

Spring Harbor News

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Welcome!

Once again we are looking forward to a beautiful summer in our neighborhood! Our flower beds, tended by neighborhood volunteers, are blooming. The lifeguards will be returning to Spring Harbor Beach soon, thanks to Ald. Clear and the City of Madison.

Each year, warm weather signals a burst of activity in our parks and this year was no exception. Volunteers turned out for park and roadside cleanup and the annual garlic mustard pull. Our natural resources committee is starting to develop a master plan for the wooded area at Spring Harbor Park. This will involve getting rid of other invasive plants (besides garlic mustard) and, eventually, planting native species. Kettle Pond is an example of this type of restoration. A project of this magnitude will take time and many hands, and you are welcome to join in!

By the time you receive this newsletter, the stonework at Merrill Spring should be repaired and restored. This project was made possible by your donations and the city's People for Parks matching program. Also you will be able to observe the progress on our new "turtle garden" at the intersection of Lake Mendota Drive and Spring Court, also funded by SHNA donations and various city and county agencies. When you enjoy summer walks around the neighborhood, take a look at these exciting improvements.

Last year's park project was replacing several trees in the beach parking lot area and the beach itself. These were trees which had died over the last few years and had been removed by the city.

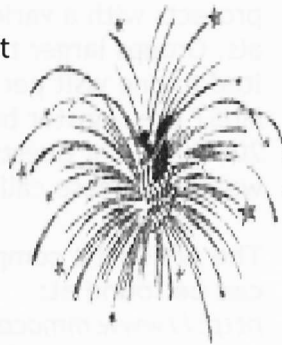
Finally, we encourage you to get involved with one of SHNA's committees. If you prefer helping out with an event or project, there are opportunities for that as well. You will find more information about volunteering inside as well as information about joining SHNA if you have not already done so. Thank you!

Join the Neighborhood 4th of July Parade and Picnic

Whether you're coming for the 53rd time or if this is your first, please join us at Spring Harbor Park on July 4th for a neighborhood celebration.

Kids with decorated bikes, trikes and wagons should gather on Saturday July 4th near the corner of Tomahawk Trail and Merrill Springs Road. At 11:00 am the brief parade will head toward Spring Harbor Park for games and prizes for everyone. A pot luck picnic will begin at noon. Please bring a dish to pass plus your own plates, drinks, utensils and blankets.

If you have time to help with a small task like picking up donated food from a local business or setting up decorations in the park, please get in contact with Sally Miley at ssmiley1@charter.net or 233-2976. We could really use your help!



SHNA HISTORIC HOMES AND PLACES GUIDED TOUR

COME WALK,
BIKE, OR DRIVE
WITH US



on Sunday, September 13, 2009
from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Meet at Spring Harbor school lot.

Save this date!

Questions, call Ann Sowaske at 238-7903 or email at Bsowaske@sbcglobal.net

Your Neighborhood

Life's a Beach at Spring Harbor

Enjoy our neighborhood beach (1918 Norman Way) with the added safety of a lifeguard daily from 12:30 until 4:30 starting June 13. It's a great benefit to the neighborhood to have this safe, free way to enjoy the lakes: please take advantage of it!



While you're at the beach, please remember not to feed the ducks. Feeding them encourages them to stay nearby, which can cause beach closings due to high bacteria counts. For the same reason, dogs are not allowed at any of the Madison beaches.

Enjoy your summer in Spring Harbor, Madison's best neighborhood on the lake!

Local Business Booms

On my way home yesterday I saw one of the most adored neighborhood institutions: little girls with a lemonade stand. The line was long. "What recession?" these girls asked as their addition and subtraction faced its toughest test to date. That summed up this neighborhood for me and the great people we have living here. It is a true honor to come home to our corner of the lake everyday.

Greg Hull, Area 5 Director



The Art Cart at Spring Harbor Park

Monday, June 29 from 5:30 to 8:00
Tuesday, August 4 from 1:30 to 4:30

The Art Cart is a free traveling art program that provides creative, outdoor art-making experiences to children ages 3+ and their families. It's co-sponsored by the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art (MMoCA) and MSCR. Activities include both group and individual projects with a variety of materials. Groups larger than 8 are limited to one visit per summer, and MUST pre-register by calling 608-204-3021. For questions regarding weather, please call 204-3021.

The Art Cart's complete schedule can be found at:

[http://www.mmoca.org/
events/eventdetails/artcart/
documents/09ArtCartschedul.pdf](http://www.mmoca.org/events/eventdetails/artcart/documents/09ArtCartschedul.pdf)

Zoning and Redevelopment

The Residential Development Information Guide was presented and approved at the April spring membership meeting. The guide will be available to homeowners interested in remodeling or building a new home on the SHNA website: <http://www.springharboronline.com/> or at the Madison Zoning office.

Our Public Spaces

Be sure to take advantage of each of our wonderful seasons 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

Join the Indian Hills Garden Club

If you enjoy gardening, we hope you'll join the garden club which is open to everyone who lives in the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association area. Our activities include presentations by experts, field trips, neighborhood planting projects, garlic mustard pulls, a spring potluck and a holiday party. We raise money for local park projects through our annual May plant sale and holiday party auction. If you would like to join our group, please contact Kim McBride at 238-8819 or Shary Bisgard at 233-1238



Transportation Committee

If you have a vision of what a reconstructed University Avenue should look like, join the SHNA Transportation Committee. Once a consultant has been hired by the city this summer, the planning will begin and public hearings scheduled. The committee expects to be very active in the process leading up to the 2011 road reconstruction.

The committee is also working to enhance pedestrian and bicyclists' safety, to slow down traffic on residential streets and to improve bus service to our area. If interested in joining the committee, contact Shary Bisgard at 233-1238 or email at sharybisgard@charter.net

Please be attentive to keeping dogs on a leash
in the neighborhood and picking up your dog.

Dane County Supervisor Report

Dear Friends,

Hope your year is going well. On the County Board, I represent you and your interests. Here's an update.

Improving our Roads and Increasing Transportation Choices

Working with the city and Alder Clear, we have University Avenue set for improvements in 2011. Engineering and planning for the improvements is underway. We will work with neighbors and the engineering firm to make sure they gather your ideas and respect your priorities on upgrading the road. Look for the announcement of those meetings coming soon.

I also support increasing transportation choices with regional initiatives for safer roads, better bus services and possibly commuter trains. This will increase safety, reduce traffic growth and air pollution.

Saving Energy and Money

With the shape of the economy, we need to do all we can to save money and jobs. I am:

- Working to get Dane County and Madison more than \$4.4 in Energy Efficiency block grants.
- Working with neighbors on a Green Resources for Energy Efficient Neighborhoods (GREEN) Program to make our homes more comfortable, save energy, and money. If you are interested in participating, drop me a note at the email address below.

You can do your part now by going to www.FocusonEnergy.Com for a home energy and solar assessment.

Clean up Our Lakes and Better Controlling Lake Levels

Our lakes make Dane County a special place to live. To protect them, I:

- Am working to fund a "cow power" clean water plant that treats the largest source of pollution into the lakes, cow manure, and makes clean energy and green jobs.
- Cosponsored a resolution calling for a comprehensive program to better manage lake levels and am working with the DNR and city to get better control of our lake levels. The DNR agreed to open the Stoughton Dam, the bottom of the lake system and remove constrictions to allow water to move more quickly, see http://dnr.wi.gov/news/BreakingNews_Print.asp?id=1197.
- You can plant a rain garden to soak up rainwater. Let me know if you need help.

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

Supervisor **Brett Hulse**

Get Involved!

Find Information—To get neighborhood news and event reminders, sign up for email at <http://www.springharboronline.com> (This list is not used for discussion.)

Plan University Ave—Reconstruction is scheduled for 2011 and planning starts NOW. To get in your 2 cents, contact the transportation committee: Shary Bisgard (233-1238; sharybisgard@charter.net)

Save Energy—Work with neighbors and county supervisor Brett Hulse on a plan to weatherize our homes and create jobs with help from the stimulus money. Contact: Carol Glaser(carolglaser@charter.net)

Party!—To volunteer for recurring events (next up Fourth of July party), Contact Sally Miley (ssmiley1@charter.net)

Join a Committee—To join, contact the individuals below: Transportation: Shary Bisgard (233-1238; sharybisgard@charter.net) Natural Resources: Susanne Kecher (238-4673; suzophil@aol.com) Zoning and Redevelopment: Kim McBride (238-8819) History: Ann Sowaske (238-7903)

Help with the Newsletter—We need an advertising coordinator. For information, contact Sally Miley (ssmiley1@charter.net)

City of Madison Zoning Code Rewrite

The City of Madison is undergoing the process of updating its Zoning Code. The current code was written in 1966. Details on this enormous project can be found on the city's web site: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/neighborhoods/zoningRewrite>.

Community input is always welcome. Comments can be submitted to Rick Roll at RRoll@cityofmadison.com who will forward the comments to the advisory committee and consultants.

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.

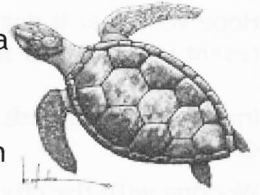
President	Sally Miley	233-2976
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Treasurer	Bill Fitzpatrick	233-3584
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Area Directors

Area 1	Shary Bisgard	233-1238
Area 2	Carol Glaser	233-3725
Area 3	Don Bally	233-1645
Area 4	Kim McBride	238-8819
Area 5	Greg Hull	236-2230
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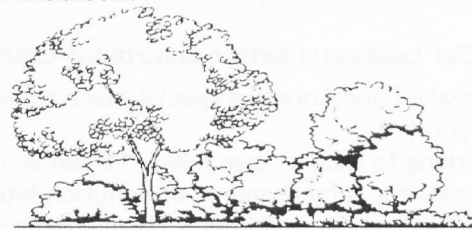
Turtle Rain Garden Update

Plans for the rain garden at Lake Mendota Drive/Minoqua Crescent/Spring Ct are continuing. Hopefully we can get the garden in this summer. The rain garden committee compiled a tentative list of native plants for the rain garden. Several can be donated from neighbor's gardens but a large part of the list will need to be purchased. Please consider a monetary donation to help cover those that need to be purchased. If you'd like a list of needed plants, please call Faith Fitzpatrick at 233-3584.



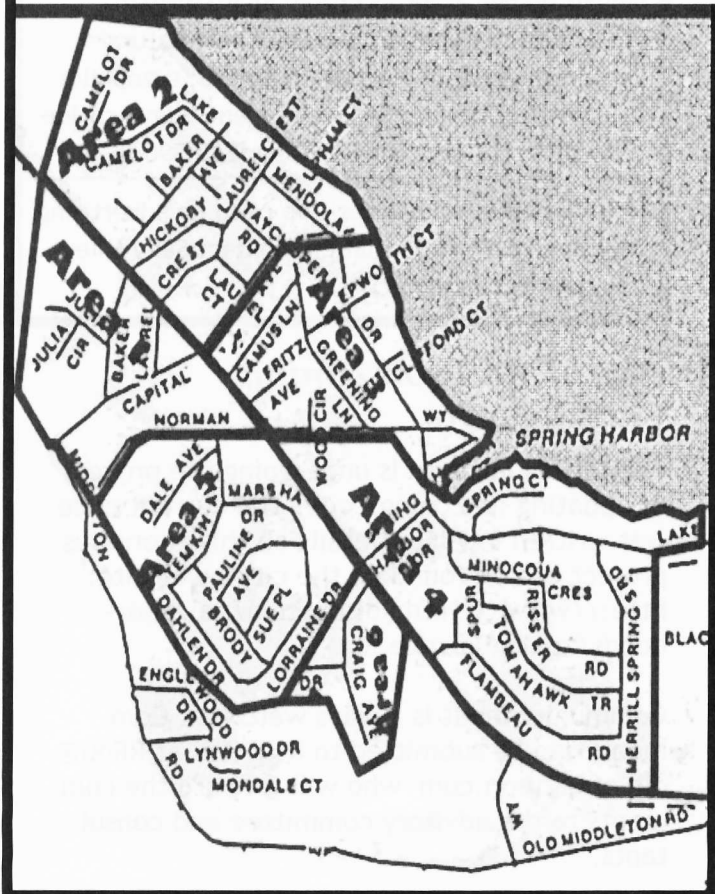
Merrill Springs Park Renovations Underway

Jacob Arndt of Northwestern Masonry and Stone is busy renovating the stone work at Merrill Springs Park. Over the next few weeks he'll be fixing the tables and benches, the stream bed, and tuck pointing the cistern. He's doing a wonderful job: stop by and see his work! Thanks to all that have made donations to the Neighborhood Association that support improvements like this, which will be paid for through donations from neighbors and the People for Parks matching grants program at the City of Madison.



Meet Officer Joswiak at Blue Mountain Coffee Shop

You're invited to meet with Officer Chad Joswiak from the Madison Police Department at the Blue Mountain coffee shop at 5439 University Avenue (next to Klinker Cleaners) on the following Saturdays: June 27, July 25 and August 29. Chad 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.



Thanks to SHNA Volunteers

Thanks to all who volunteered to help during our annual SHNA clean-up day! Volunteers who signed up to pick up trash in the parks and along University Avenue included Shary and Jerry Bisgard, Mary Beth and Chuck Dunning, Suzanne Kecher, Karen Lavalley and Kim McBride. There was also a crew who worked hard to clean up Merrill Springs Park. Those volunteers included Faith, Bill, Billy and Meg Fitzpatrick, Pam and Anna Pryzbelski and Kyle and Liz Metzloff. Karen Lavalley did double duty, helping out in Merrill Springs Park after she finished trash pickup on University Avenue. Way to go, Karen!

Lots of you pick up trash from our by-ways and parks on a regular basis as you walk about the neighborhood. Keep up the good work!

Alderman Report

Hello Spring Harbor Neighbors,

With winter now a distant memory, construction season is in full swing. Here are some updates on current and future projects:

University Avenue: The City has hired KL Engineering as the design and engineering consultant for the reconstruction of University Avenue from Segoe to Allen. Planning with their team will begin shortly, with construction scheduled for 2011. KL Engineering is based in Fitchburg and has extensive experience with projects in Madison and throughout the state, including portions of East Washington and also Stoughton Road. SHNA will be closely involved in this planning process.

The segment of U-Ave from Segoe to Shorewood Blvd. was the top-scoring local project for stimulus funding and will most likely be built in 2010.

And as I'm sure you've discovered, the remaining portions of U-Ave are under construction now. The segment from Shorewood Blvd. to University Bay should be finished by the time you read this in mid-June. Traffic delays haven't been too bad; I think many people are using alternate routes and modes (bus, bike, carpool). Campus Drive and the segments to the east will not be completed until autumn.

Old Middleton Road: Over 100 neighbors attended an informational meeting in May for the project to rebuild Old Middleton from Capital Ave. west to Countryside La. Thank you to all who participated! The current plans call for 10-foot traffic lanes, 5-foot bike lanes, and a sidewalk on one side. Overall the plan was very well received and I think there is widespread (though not universal) support for moving forward. The biggest concerns expressed were for tree preservation and the potential for increased traffic speed and volume. Based on this and other feedback, the engineers are further revising the plans and we will most likely present the revisions at another meeting soon. Unfortunately it does not look like there will be enough time to get this project going yet this season, but we should be able to finish the planning and bid it so that construction can start right away next March. There is still plenty of time for your input! Contact me with questions or ideas for Old Middleton.



Lakeshore Courts: I often get questions or concerns about the lakeshore access courts. Keep in mind that the area between the right-of-way markers is public property, right down to the lake, which means they are for all of us to use. On-leash dogs are permitted, but please stay within the public area. Please treat these areas as a park and do not drive further than the pavement or gravel roadway. Your help will ensure that everyone can enjoy these neighborhood treasures.

Please contact me at district19@cityofmadison.com or call 608-695-5709 if you have questions or concerns I can help with. For more frequent updates, join my e-mail list for District 19 by sending a blank message to join-d19news@lists.markclear.com. Have a great summer!

Ald. Mark Clear



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 \$5.00 per household; extra donations are welcome.

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 _____
- 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 _____