

# Spring Harbor News

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## Fall Membership Meeting and Potluck

**Tuesday, October 21st**  
**Spring Harbor Middle School**

Come hungry to this year's meeting as we will have a neighborhood potluck dinner. We will start earlier than usual (6:30 pm) and end earlier than usual in order to eat and meet. We will meet in the gym of Spring Harbor Middle School (SHMS). Please bring a dish to pass. We have a great agenda ready for you. Come and meet the new Principal of SHMS, Pam Waite. Are you wondering about all of the construction going on behind SHMS? Science teacher Dave Ropa is going to tell us all about the exciting and unique greenhouse project. Development Chair Herman Felstehausen will give us some insight on all the construction happening around us. There will be an update on the Merrill Spring Park as well as the usual updates from our elected officials: Representative Terese Berceau, Supervisor Jeremy Levin, and Alder Mark Clear. If you are interested in participating in any of our neighborhood committees, please contact SHNA President Greg Hull at (608)443-9169 or [greg@gmhull.com](mailto:greg@gmhull.com).

**HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN**

The annual Spring Harbor Halloween party will be held on Sunday, October 26th, from 2PM to 3:30PM in the Spring Harbor Middle School gym. We will celebrate Halloween with games, prizes, crafts, face painting, pumpkin decorating and snacks.

Everyone is invited to attend. The games are best suited for ages 2-8, but there are opportunities for

the entire family to be involved. Older children are welcome to help with games and crafts and families are asked to bring a Halloween treat to share.

There are several opportunities to help at the party. Volunteers are welcome to come early at 1:30 to decorate the gym, set up crafts and games and get our spooky treats ready for the neighborhood. We are also looking for volunteers who can stay for a half hour after the party to help with clean up. A pizza party will be provided for those who donate their time during setup. Also, help is appreciated in coordinating this event. We are always looking for new, exciting activities to have at the party. So, if you have ideas and time to share, please use the contact information below. Signed volunteer forms will be provided for students who would like credit for the time donated at the Halloween party.

Come celebrate Halloween and bring neighbors and friends to enjoy games, crafts and ghoulish goodies donated by fellow Halloween enthusiasts. If you are interested in volunteering or know someone who is, please contact [Stefany Grainger at stefany.grainger@gmail.com](mailto:stefany.grainger@gmail.com) or (805) 835-3759.

**BOO** Hope to see you for a **EEEEK**  
ghoulishly good time!

**Love Your Lakes,**

**Don't Leaf Them**



[myfairlakes.com](http://myfairlakes.com)

**Keep leaves out of the street.**

More on leaf removal/yard waste on page 4.

### ***Spring Harbor Park***

The Spring Harbor playground was updated in August by replacing the pea gravel base with wood chips under the swings and jungle bars. Hard plastic recessed curbing was added providing a ring around the play area. The swing set and several pieces of equipment were also replaced. SHNA neighbors expressed concern that heavy equipment was damaging valuable old growth hickory trees surrounding the playground. The contractor made some adjustments and late summer rains restored the green lawns.

### **Buckthorn Removal**

The Spring Harbor Park Vegetation Restoration Plan Phase II, scheduled for spring, was delayed until this fall. This work will include removal of remaining buckthorn thickets in the oak woods in Spring Harbor Park on the Indian Hills side. This area is to be restored to an oak savannah setting.

Thanks again to SHNA and Indian Hills Garden Club for sharing the costs associated with this work! Thanks also to our neighbor Joe House (<http://www.treehousearbor.com>) for his volunteer time doing cleanup work in the Phase I ravine woods and helping to remove box elder that were crowding some of the 2013 tree plantings. Please email Faith ([faithfitz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:faithfitz@sbcglobal.net)) if you have questions or if you can help

this fall with invasive removal or hauling shredded bark to the woodland paths.

### ***Merrill Spring Park***

#### **Cottage & Fallen Oak**

On August 30, a large 24-inch oak on the slope above the spotted cow cottage suddenly crashed down crushing part of the old building. City Parks is planning to remove the tree and demolish the cottage by the end of September. Neighbors are concerned about the access drive with large trucks entering on the narrow lane between the historic cistern and large oaks. The pre-1934 stonework has been flagged to provide a setback away from the stone wall.

#### **Bench**

Thanks to the generosity of neighbors, the park is receiving a new park bench along the lakeshore for the relaxed viewing of birds and summer sunrises.



### ***University Avenue Corridor***

The City planted trees and shrubs in the spring along the terraces and medians on University Avenue from Whitney Way to Allen Blvd. The species list was limited

because of space and utility line constraints. SHNA worked with City Parks to include more native species along the multi-use path next to Spring Harbor Park. These include native hazelnut and juneberry, and Pink Flair Cherry (*Prunus sargentii*) to provide fragrance and spring/fall color. Also included in the plan was London Planetree (*Platanus x acerifolia*). The Planetree is a large cousin of the American Sycamore and was planted near the bus stop at Flambeau and at several other places along the corridor.

### ***Indian Hills Park***

**The stormwater bio-swale** (rain garden) on the corner of Flambeau and Merrill Springs Rd has become a model for demonstrating efficient buffering of high-volume street runoff. Design and placement were key in making sure that curb cuts and grates move runoff directly into the bio-swale instead of around it. The Indian Hills bio-swale this year offers a brilliant display of native plant colors. In addition to the park swale, the park has also received a new ball-field backstop and a number of hardy shrubs and small trees planted by volunteers on the University Ave embankment facing the park.

*Faith Fitzpatrick and  
Herman Felstehausen*

# Your Neighborhood

## **Sign up for the SHNA Email List Serve in 4 easy steps!**

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## **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](mailto:rharris9169@charter.net)

## **Indian Hills Garden Club**

The garden club is open to everyone living in the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association. Dues are \$6 a year. Our fall schedule consists of a presentation by a Felly's Flower Shop expert in mid-October, a business meeting in late October when we will determine

our annual contributions to non-profit organizations, and an early December holiday auction party.

We don't meet in January and February. At our March meeting, we'll begin planning for

our 11th spring garden club plant sale to be held on May 16 this year. April is our annual potluck dinner with a guest speaker. If you are interested in joining the garden club, please contact Jeanette Tierney at 238-9084.

## **Labor Day Rainout**

We fretted all week about the forecast on Labor Day. Forty percent chance of rain sounded too high. We were grateful that we were able to make arrangements with Dale Heights Presbyterian Church who agreed to host us in their basement. However, with sunny skies beckoning we decided to try for the beautiful sunny afternoon we enjoyed a year ago. Horror of all horrors, it got cloudy, windy and then down-poured at 4:00 pm, just as the musicians were about to begin. Thankfully, the band salvaged most all of their equipment. Next year we will not schedule this event without solid provisions for rain.

As a consolation, area resident John Becker will play jazz piano after the general membership meeting [October 21, 6:00] during the potluck at the Spring Harbor Middle School gymnasium. Bring a dish to pass,



meet the new Spring Harbor Principal, get updated on the Green House and enjoy your neighbors while listening to some good music.

*Barbara Schultz-Becker*

## **Spring Harbor Middle School's New Principal**

Pam Waite comes to Madison from the Markesan School District where she worked for the past 17 years. Markesan, population 1,462, is near Ripon. She taught Spanish at the middle school, was principal at the elementary school and most recently, was the Markesan Middle/High School principal. Originally from the East Coast--north of Boston, Ms. Waite came to Wisconsin to attend Ripon College. She is married and has three children. Pam is excited to be working with students at Spring Harbor and is passionate about meeting students' needs. She believes in the use of proper assessment practices as well as relevant learning experiences to drive instruction. In the past, she has worked to connect students to professionals in the community in a school-career network. Through the district's new behavioral plan, she will guide our students through the respect triangle--for each other, their education and the environment in which they learn.

Ms. Waite will speak at the fall membership meeting on October 21, at 6:00 pm at the Spring Harbor Middle School gymnasium. Come and welcome Pam in person, then enjoy a potluck meal and the live Jazz music that we missed on the Labor Day rain-out.

*Barbara Schultz-Becker*

## **Dane County Board Report District 10**

*Supervisor Jeremy Levin*

I hope this edition of the SHNA newsletter finds you and your family well. I'm honored to be entrusted with another two-year term to serve District 10.

Last term we saw a number of good initiatives that I look forward to seeing continue in 2014-16 term. For the environment: the Clean Lakes Initiative remains on track with projects aimed at cleaning up the county's lakes; and, the manure digesters, while suffering a recent setback, will continue to decrease phosphorus run-off into our lakes and produce energy.

In the area of human services: the Office of the Dane County Board of Supervisors contracted with Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP to conduct an independent analysis of Dane County's Department of Human Services current approach to and future planning for Purchase of Service contracting. I hope that the findings of this analysis, which will be made public early in this next term, will lead to more efficient and effective contracting that will raise the level of the services we provide and get the most bang for our taxpayer buck. For public safety: the next term will bring a much needed discussion on the future of our county jail, as maintenance and upgrades are needed to the sections that were originally built in the 1950s.

Though these areas and projects represent just a handful of the services Dane County offers its residents, I'm proud to work towards the advancement of Dane County as a destination to live, work and raise a family.

Should you or your family have an interest in specific 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.



## **Love Your Lakes** *cont'd from front page*

Leaves and grass clippings naturally contain nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen. If leaves and grass are raked or blown into the street gutter, the leaves and the nutrients they contain can be washed away before collection and end up in our lakes and streams contributing to algae blooms.

Leaves and grass can also clog storm sewers and contribute to localized flooding. Burning these yard "wastes" not only releases air pollutants, but the ashes can pollute lakes and streams if carried away by storm water runoff. Street sweeping is not intended to capture large quantities of leaves. Here are some options for leaf management that will also help your lakes and streams.

- Keep fallen leaves out of the street gutter. Many leaves naturally fall into the street. Use a blower or sweep them up.
- Compost your leaves. Place composted leaves in your vegetable and flower beds. Composted leaves amend soil that's healthy for plants and it's free! Compost bins start at about \$35 and come in various sizes and shapes or you can also make a simple leaf bin from chicken wire or other metal fencing. The leaves will take longer to break down if they are not shredded or mixed with other wastes, but they will eventually decay, leaving nice crumbly humus which can be put on gardens and lawns to enrich the soil.
- Use leaves as mulch. Rake leaves to vegetable and flower gardens, under shrubs or around trees to help suppress weeds and help prevent weed seeds that sprout in the spring. Decayed leaves enhance the soil for any planting bed and save money on purchased mulch.
- Mow leaves. Leave the leaves shredded by your lawn mower right on your lawn. The small pieces quickly break down, releasing nutrients for a green, well-fed lawn. Or if using a bagger, use the chopped up leaves as mulch.

## Your Donations in 2014

Below is a listing of those who have generously contributed extra funds to help support our work this year. 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. (by Bill Fitzpatrick, SHNA Treasurer).

# A Big Thank You

Ben & Marie Barwick	Budi & Julie Nara
Fran Beach	Omar & Gloria Nelson
Jerry & Shary Bisgard	John Newton
Walter & Sandra Borowski	Dick & Noel Pearson
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Korean Madison Sah-lang Church  
5501 University Avenue at Norman Way  
(next to Brennans)**

<p align="center"><b>Dale Heights</b> <b>Phone: 608-233-0134</b> <b>e-mail:</b> <b>dalehghts@sbcglobal.net</b> <b>www.daleheightspc.org</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Sah-lang</b>  <b>www.madisonsahlang.org</b></p>
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**SHNA Board of Directors' Meetings**

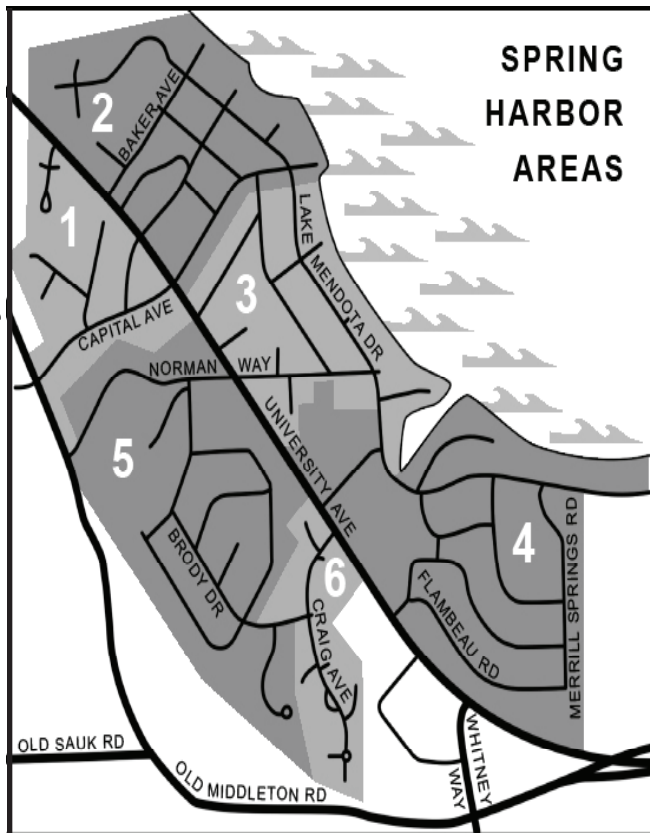
You are welcome to attend the monthly SHNA Board of Directors' meeting, currently held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending a meeting, be sure to check the SHNA website at [www.SpringHarborOnline.com](http://www.SpringHarborOnline.com) to confirm the date,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

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Area 6	Stan Fuka	236-4229



## Flambeau Intersection Receives Attention

Traffic and safety improvements at the intersection of Flambeau and University Ave were discussed with Madison Traffic Engineering at a meeting arranged by Shary Bisgard and Herman Felstehausen of the SHNA Transportation and Planning/Development committees. The Flambeau intersection generates regular user comments because of its large open design inviting multiple vehicles to enter, wait, and make turns all at the same time. Interactions are further complicated by a bus stop, two pedestrian crossings, multi-use path, and several commercial driveways. Moka Coffee drive-thru has also increased intersection activity. SHNA committees are recommending additional signage and pavement paint as a way to further define user space and improve safety. Traffic Engineering is considering the following actions:

- Post 'No U-turn' signs facing east-bound traffic with an additional 'No U-turn' sign on the median facing the Moka exit driveway to discourage Moka vehicles from immediately making a U-turn upon exit.



- Repainting the pavement bars on the west crosswalk so paint stripes line up with the crosswalk landing on the Moka side of the street. The neighborhood also requested widening and extending the highway median

on the west side of the intersection—current median has a sub-standard pointed nose. While wider medians improve safety, this adjustment will require funding approval which can be expected to delay the work.

- There have been numerous complaints that bikers—and sometimes skate-boarders—traveling at high speed down the multi-use path from the east create close calls with turning vehicles. The bikers have the right-of-way, but it is difficult for drivers to make turns while keeping multiple sides of the intersection in view. Traffic Engineering will consider posting “CAUTION—Watch for Turning Vehicles” signs next to the multi-use path.

*Herman Felstehausen*

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## Road Salt Concerns

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Road salt continues to contaminate Merrill Spring and Well #14. Heavy salting of city streets and county highways is now the winter norm. Lake studies are warning that current practices are not sustainable. Our neighborhood is plagued by high salt concentrations in the Spring Harbor aquifer which is affecting water quality of Well #14 and in Merrill Spring. This is a long-term chronic problem, not just in winter, but with effects that continue throughout the year. High salt concentrations are even affecting metropolitan sewage treatment pushing saline levels to the maximum allowed by EPA discharge standards.

The neighborhood will continue to raise awareness of this issue with the City Water Utility, Street and Highway departments, City Parks, and the WI Geological and Natural History Survey. A joint study group is planning to meet this winter. We have a vital interest in finding better longer-term solutions to this complex problem.

*Faith Fitzpatrick and  
Herman Felstehausen*

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 \_\_\_\_\_
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