

Spring Harbor News

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Spring Membership Meeting

Thursday, April 24, 2008, 7:00 PM

Spring Harbor Middle School

Our next Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association (SHNA) membership meeting is planned for Thursday April 24 at 7:00 PM. Professor Jim LaGro and his students will make a presentation on their semester-long project studying the University Avenue corridor. As you've heard, much redevelopment is planned along University Avenue in the coming years. We're pleased to have Professor LaGro and his students helping form the future of this important and vibrant area of the city. We will also hear from our Alder, Mark Clear, and County Supervisor, Brett Hulseby, on activities at the city and county level. Elections will take place, and other items of interest to the neighborhood will be discussed, including suggested guidelines for shoreland development in the neighborhood.

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Garlic Mustard Pull and Neighborhood Clean Up Weekends

A garlic mustard pull is scheduled for Saturday April 12th from 9:00am to 11:00am at Spring Harbor Park. We've seen a steady decline of the invasive weed in our park thanks to diligent volunteers. We need your help, so bring your gloves and we'll provide the bags and snacks!

Please join us for SHNA's park and wayside clean-up day, Saturday, April 19th from 9:00 am till 11:00 am. Tasks include picking up trash, weeding gardens at Spring Harbor boat ramp and pulling garlic mustard. Trash bags and refreshments will be provided. Wear old clothes and garden gloves. Sign in at Spring Harbor Park for an assigned job or let us know where you'll work. If you have questions please call Kim McBride at 238-8819 or Shary Bisgard at 233-1238. Make this year's clean up and garlic mustard pull the biggest and best ever.

Garden Club Plant Sale

Visit Indian Hills Garden Club plant sale on Saturday, May 10th from 8:00am until 2:00 pm in front of Spring Harbor Middle School. We will be selling hardy shade and sun perennials, ground covers, vegetables from our own gardens and houseplants. The prices are great and all proceeds will go back into our neighborhood to improve our local green spaces-it's a WIN-WIN! If you have any questions please call Kim McBride at 238-8819 or Shary Bisgard at 233-1238.

SHNA Garage Sale – May 23rd & 24th

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. May 23rd & 24th are the dates for the sale which will be 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



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weekend, but you are encouraged to place your own ad as well. If you have specialty items for sale, a specific ad for your sale will help drive up the traffic to your door. If you have questions about the sale, please get in touch with Sheila Mroz at 238-6703 or Greg Hull at 443-9169. Please call if you plan on a sale so that we can keep track of the neighborhood's interest.

Zoning and Redevelopment Committee

The purpose of this committee has been to increase awareness about reconstruction and remodeling projects in the neighborhood and represent the neighborhood in the redevelopment of key commercial properties along the University Avenue corridor. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Kim McBride at 238-8819.

Note from the SHNA Board

We are aware of the residential burglaries Alderman Clear makes reference to in his article on page 3. At the April 24th membership meeting, we will host a discussion on what individuals can do to protect themselves and their personal property.

Advertise

If you are a resident or own a business within the general area of Lake Mendota Drive to Old Middleton Road and Allen Boulevard to Whitney Way and wish to advertise in the summer and fall 2008 SHNA newsletters, please contact our advertising director, Cathy Ostrom. The newsletter is delivered to over 1200 area households. A half page black and white advertisement costs \$100 an issue while a quarter page black and white advertisement is \$65 an issue.

Cathy can be reached at ostromc@firstweber.com.

History Committee

➔ YOU CAN HELP US FILL IN THE PAGES

The History Committee of SHNA is interested in the history of your home.

Please take a moment to fill out this questionnaire and send it to:

Ann Sowaske, 2 Wood Circle, Madison, WI 53705 or email at bsowaske@sbcglobal.net

When was your house built? _____ How long have you lived in your house? _____

Who was the builder? _____

Do you have any old historical documents or background to aid us in our research, such as a deed, plat map, etc.? If so, please describe: _____

Did you ever have any notable people living in your home? _____

If so, who? _____

Would you be interested in attending a meeting of the history committee at which there would be a sharing of memories and memorabilia and a presentation of the data we have collected? _____

Your name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee has met several times since last fall. The committee also compiled all the specific suggestions related to traffic and pedestrian safety contained in the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Plan along with some additional suggestions. They plan to advocate for these improvements as detailed planning for the reconstruction of University Avenue by the City of Madison is undertaken. Since the reconstruction is not currently scheduled until 2011, the committee will advocate for pedestrian safety improvements such as marked crosswalks, signage and lighting to be made now to the current road. The committee has also discussed supporting State Representative Berceau's bill to allow municipalities to place enforcement cameras at stoplights. Join this committee and help to alleviate traffic problems and enhance pedestrian safety in our neighborhood, please contact Shary Bisgard at 238-1238 or email her at SharyBisgard@charter.net.

Natural Resources Committee

Interested in joining the Natural Resources Committee? Please contact Darin Burleigh at 231-1086 or email burleigh@chorus.com



Halloween Party by Suzanne Kercher

Have you ever heard the story called "Stone Soup"? In this story, hungry soldiers come to a village and manage to trick the residents into contributing vegetables and meat to a big pot containing only stones and water. In the end, the village ends up cooking a pot of tasty and nutritious "stone soup" that everyone is able to share and enjoy. While I did not have to resort to trickery to get volunteers, I think all would agree that we created a fabulous "stone soup" together this year at our annual Halloween party. Thanks to all the volunteers who donated their time and talents, including several middle school and high school students who led games and activities.

Darlene Meiners-Osborn, the owner of the Playful Kids Learning Center daycare on Norman Way, generously donated party supplies and prizes. Scott and Gretchen Greene and Darin Burleigh helped set up the gym before the party. Scott, who has been organizing the party for years, taught Suzanne Kercher the ropes this year. Darin picked up the apple cider

from Brennan's, who has donated cider to us for years now. Don Bally picked up the pizzas for the setup crew to snack on before the party.

Thank you to everyone who brought food for the potluck, including Mary Kay Reinemann, who contributed the delicious homemade doughnuts. Thanks to all who stuck around after the party to clean up (including Mark Miller, Jim Williams, and Joel and Zoraida Villarroel). Thanks to parents and their children who came to the party! Please come to next year, and ask any middle school or high school kids you know if they would like to lead a game or activity. This is a great chance to express their creativity while helping out the neighborhood and earning volunteer hours.

Alderman Report **Dear Spring Harbor Friends,**

As I write this it seems that we might finally break out of this long snowy winter. This season has been a challenge for all of us. We should all appreciate the extraordinary efforts of teams from many city departments to keep our streets, bike paths and bus stops as clear as possible. We have done thirteen full-scale plowing operations so far this season, compared to our typical five. That has put a huge strain on the people and equipment-not to mention the budget. Of course as the big melt begins, "pothole season" will get into full swing, and this year looks to be a bad one. Keep in mind that we can only use "cold patch," a very temporary filler, until about mid-April. Please don't hesitate to report potholes to the Streets Division by calling 266-4681 or using the "report a problem" function on the City Web site (cityofmadison.com).

Safety and crime have been on the minds of many Spring Harbor residents with residential burglaries over the past few months. I'm working with SHNA and MPD to learn what we can do to prevent these problems from increasing.

Please contact me if you have questions, ideas, or concerns about our neighborhood and beyond. You can e-mail me at district19@cityofmadison.com or call 310-8792. Thanks, and have a great spring!

Mark Clear

SHNA Board of Director's Meeting

You are welcome to attend the monthly SHNA Board of Directors' meeting, currently held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. 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.

President	Janet Loewi	238-2626
President Elect	Sally Miley	233-2976
Treasurer	Bill Fitzpatrick	233-3584
Secretary	Jeanette Tierney	238-9084
Past President	Shary Bisgard	233-1238

Area Directors

Area 1	Shary Bisgard	233-1238
Area 2	Carrie Dellinger	233-2401
Area 3	Don Bally	233-1645
Area 4	Kim McBride	238-8819
Area 5	Jiyanna Beltran	238-7005
Area 6	Chuck Dunning	238-4598

Dane County Update From Supervisor Brett Hulseley For a Better Dane County

Spring, 2008
Dear Friends,

Looks like spring is coming and I hope the snow starts to go. Our street crews are working overtime to clear the streets and patch potholes, but the record snow has made this difficult.

On the County Board, I represent you and your interests. As chair of the Personnel and Finance Committee, I am expanding good family and conservation programs, while holding the line on property tax growth.

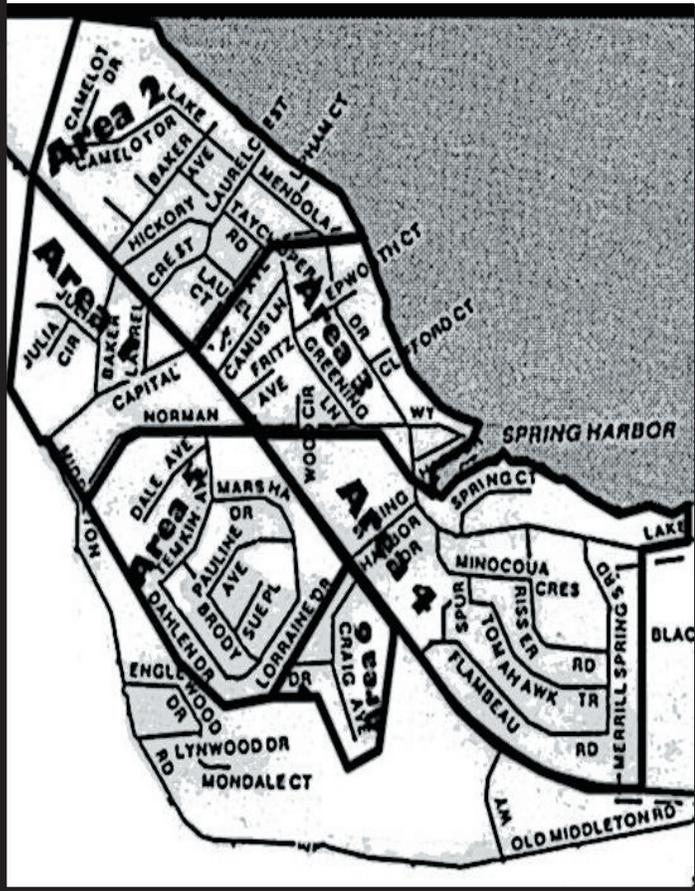
We have secured safety upgrades for University Avenue for 2011, and sidewalks for the children going to school in the neighborhood. I am now looking to secure money to do the planning to address your ideas and concerns.

To clean up our lakes, County Executive Falk, Mayor Dave, DNR Secretary Frank and I announced the new Yahara CLEAN Plan. I also created the Land and Water Legacy Fund to spend \$4 million to continue our progress on our lakes.

I will be coming through the neighborhood and hope to speak with you. Also give me a call at 238-6070 or email Brett@Brett4us.org if I can serve you.

Thanks and have a good spring.

Brett



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 provide us with a sense of community.

Our Neighborhood Public Places

Take advantage of our wonderful neighborhood parks and right of way areas this spring:

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



Rain Gardens & Plant Dane Grant Program

Excerpted from the www.danewaters.com

What are rain gardens? Rain gardens are shallow depressions (3-4 inches to two feet) planted with native wildflowers and other plants that soak up rainwater or melted snow from your rooftop, driveway and lawn. The gardens allow water to infiltrate into the soil rather than becoming runoff. A rain garden can soak up to 30% more water than a traditional lawn.

Why is that important? Because the water that runs into our streets and eventually to our lakes is untreated, and carries with it all sorts of pollutants like fertilizers, oil from the street and pet waste. Holding back the runoff by allowing it to soak into the ground in rain gardens, helps improve the water quality in our lakes, reduces the chances for local flooding and also helps reduce bank and shoreline damage.

Plant Dane! Matching Grant Program

Homeowners are eligible to apply for a grant of plants or seeds to establish rain gardens or prairies in 2008. Grant recipients are required to attend a workshop as a stipulation to receive the seeds or plants. No cash awards are given

Please visit www.danewaters.com or contact Sarah Krahn, Graham-Martin Foundation, 608-226-2553, customer.service@grahammartin.org with questions.

Love Your Lakes

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 leftover from last fall. To help our lakes, we must keep the leaves out of the streets and storm sewer systems

As of last fall, it is illegal to deposit leaves, yard waste or brush in the street. 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). Or do like more and more folks, simply mulch leaves into the lawn with your lawnmowers.

The City of Madison will begin leaf, yard waste and brush pickup on Monday, March 31 (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 year's 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.

Keep a look out for our yard sign campaign this fall!





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 9th membership 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 _____