

Spring Harbor News

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Fall Membership Meeting

Thursday, October 16, 2008, 7:00 PM
Spring Harbor Middle School

Proposal For Shoreland Management Planning

The fall Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association membership meeting is planned for Thursday, October 16, at 7:00 PM. We have invited Brian Standing from Dane County's Department of Planning and Development to present information on the county's Water Body and Shoreland Management Planning projects. These projects, which include new zoning requirements for property within 1000 feet of a navigable water body, would have a major impact on a large proportion of the lots in our neighborhood (and city-wide) if the proposed standards and regulations are applied to urban areas. Under the proposed standards, many of our lots would become non-conforming. We have also invited someone from City of Madison Planning and Development to answer questions and to provide the city's perspective on this plan.

Please read the article on page 5 that explains more about the impact on our neighborhood. You will also find directions on how to access the Dane County website to review the draft of the plan.

At the meeting, we will also hear from our local government representatives, Ald. Mark Clear and Supervisor Brett Hulsey. Of special interest to SHNA residents will be an update on the planned reconstruction of University Avenue. Other items include neighborhood committee reports, an update on the exciting new turtle rain garden planned for next year, and the annual Halloween party.

Help Wanted

As a volunteer organization, the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association relies on people like you taking the time to make our neighborhood an even better place to live. We are currently in need of an Advertising Coordinator to help with newsletter advertising and a Chair for our Natural Resources Committee. If you have the time and talent to help with either of these positions, please contact SHNA President Sally Miley at ssmiley1@charter.net or 233-2976 for a more detailed description of what's needed.

Fall Leaf Reminder

Did you see the "Love Your Lakes..." signs around Madison last fall? They are part of a citywide campaign to remind homeowners to keep their raked leaves and yard waste out of the streets and gutters. Decaying leaves provide nutrients for the algae in our lakes (algae are the green, stinky aquatic plants that start to plague our lakes in early summer). When placed in the street, nutrients from the leaves can be leached out by rain or snowmelt, wash down the storm sewers and into the lake, "feeding" the algae and causing them to grow rapidly. The leaves themselves don't have to go anywhere. Leaf pickup is one of the City's largest and most costly projects of the entire year.

The best way to handle leaves is to simply mulch them into your yard with the mower. The nutrients will ultimately soak into the lawn and give a little free fertilizer to the grass. Raked leaves should be placed on the terrace above the curb and NOT in the street. It is illegal to do so, and is punishable by a stiff fine! Complaints may be forwarded to Al Schumacher, Madison Streets Superintendent at 266-4680 or e-mail at aschumacher@cityofmadison.com. If you must bag your leaves, leave the bag tops open so collection crews can determine what's inside. Leaves also make a wonderful compost for gardening. Do not mix leaves or yard waste with brush as neither will be picked up if mixed. You may place a tarp over your leaves to keep them from blowing around. Pickup crews will leave the tarps.

The City is scheduled to begin fall leaf pickup on Monday, October 6. You can check a recorded announcement (267-2088), or visit www.cityofmadison.com/streets to find out when leaf pickup crews will be in your neighborhood. Lots more info is available at www.myfairlakes.com. To those of you displaying yard signs this year, THANK YOU! Please put them out the week-end of September 27th, and leave out until just after Thanksgiving.

LOVE YOUR LAKES

Happy
Fall
Cleanup!

DON'T LEAF THEM

myfairlakes.com

Your Neighborhood



Zoning and Redevelopment Committee

We are finalizing our zoning document draft and will be presenting it to the city staff for their recommendations. We hope to have a neighborhood meeting in February to introduce the document to the Spring Harbor neighborhood for input. That meeting date will be posted in the SHNA website: www.SpringHarborOnline.com. We would like to then get approval of the document at the SHNA meeting in spring 2009. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Kim McBride at k2berly2@hotmail.com

Spring Harbor Area Business Owners and Operators (SHABOO)

Erdman Real Estate Holdings has leased space to UW Health at 5117 University Ave in the area formerly occupied by Marshall Erdman & Assoc. The space is to be utilized for temporary UW Health administrative offices until permanent facilities are constructed. SHABOO members no longer in the area include:

- Cat Care Clinic
- Barbie's Homemade Cookies
- Irish Waters Pub (the property now under ownership of Erdman Real Estate Holdings)
- Linden Asian Arts Gallery
- Madison National Life Insurance

History Committee

Upon Fred Risser's suggestion, I attended the annual reunion picnic of the Highland Mendota Beach school, now called Crestwood. I had a chance to talk to many people who used to live in our neighborhood and received

good information and more leads to follow. I still am waiting for more information from you long timers who have lived here for more than 20 years. If you would like to history survey form, let me know. Please contact Ann Sowaske, SHNA History Committee Chair at 238-7903 or email at bsowaske@sbcglobal.net.

Transportation Committee

The SHNA Transportation Committee's fall meeting will feature Alderman Mark Clear who will discuss the timetable for University Avenue reconstruction and a variety of traffic concerns in the neighborhood. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 30 at 7:00 at Dale Heights Church.

Interested in joining the committee? We're working to enhance pedestrian and bicyclists' safety, alleviate traffic problems on residential streets and University Avenue, and improve bus service in our area. Contact Shary Bisgard at 233-1238 or email her at sharybisgard@charter.net

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

New Website & Email List

We recently re-vamped our website for a more streamlined look and less expensive hosting fees. Please stop by and check it out for news of upcoming meetings, important files and happenings around the neighborhood at www.springharboronline.com. Suggestions for the website? Please contact with your area representative.

Our email list has helped notify residents of important and late-breaking news such as the recent burst of burglaries or reminders for upcoming meetings. We do not send commercially-oriented messages and over the past couple years we have averaged sending out about one email per month. We're not aiming to clog up your inbox so consider signing up on our new email list. If you were previously signed up, you received an email invitation to the new group, but you need to follow the link in the invitation email and activate your membership in order to receive our messages. In the new system you can manage your own account setting for how frequently you receive updates and you can unsubscribe at any time. You can sign up right on our home page at www.SpringHarborOnline.com

Dane County Supervisor Report

Dear friends,

Hope you are having a good fall. It was quite a wet June with record rains. On the Lakes and Watersheds Commission, I worked to draw up Clean Lakes Budget Initiatives to reduce flooding, and help clean up our lakes.

Especially important to the Spring Harbor neighborhood are: \$9 million to purchase wetlands that store flood-water and help clean up the lake; \$2 million to upgrade locks to better manage our lake levels; \$300,000 for better modeling to determine where flood and polluted waters are coming from, and much more, see http://danedocs.countyofdane.com/webdocs/pdf/lwrd/lakes/2009_Draft_Budget.pdf for a copy of the proposal.

Now I need your help. It would be helpful if you could approve a letter to the County Executive and County Board supporting our Clean Lakes Budget Initiatives. You can send the email to me at Brett@Brett4us.org and copy Kathleen Falk at falk@co.dane.wi.us and County Board at county_board_recipients@co.dane.wi.us. For more information, call me at 238-6070.

Cheers,

Supervisor *Brett Hulsey*

Alderman Report

Dear Spring Harbor Neighbors,

It's budget season at City Hall. Here's an update: The Mayor has introduced his 2009 capital budget, which is where we fund major projects. Highlights include funding for a new central library, building fire station #12 on the far west side (which will improve response times to the Spring Harbor area), and a number of road reconstruction projects. Especially important for Spring Harbor, the Mayor's budget includes \$730,000 for starting the University Avenue reconstruction project between Segoe Rd. and the Middleton border. Activities in 2009 include engineering and design work, with a public participation process to determine the look and feel of the street and amenities to be included. Construction would proceed in 2011 as previously scheduled.

The budget also includes \$1.67 million to reconstruct Old Middleton Road between Capital Avenue and the Middleton border. This project would be done in 2009, after a similar public input process.

I have fought hard to get these two items into the budget, and will continue to work to protect them as the budget works through the Council approval process. I know I don't have to tell any of you how much they're needed, both for safety and to preserve and improve the quality of our neighborhoods. Another hurdle that the University Avenue project must pass is a cost sharing agreement for the project with Dane County.

Overall, the Mayor's budget proposes \$76.7 million in borrowing, which is down more than \$16 million from this year. Managing our overall borrowing is crucial to keeping our operating budget (where we pay off the borrowing) in control. I support the Mayor's efforts to reduce borrowing while rebuilding and maintaining our infrastructure.

The Mayor's operating budget for 2009 will be released on October 7. As you've probably read, our operating budget is going to be very tight. The Mayor has asked all departments to provide contingency plans for cuts of up to 5%. For many departments, this would mean devastating many service reductions. If we don't make significant cuts, we will be faced with large tax increases. It will be very difficult to find a balance between preserving vital services and keeping taxes reasonable. What are your priorities? I would very much appreciate your ideas and suggestions.

Please contact me at district19@cityofmadison.com or 310-8792 if you have any questions or concerns I can help with. Have a great Autumn!

Alderman *Mark Clear*

July 4th Parade and Picnic



The weather was perfect, the parade was splendid and the brats were grilled to perfection. By all accounts this year's 4th of July celebration was a wonderful home-spun and neighborly event. A donation of \$36.00 was collected during the parade and picnic to support the Shorewood Hills Volunteer Fire Department. Contributions such as these are used by the Department to pay for the 4th of July fireworks and provide maintenance for the fire truck that has led the Spring Harbor Parade for so many years. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Please join SHNA in thanking those below who donated time or products to help make the picnic a reality.

Don Bally	Catherine Martin
Glenis Benson	Kim McBride
Shary Bisgard	Pat McBride
Brennan's	McDonald's
Sue Coppersmith	Kyle Metzloff
Chuck Dunning	Glass Nickel Pizza
Mary Dwyer	Sally Miley
Diana Horton-Williams	Noel Pearson
Greg Hull	Jackson Tiffany
Bill Fitzpatrick	Jim Williams
Jeff Larsen	

Matt Sykes & the Shorewood Hills Fire Department
... and everyone who brought a dish or helped out at the event.

SHNA Board of Director's 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.

President	Sally Miley	233-2976
President Elect	Vacant	
Treasurer	Bill Fitzpatrick	233-3584
Secretary	Diana Horton-Williams	233-6493
Past President	Janet Loewi	238-2626

Area Directors

Area 1	Shary Bisgard	233-1238
Area 2	Carol Glazer	233-3725
Area 3	Don Bally	233-1645
Area 4	Kim McBride	238-8819
Area 5	Greg Hull	236-2230
Area 6	Chuck Dunning	238-4598

Come to the Halloween Party

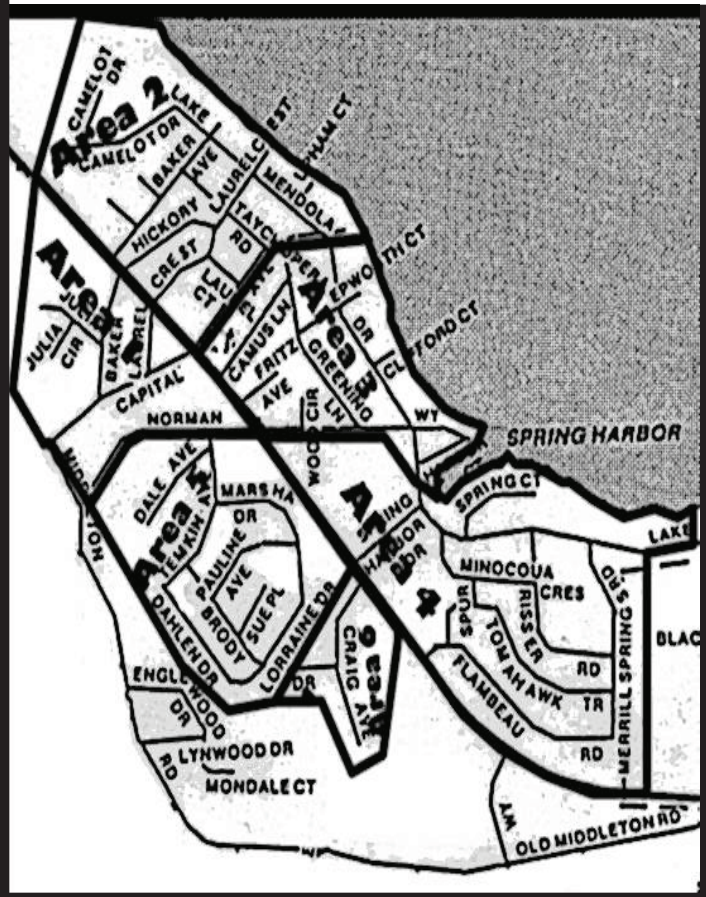


This year's neighborhood Halloween party is on Sunday, October 26, from 2 PM to 3:30 PM in the Spring Harbor Middle School gym. The party provides fun Halloween activities, such as a beanbag toss, sucker pull, arts and crafts, pin-the-spider-on-the-web, cakewalk, and a spooky tunnel, for young children (ages 1-8), and it also provides an opportunity for older children (ages 9-18) to organize and supervise the activities for the younger children. Folks of all ages have the opportunity to socialize and enjoy the potluck of goodies donated by neighbors and local businesses. There are easy ways to be involved and help out. Simply come with your children to the party with some treats to share and participate in a neighborly way and/or stick around after the party at 3:30 PM to help clean up.

If you would like to help in planning, set-up, and supervision of games, or if you know a child or teenager who would, please contact Suzanne Kercher at 608-238-4673 or email suzsophil@aol.com. Signed volunteer forms will be available at the party for students to get credit for the time they donated to the neighborhood party. Also, come to pre-party pizza gathering for student volunteers who come early to help set up the games and decorations. We'd also love to have any Halloween enthusiast who can donate some adult supervision, set-up, planning, small prizes, or special activity (like running a door prize raffle). Thank you, and we hope to see you there.

Meet Officer Favour at Blue Mountain Coffee Shop

You're invited to meet with Officer Scott Favour from the Madison Police Department at the Blue Mountain coffee shop at 5439 University Avenue (next to Klinke Cleaners) on the following Saturdays: September 27, October 25, and November 29. Scott knows our area well since his current assignment is to patrol our neighborhood. He will be available to talk with you at the coffee shop from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. on the three Saturdays noted above.



Dane County's Waterbody Classification Project- Effects On Our Neighborhood

by Bill Fitzpatrick

Waterbody Classification Project was undertaken to classify all waterbodies of the county into various categories for regulation and protection and to develop standards for the development and use of all properties within 1000 feet from lakes and ponds and 300 feet from streams and rivers.

Protection and restoration of the waters of Dane County is a goal that most people support. However the proposed regulations will be far reaching. To conform to the rules properties in our neighborhood will require a minimum width of 100 feet and an area of one-half acre. Older lots will not be grandfathered for the purpose of obtaining permits. Note that very few properties in our neighborhood meet even the minimum area standards (there are other minimum standards besides lot area).

Lots that do not meet the standards will be non-conforming and will not be granted building permits without mitigation. The requirements of mitigation are wide ranging, potentially expensive, and may be impossible for some owners.

To obtain a building permit county staff may require mitigation measures with a wide range of changes to the lot including steps such as changing the color of the house, demolishing accessory buildings (sheds, garages, boathouses), changing the vegetation on the lot, changing the use of parts of the lot (converting lawns to other plantings, remove patios), and other measures.

Many comments on the proposed classification standards have been sent to the county including objections from the City of Madison, other cities, townships, and business groups questioning the appropriateness, effectiveness, and necessity of applying these regulations on dense older urban areas. Others have pointed out that the impact of storm water runoff on our lakes and rivers is not just due to properties in the shorelands. All lots served by storm sewers generate runoff that affects the waters of Dane County not just those within 1000 feet of the lakes.

The proposed regulations will affect thousands of properties (estimated at 40,000 to 50,000 non-conforming properties) whose owners are most likely unaware of the classification study and Shoreland Management Plan.

The SHNA Board has asked that the county notify all affected owners and make them aware of the potential impact to them and provide an opportunity to participate in the process. In addition we believe that given the wide ranging impact of the proposed regulations that the county should do a thorough impact analysis on current and future development and determine the cost of these changes on property owners.



Additional information is available at http://www.danewaters.com/management/water_body_classification.aspx and by typing "Dane County Waterbody Classification project" in an internet search engine.

Lake Mendota Drive Turtle Rain Garden



A committee of members from the Indian Hills Garden Club and Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association are working on replacement garden plans for the traffic island at the intersection of Lake Mendota Drive, Minocqua Crescent, and Spring Court. The innovative plans include a rain garden around the storm sewer, a catch basin for sediment coming off the road during snowmelt runoff, and a kid-friendly turtle shaped garden of native grasses rising out of the rain garden. We are planning on sharing costs with the City Parks and Engineering Departments. In addition, City Engineering has graciously offered to apply for Dane County stormwater grants for this project next spring.

We believe that the project will be not only a beautiful addition to the city and neighborhood but also provide an environmental benefit by reducing sand sedimentation and treating stormwater before it enters Lake Mendota.

We ask for your input and support of this important project as we further develop the plan. Donations, either through Indian Hills Garden Club or Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association, are appreciated. We hope to begin construction in the spring or fall of 2009 (dependent on funding and least disturbance to the existing oaks).

Please feel free to contact the neighborhood lead for the project Faith Fitzpatrick (5156 Spring Court, 233-3584, faithfitz@sbcglobal.net) if you need additional information on the project. An overview of the project will be presented at the autumn general membership meeting.

Preliminary Cost Estimates and Tentative Breakdown of Possible Funding Sources:

Total Cost:	\$14,000
Dane County stormwater grant:	5,000
City Engineering Dept:	2,500
Parks Department:	2,000
Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association:	1,500
Indian Hills Garden Club:	3,000



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 October 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 to repair stone,
picnic table and benches \$ _____
Park tree planting \$ _____
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 _____