



Spring Harbor News

A publication of the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association (SHNA) serving the area from Shorewood Hills to Middleton and Lake Mendota to Old Middleton Road.

President's Corner

Matt Seib, President

Happy spring everyone! We are gearing up for our annual spring meeting.

**SHNA Spring All-Neighbor Meeting
Spring Harbor Middle School Library
Tuesday, April 23, 6:30 pm**

Our guest speaker will be our new District 19 alder, John Guequierre. This will be an opportunity for Spring Harbor residents to become more familiar with our new alder, hear about some of the things he is working on with the Common Council, and have some Q and A dialogue.

In addition to our guest speaker, we will also hold a brief business meeting that will include updates and reports and our annual election of officers and area directors. We are in need of people to serve on the board. If you are interested in running for a position on our neighborhood board, either as an officer or as an area director, please feel free to contact me with any questions you have about any of the roles and responsibilities. The officer positions are as follows: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Then, we also have six area directors that represent their specific areas (see map on last page of the newsletter for the areas). All positions serve for one year and are elected annually at our spring meeting. A slate of candidates will be made

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Garlic Mustard Pull

April 13, 9-11am

(Rain date, Sunday, April 14, 9-11am)

Garlic mustard is a nasty invasive weed that spreads quickly and takes over our native spring plants. Don't let its heart-shaped leaves and delicious white flowers fool you into complacency! We will meet at Spring Harbor Park. Bags will be provided. Please bring garden gloves and any tools you might want to use to pull garlic mustard or work in the park gardens. Volunteering is a great way to meet neighbors and take pride in our parks! If you have any questions, please call or text Kim McBride at 608-628-8772.



Spring Clean Up

Sat. April 20, 9-11am

It's officially Spring and time to spruce up our neighborhood! Please meet your neighbors at Spring Harbor Park to clean up our streets or work in the gardens. SHNA will provide bags. Bring work gloves or any garden tools you might need. If you won't be able to join us but would like to help, please carry a trash bag with you when walking in the neighborhood and pick up as you go. Thank you in advance for helping to keep Spring Harbor neat, clean and beautiful. If you have any questions, please call, text or email Joan Martin at 608-239-8408/jmartin2701@gmail.com.

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available at our spring meeting and voting must occur in person, with no proxy or absentee voting allowed at this time.

I look forward to seeing some of you at our upcoming spring meeting and many of you outside now that the weather will soon be warming up. As always, please contact me or any other members of your SHNA board with any questions or concerns (contact information on our webpage).

Spring Harbor NEIGHBORHOOD Garage Sales

Got stuff
you don't want?

Ready to
declutter?

Time to
downsize?

Join us for a
neighborhood-wide
garage sale
weekend !!

FRIDAY, May 31, 8-5:00
SATURDAY, June 1, 8-2:00

- Host a sale on your own or combine your items with a neighbor's.
- A general ad will be posted on Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, etc.
- Each household is responsible for placing their own signs at key intersections to direct shoppers to their sale.

Questions? Email Keri at keriblossom75@gmail.com

Your Neighborhood



Park Celebration:

Watch for Merrill Spring Park summer solstice celebration with a date to be announced soon. We are hoping to once again celebrate with a drum circle. Remember to bring a chair or blanket to sit on, and don't forget the limited parking on Spring Ct. Hope to see you there!

Kiosk:

Check out the informative spring article on our kiosk on the benefits of trees on our public and private land.

Stonework:

Madison Parks will fund repair work for the parks damaged stone tables and benches. They are currently looking for a contractor to do the work.

Merrill Spring Path:

The path from Lake Mendota Drive to Merrill Spring Park on Spring Court will be freshly mulched later this spring to prevent erosion. If interested in volunteering some time please contact Kim McBride at: kasmcbride@gmail.com

PR: Don't forget to follow us on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Merrill-Spring-366885473435529>

Thank you to all who renewed or joined FMS this spring!

To join or renew your membership for 2024 Friend (\$10), Supporter (\$25) or Patron (\$50), send a check made out to "Friends of Merrill Spring" to:

Friends of Merrill Spring
C/O Linda Layman
4938 Lake Mendota Dr.
Madison, WI 53705

Indian Hills Garden Club

If you're interested both in learning more about gardening and meeting other gardeners in our neighborhood, you're welcome to join our garden club of over 40 members. Our first event of the year will be the annual spring potluck on **May 20 at Dale Heights Church at 6:00 pm**. Speaking at this event is Athena Salzer, owner of Two Ferns Native Nursery, located on Madison's east side. Other events planned for this year: Participating in the April Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association's garlic mustard pull, planting and tending to the Spring Harbor gardens, a June picnic in the park; an August brunch, speakers on various garden-related topics, and garden tours. Dues are \$20 a year. Much of the money raised from dues is used to contribute to non-profit conservation and garden-related groups the members support. For information on joining the garden club to participate in our activities, contact the garden club president, Joan Martin at 608-239-8408 or email her at jmartin2701@gmail.com



Hello Spring Harbor Neighbors,

I'm writing this after shoveling out from a classic Wisconsin April snow storm. Here's hoping for blue skies and sun right around the corner.

I'm happy to announce that I've just been re-elected to my second term on the Dane County Board in District 10. I appreciate all of your support and it continues to be an honor to serve in this role. With another two-year term in front of me, I wanted to share my top 5 priorities that I'll be working on. It's important for me to reflect the will of the people in Spring Harbor and the rest of District 10 while also working on policies that benefit the whole of Dane County.

Protecting our lakes and natural spaces

This continues to be a top priority for me. During my first term, I was proud to serve on the Environment Committee and work on issues concerning water quality, lake levels, PFAS mitigation, and land conservation. One specific action I will be taking is to reach out to our city partners to seek ways to collaborate on improving the water quality at Spring Harbor Beach.

Supporting children and families

County staff does admirable work in caring for and supporting vulnerable youth in our community but due to a lack of resources, there are some children who fall through the cracks and need more help. The county plays a critical role in the foster care system within the Human Services department. I will be working to address this in the upcoming session to ensure every child is offered the best opportunities to succeed.

Advocating for the rights and equality of people with disabilities

Last session, I was successful in making it the policy of Dane County that all county facilities of a certain size have a restroom with a height adjustable changing station for families or caretakers who have a child with disabilities. I'm confident we can do more to make all our public spaces accessible and enjoyable for everyone.

Addressing Dane County's racial disparities with equity-focused policies

Dane County must do more to reduce the deplorable racial disparities that have persisted over the years. We have made strides with the jail consolidation project to ensure that the necessary services are available to those within the criminal justice system. But our racial

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disparities touch so many other areas including poverty, education, and health outcomes. Addressing this will require collaboration between different levels of government, school districts, and the nonprofit sector. This has to be addressed with urgency so future generations aren't experiencing these same disparities.

Finding solutions to create affordable housing options amid rapid growth

Dane County is experiencing rapid growth which creates many challenges but also huge opportunities moving forward. This all starts with housing. Last budget, we invested \$10 million into the Affordable Housing Development fund which will open up new opportunities, with projects even right here on the west side.

Finally, we need to maintain our capital budget at a reasonable rate that holds the line on property taxes. This especially impacts seniors who want to stay in their homes but with property taxes increasing year over year, it becomes challenging. I'll work to create a responsible budget that invests in our community in a smart way.

My list of priorities could go on and on, but I wanted to give you a broad overview of what I'll be focusing on as this new term begins. As always, please never hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Email: Collins.Aaron@countyofdane.com

Phone: 608-512-8389

Know Your Water Neighbor

Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association is pleased to have been awarded a grant from the City of Madison. The purpose of the grant is to highlight the many important water-related features in our neighborhood, on both the North and South side of University Avenue. A SHNA committee is currently collaborating with Spring Harbor Middle School to create informational signs for each of the water features. The titles will be printed in three languages - Ho Chunk, Spanish and English. Each sign will have a QR code that links to our neighborhood website where further information can be found. We hope to have the project completed sometime this summer.



Please contact Faith Fitzpatrick (fafitzpa@gmail.com) for more information.

I was selected by the Madison Common Council on January 23 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Alder Slack. I developed a great respect for Kristin during the 2023 campaign and during her service on the Council, and appreciate the support she has provided me since January. I have had the pleasure of interacting with several Spring Harbor residents already and look forward to meeting more of you at your April 23 Association meeting.

Budget

The overriding issue for the balance of 2024 is the development of the 2025 operating and capital budgets. It is the operating budget which at this moment appears to generate a \$27 million deficit if all current services are maintained. By the time of our April 23 meeting, the Council may have adopted a resolution on how to proceed, and will likely require two budgets, one with and one without a November referendum to exceed the state-imposed levy cap.

Mendota-Grassman Greenway

Reconstruction of this greenway is on or ahead of schedule. On April 23, I will provide more details on the remaining work.

West Area Plan

Local media has been much filled with news regarding several controversial elements of the West Area Plan, which is now in draft form. On April 23 I will try to focus on those elements that are most relevant to Spring Harbor.

Housing

Much city effort and a considerable part of my committee work is devoted to seeking solutions for Madison's housing shortage. It is a gigantic and complex topic, but I will try to provide a few interesting details on April 23.

Major Developments

On April 23 I'll comment on a few of the major commercial and residential developments under review for District 19. The most relevant to Spring Harbor is a major change to the proposed expansion of the UW Health Digestive Health Center on University Row. Major and unexpected ground water complications have led to a replacement of the original plan for underground parking with an above ground structure.

John Guequierre, District19@cityofmadison.com

SHNA Bulletin Board

Need some help? Helpers aged 12 to 18 are available for a variety of tasks in the categories below. Feel free to contact directly. Interested in helping out the neighborhood? You could be asked to mow lawns, shovel snow, water plants/gardens, lay mulch, walk dogs, cat sit and babysit. (Parents, always know for whom your child is working and where.) Please contact Kiki Foget at kikifoget@mac.com or 608-772-6448 to be listed in the online edition of the SHNA newsletter and on the SHNA listserv.

Child Care/Babysitting

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Hey Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers,

Looking for a way to advertise your babysitting, pet care or lawn care services? We can let members of the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association (SHNA) know that you are available to help out by putting your name and email in the SHNA newsletter and sending it out to the SHNA listserv. People who need help will contact you directly. You can list your name under as many categories as you like and listings are free. Send your information to Kiki Foget, kikifoget@mac.com.

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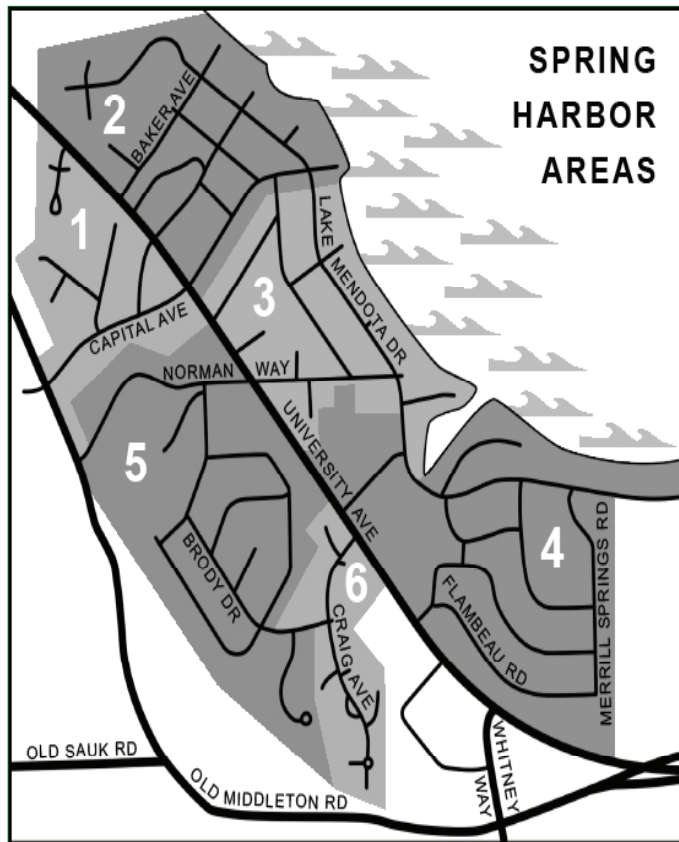
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**SPRING
 HARBOR
 AREAS**

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, Joan Martin, 1701 Camelot Dr., Madison, 53705. Dues are \$10 per household per calendar year; donations are welcome.

To pay send a check made out to SHNA,
 or **pay dues online using CHEDDARUP:**

<https://spring-harbor-neighborhood.cheddarup.com>

Membership Dues \$ **10**
 Donation, unrestricted \$ _____
 Donation, neighborhood parks
 and greenspaces \$ _____
 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 _____
- 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 _____
 - Parks and Natural Resources _____
 - Planning and Development _____
 - Halloween Party _____
 - Yard Sale _____