barbecue grill, a campfire is a good way to enjoy both the great outdoors and family.

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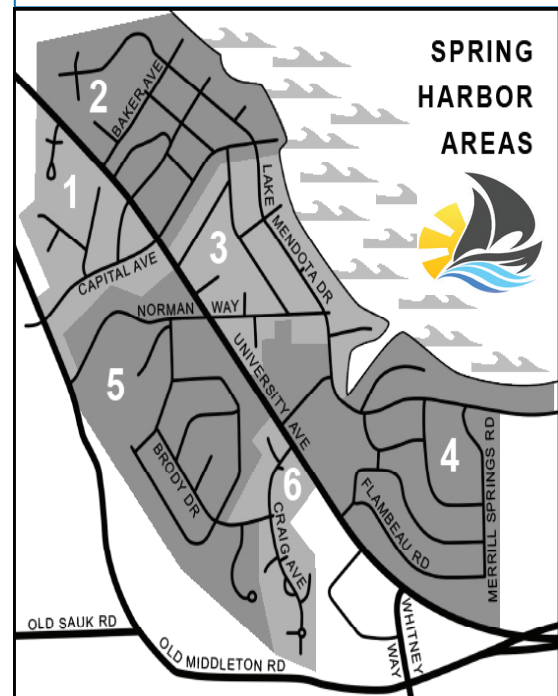
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Join or renew your membership in **Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association**. Please fill out the form below to join SHNA or renew your membership and mail it to SHNA Treasurer, Joan Martin, 1701 Camelot Dr., Madison, 53705. Dues are \$10 per household per calendar year; donations are welcome.

**Please make checks out to SHNA**

Membership Dues \$ **10** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donation, unrestricted \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donation, neighborhood parks \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 and 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 \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Parks and Natural Resources \_\_\_\_\_
  - Planning and Development \_\_\_\_\_

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