

Spring Harbor News

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Spring Membership Meeting

Wednesday, April 22, 2009, 7:00 PM
Spring Harbor Middle School

Neighborhood Residential Development Information Document

Our spring SHNA membership meeting will feature a presentation by our neighborhood Zoning and Redevelopment Committee, chaired by Kim McBride. The committee has been working for the last year on a set of guidelines for neighborhood property owners seeking to remodel existing houses or build new ones. The SHNA board will be asking the membership to approve the document at the April meeting.

We will hold our board election at this meeting. The slate of officers is on page 2. As always, we welcome interested neighbors to join one of our committees. Committee chairs will also report on activities and plans.

Ald. Mark Clear and Supervisor Brett Hulsey will update us on city and county issues. Of special interest to SHNA residents are the schedules for repaving or reconstruction of various sections of University Avenue from Shorewood Blvd. east to State Street this year, the long-awaited reconstruction of University from Segoe to Allen Blvd. in 2011 and updated information on the county's proposed shoreland management program. We hope that you will be able to attend.

We have a new neighborhood police liaison, Police Officer Chad Joswiak. Officer Joswiak will continue the practice of informally meeting with interested neighbors at the Blue Mountain Coffee Shop from 9 AM to 11 AM on the last Saturday of each month. His email address is cjoswiak@cityofmadison.com and his phone number is 243-0500.

Finally, we are temporarily discontinuing advertising in the newsletter since we don't have an advertising coordinator. If you are interested in volunteering for this job, please contact Janet Loewi at 233-2626. Thank you!

Clean up & Garlic Mustard Pull

Want to be part of the city-wide 11th annual Earth Day and get rid of the debris accumulated in our neighborhood after the long winter? Join us for SHNA's park and wayside clean-up day Saturday, **April 18 from 9:00 to 11:00 am**. Sign in at Spring Harbor Park at 9:00 to receive your assignment or to let us know where you want to work. **We need you.** We'll be picking up trash, weeding the gardens at the Spring Harbor boat ramp, and pulling garlic mustard plants from the park. Trash bags will be provided. Wear old clothes and bring gloves to protect your hands.

We've scheduled an additional garlic mustard work session Saturday, April 25 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Please join us! We guarantee a wonderful feeling of accomplishment pulling these nasty invasive plants up by their roots and stuffing the plants into a trash bag.

According to last year's Isthmus newspaper, garlic mustard probably was introduced to North America by immigrants who enjoyed it as a salad green and herb. The newspaper last year even published a recipe for garlic mustard-spinach pizza. According to the article, the crushed leaves' flavor is pleasantly bitter, garlicky and with an onion undertone. So whether you'll eat it or toss it in a trash bag, come help us get rid of it in Spring Harbor Park. If you have any questions, please call Kim McBride at 238-8819 or Shary Bisgard at 233-1238.

Annual Garden Club Plant Sale



Looking for some hardy, reasonably priced plants to add to your own garden this spring? The Indian Hills Garden Club will be selling shade and sun perennials, ground covers, vegetable and house plants from our own gardens. Proceeds from the sale will go to making improvements to our neighborhood's parks. Visit us on Saturday, **May 9 from 8:00 am**

to 2:00 pm in front of Spring Harbor Middle School. There will be a great selection of locally grown healthy plants. If you have any questions, please call Kim McBride at 238-8819 or Shary Bisgard at 233-1238.

Your Neighborhood

Join the Indian Hills Garden Club

If you enjoy gardening, you may enjoy belonging to the Indian Hills Garden Club. Our activities include presentations by experts, field trips, neighborhood planting projects, a spring garlic mustard pull, spring potluck and fall brunch and a holiday party with items auctioned off to raise money for local park projects, Olbrich Gardens and the UW-Madison Arboretum. If you would like to join us, please call Kim McBride at 238-8819 or email Shary Bisgard at sharybisgard@charter.com



Our Public Spaces

Be sure to take advantage of the wonderful fall weather by enjoying our neighborhood parks and right of way areas:

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

Thanks to 2008 Halloween Party Volunteers!

Spring Harbor Neighborhood kids were able to take a walk through a spooky tunnel, plunge into the pit of death, pull a lollipop out of a tombstone, and if they survived those things, have their fortunes told! Thanks so much to everyone who turned out on October 26, 2008 for the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Halloween party and made sure that the little monsters, princesses, and superheroes in our neighborhood had a spook-tacular Halloween! The Miller-Sizer family, Dana Williams, Michael Reilly, Brooke Mortensen, Mikaela Tennis, Calder Buisch, the Peppard family, Lily Snellman, Kiki Foget, and the Greene family generously volunteered their time to set up the party, run the games and crafts, and clean up after the party. A very special thanks goes out to Bernie Tennis, who once again wowed us all with his amazing talent for depicting the kids in their costumes as caricatures! We also appreciate our good neighbor, Brennan's, who donated the apple cider. Be sure



to come to the party again this year, and if you know of any middle school or high school students interested in leading a game or activity, please tell them that this is a great opportunity for them to have fun with little kids and express their creativity, all while contributing to the neighborhood and earning some volunteer hours in the process! Look for details on how to get involved in the September SHNA newsletter.

Neighborhood Garage Sale—May 15th & 16th

Mark your calendars and start going through your attic, basement and garage for those little-used treasures. It's almost time for the annual SHNA garage sale. The sale will be held on May 15th & 16th and similar to prior years, several signs will be placed on University Avenue to guide shoppers to stop in our neighborhood. Signs will not direct traffic to specific homes, so feel free to put up your own sign(s) around the area. The neighborhood association will also take out a general classified ad announcing the sale weekend, but you are encouraged to place your own ad as well. Particularly, if you have specialized items for sale, your own ad will help drive the traffic to your door. If you have questions about the sale, get in touch with Greg Hull 443-9169 and please let us know if you plan on having a sale so that we can keep track of the success.



Proposed 2009-2010 Slate

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Dane County Supervisor Report

Spring, 2009
Dear Friends,

With all that is going on with the economy, I hope spring gets here soon.

On the County Board, I represent you and your interests. As chair of the Personnel and Finance Committee, I am working to expand vital family and conservation programs, while holding the line on property tax growth. Here's an update on what I have been working on.

University Avenue Upgrades

We have secured safety upgrades for University Avenue for 2011 and I am working with Alder Clear and the city to hire an engineering firm to gather your ideas and thoughts about upgrading the road.

\$6.6 million for Manure Clean Up

I worked with County Executive Falk and Governor Doyle to get \$6.6 million to help farmers clean up manure and produce renewable energy. To clean up our lakes, we held Yahara Lakes Conference last week and had many practical plans to clean up our lakes like the manure digester and buffer strips, check out www.DaneWaters.Com.

You can do your part by planting a raingarden this spring to soak up rainwater. Let me know if you need help with this.

911 Improvements

I am leading efforts to upgrade the 911 center and add staff to make sure it runs effectively and efficiently. We completed an audit and move to put in a voicemail system to reduce the 72% calls to the center that are not to emergency lines.

I hope you have a good spring. Give me a call at 238-6070 or email Brett@Brett4us.org if I can serve you.

Supervisor **Brett Hulse**

Alderman Report

Hello Spring Harbor Neighbors,

Here is an update from your city government:

University Avenue Reconstruction: Much of the University Ave./Campus Drive/Gorham St. corridor will have road construction this summer. There are actually four separate projects for the stretch between Shorewood Blvd. and State St. Work on the areas near campus has already



begun, and other sections will be starting in May. Construction will be continuing through October. It is hard to predict how the congestion will be, but I highly recommend using alternate transportation or routes. As you already know, the section from Segoe to Allen Blvd. will be reconstructed in 2011. Planning on this project will be starting soon, and will probably take place over the next 9 to 12 months. There will be extensive public participation. I will keep you posted on plans and dates.

The section from Shorewood Blvd. to Segoe is not currently programmed, but the city and county will be requesting stimulus money for that project, potentially for construction in 2010.

Old Middleton Road Meeting: The section between Capital Avenue and Countryside Lane will be reconstructed this year. The big question is...what should it look like? Please come to a meeting on April 16 at 6:30 to view several options for this project and help decide which route (no pun intended) to take.

School district strategic planning: In February I was honored to participate as a city representative in the Madison school district strategic planning exercise. During my term on the Council, I have been working on closer collaboration between the district and the city, also serving on the district-city liaison committee. A group of more than sixty business and community leaders worked to develop a new mission statement for the district and specific strategic goals such as closing the achievement gap and embracing 21st-century technology. Next steps will be the formation of action teams to implement the goals.

And if you'll permit me a brief diversion into politics, I am honored to report that I will continue to serve you for another two years on the Council as I am unopposed for re-election. Thank you all for your support.

For more frequent updates, join my new e-mail list for District 19-send a blank e-mail to join-d19news@lists.markclear.com. Please contact me at district19@cityofmadison.com or call 310-8792 if you have questions or concerns I can help with. Happy Spring!

Alderman Mark Clear

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.

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Dale Heights Presbyterian Church

Thanks to Dale Heights Presbyterian Church on University Avenue for its on-going welcome to members of the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association, for meetings and other community activities held at the church.

We're very fortunate to have the church in our neighborhood helping to provides with a sense of commun



Love Your Lakes-Spring Clean Up

Spring yard clean up time is just around the corner, and we want to remind everyone to be mindful of your leaves and yard waste. To help our lakes, we must keep the leaves out of the streets and storm sewer systems. They should be deposited on the terrace above the curb. If you bag your leaves, please leave the tops of the bags open so they can see what's inside. You can also place tarps over your leaf piles (the pickup crews will leave your tarps).

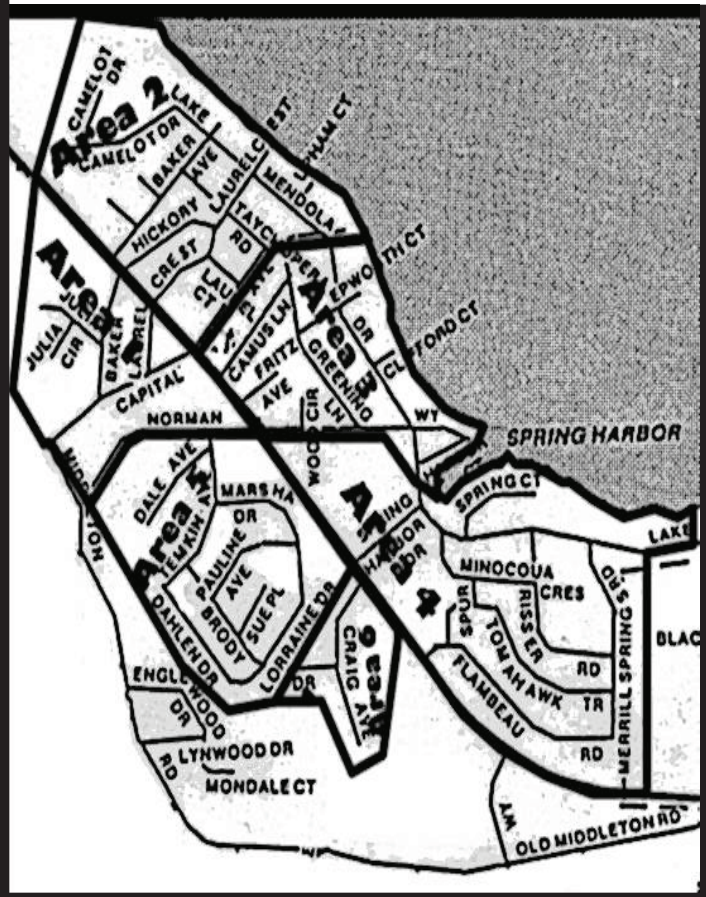
The City of Madison will begin leaf, yard waste and brush pickup on April 6th (weather permitting). You can find out more details by calling 267-2088 or by going to the City of Madison website and going to the Streets Department pages. You can also check your latest recyclopedia!

DO NOT MIX LEAVES/YARD WASTE WITH BRUSH. IF YOU DO SO, NONE OF IT WILL BE PICKED UP.

With this years' tough winter season almost over, let's keep in mind that the street crews have taken a pretty good beating removing snow the last few months. If you have a storm sewer drain on or near your property, please be a good neighbor and take a few minutes to remove leaves and debris from the area. This is akin to shoveling out the fire hydrants in the winter, and goes a long way to help the City as well as keeping our lakes free of the organic matter that contributes to the algae blooms we see in the summer.



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Residential Development Information Guide

A special general meeting to introduce and vote on the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Zoning and Redevelopment Committee's Residential Development Information Guide coincides with the SHNA membership meeting on Wed, April 22 @ 7:00 in the Spring Harbor Middle School Library. A copy of the guide will be on the SHNA website: <http://www.springharboronline.com/>

The Neighborhood Plan was implemented in 2006 to help the neighborhood identify key issues, recognize possible solutions, and come together to implement solutions that would make our neighborhood more cohesive. The Plan states that "the SHNA, the alderperson and City Staff should work to identify and address issues related to future lakeshore development and /or redevelopment that protect the residential character of the neighborhood and that gives due consideration to the scale and mass of surrounding properties." The Plan helped to identify five major issues facing the neighborhood. From the Plan the Zoning and Redevelopment Committee was developed and created the Residential Development Information Guide. This guide serves as a resource to Spring Harbor residents interested in remodeling or building in our neighborhood. It provides city website resources and general city guidelines for residential lake front and non-lake front construction. The Guide also offers advisory suggestions to maintain our neighborhood character and assist in a smooth building process. We encourage you to be a part of the process.



The SHNA Natural Resources Committee Wants You!

...or, at the very least, your ideas! Do you have a vision for improving our neighborhood's natural areas? Do you have stories to share about your experiences in our neighborhood greenspaces? Do you want to get more involved in the neighborhood, perhaps develop more of a sense of place, but you're not sure how? Join us! The Natural Resources Committee is looking for ways to:

- cultivate a sense of place and get to know neighbors who share an interest in nature
- enjoy, protect, and restore the greenspaces and other natural resources that our neighborhood is blessed with, including Spring Harbor Park and Beach, Indian Hills Park, Kettle Pond Conservation Park, Merrill Springs Park, and Lake Mendota
- make our yards more diverse and inviting to wildlife
- minimize our runoff and pollution into Lake Mendota

Projects we are currently working on include:

- developing a master plan for the Spring Harbor Park natural areas, in conjunction with Spring Harbor Middle School teacher Mr. Ropa (if you are interested in helping or submitting comments, please contact suzsophil@aol.com or Mr. Ropa, dropa@madison.k12.wi.us)
- the spring neighborhood clean-up day, garlic mustard pull day, and the Love Your Lakes Don't Leaf Them campaign (ongoing; please see this and past newsletters for details)
- I would also like to invite you to start a neighborhood Enact group with me. Enact is a new program meant to bring neighbors together for the sake of reducing our individual and collective environmental footprints. Developed by the Madison Environmental Group, this user-friendly program was designed to make conservation both more tangible and more appetizing by incorporating discussions on environmental topics into casual potluck-style gatherings. We follow up by taking concrete action steps to reduce our trash, energy consumption, C emissions, and water use, and improve the quality of our land, air, and water. Call or e-mail Suzanne if you would like to join, 238-4673 or suzsophil@aol.com.

Happy spring everybody!

Join or renew your membership in **Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association**. Please fill out the form below to join SHNA or renew your membership and bring it to the April meeting or mail it to SHNA Treasurer, Bill Fitzpatrick, 5156 Spring Court, Madison, 53705. Dues are \$5.00 per household.

Please make checks out to SHNA

Membership Dues \$ _____
 Donation, unrestricted \$ _____
 Donation, neighborhood parks \$ _____
 Merrill Springs/Rain Garden \$ _____
 TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____ email _____

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 _____
 - Zoning and Redevelopment _____

