

Spring Harbor News

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Fall Membership Meeting

**Tuesday, October 22nd, 2013, 7:00 PM
Spring Harbor Middle School Library**

Another exciting summer for Spring Harbor and we have a packed fall agenda to wrap it all up. County Executive Joe Parisi will be our special guest speaker. The SHNA Board will be introducing a resolution to extend the boundaries of our neighborhood to include Hickory Hollow Condominiums. Hickory Hollow is a small condo association with 23 townhouses, currently west of us on University. We will also have updates on the University Crossing development, the Merrill Spring park, and the tree planting along University Avenue. 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.

Know Your Neighbor Amy Nickles

Amy Nickles is a long-time member of the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association. She has served as an area director on the SHNA board and delivers the association's newsletters in her area.

Amy and her husband, Jerry have lived in Brazil, Denmark, the Netherlands, Finland, Switzerland and England. While Jerry was carrying out a post-doctoral study in Denmark, his parents, in an effort to entice them back to Madison, purchased an old cottage for Amy and Jerry on Lake Mendota Drive. The family moved there in the summer of 1971. The cottage has been added to four times over the years. Amy and Jerry have two children and one grandchild, and recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Amy was trained as a teacher, taught high school, and is an instructor at Madison Business College and Upper Iowa University where

she still works part time. She has volunteered for years for various non-profit organizations, including chairing the yearly American Girl warehouse sale event for ten years to benefit the Madison Children's Museum.

In 1999, Amy was diagnosed with both ovarian and uterine cancer. She assumed there would be a Madison-area Gilda's Club to rely on as she underwent surgery and treatment but found out one didn't exist in Wisconsin. Amy, once recovered, was determined to help establish a Gilda's Club in Madison so that cancer victims could join a support community providing hope and encouragement, not only for the person diagnosed with cancer, but also to the family throughout the treatment process.

The Madison area Gilda's Club opened in 2008 thanks to Amy and the many other dedicated individuals who began working to bring the facility to Madison in 2001. Amy says it is a wonderful resource serving the entire state for both those battling cancer and their families who find living with cancer a physical and emotional challenge. She points with pride to the fact that the services of the licensed professionals are free. The staff includes 4 full-time and 4 part-time professionals, 5 facilitators and over 300 volunteers. Gilda's Club is located off the west Beltline, behind Costco, with easy access by bus or car. Amy invites all who need access to free cancer support services to take advantage of the outstanding services provided by Gilda's Club.



Submitted by Shary Bisgard



Your Neighborhood

Park Restoration

Trees Planted -- Just over 100 trees and shrubs were planted this June in the woods at Spring Harbor Park as part of a vegetation restoration effort by the SHNA Natural Resources Committee. The 16 species planted include both deciduous and evergreen trees that are naturally found in forested spring seep settings. SHNA and Indian Hills Garden Club cost-shared with City Parks on the plantings. Please take a walk through the paths in the park and enjoy.

University Avenue Corridor – Trees and shrubs will be planted along the terraces and medians on University Avenue from Allen Blvd. to Whitney Way this fall. We worked with City Engineering, Streets, and Parks Department to select native species along the multi-use path through Spring Harbor Park.

Buckthorn removal – Phase II of the Spring Harbor Park Vegetation Restoration Plan is to remove remaining buckthorn thickets in the oak woods toward Indian Hills. This area will be restored to an oak savannah setting.

Submitted by Faith Fitzpatrick

Merrill Sprin Park

Cistern water flow -- The well pump that keeps water in the cistern is in need of repair. The pump is needed to prevent the historic cistern structure from filling with weeds and garbage.

You may have noticed a white ring around the cistern stone walls as

the water receded. Road salt used in the wintertime on streets, parking lots, and driveways finds its way into our shallow aquifers and impacts our neighborhood springs as well as our drinking water supply in Well #14. Merrill Spring water has showed the same increase in sodium as our drinking water from Well #14. (see <http://www.cityofmadison.com/water/waterQuality/documents/Well14QualityReport.pdf>)

Salt stays in the aquifer all year. This is a concern given concentrations may negatively impact aquatic organisms, water taste, and people on salt restricted diets. The City Water Utility does not have a plan to address this problem.

The Indian Hills Garden Club already donated a portion of the proceeds from the May 18 plant sale, giving \$1,000 to the Spring Harbor Middle School's greenhouse project to provide materials for a school workday which was held on June 1. Thanks for supporting our 9th plant sale!

Submitted by Faith Fitzpatrick

Indian Hills Garden Club

The garden club is open to everyone in the Spring Harbor neighborhood. Our winter schedule consists of a business meeting in October, a winter holiday party, a meeting in March to plan our spring garden club sale, and our annual potluck with a speaker in April. If interested, contact Kim McBride at 238-8819.

Borrow a Weed Wrench

The Indian Hills Garden Club has purchased two Weed Wrenches for 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 for use are included. Both are easy to use and very effective. To borrow one of these tools, please contact Rita Harris at 238-9169 or rharris9169@charter.net

University Crossing Development Storm-water Issues

Dirty runoff from University Crossing Development (shown in the photo below) is unnecessarily making its way directly into Spring Harbor. Concerned residents from the neighborhood have been working with City Engineering and the developer to alert them of these serious storm-water issues that need addressing.

Submitted by Faith Fitzpatrick



Fast Pace of Neighborhood Development

University Crossing Two new University Crossing buildings are open and ready for occupancy. Associated Dentists, Potter Lawson Architects (the firm responsible for University Crossing), and Energy Center of Wisconsin are moving into the new office building at the corner of University Ave and Whitney Way. More occupants to come. The new apartment building set back from the avenue is shaped like a horse-shoe with 118 apartments and an underground parking garage with rooftop garden. Apartments inside the horse shoe overlook the garden. EVP coffee and sandwiches will be located at ground level facing UW Health. Snap Fitness center is moving into the space next to it. Model apartments are open for walk-in viewing.

UW Health Digestive Health Center on University Row has been open since April. The building is laid out in a modern patient-friendly design. Visitors are welcome. The lounge on the top floor provides a good view of University Crossing. The clinic sign near the top of the building which burns all night casts such a strong white light into the Indian Hills neighborhood that numerous residents complained to the city. It turns out that new LED/HD lighting technology, while energy efficient, creates a laser-light

effect to viewers. UW Health agreed to put a 30% light filter over each of the letters.

Approximately 5 acres of land remain unbuilt behind the new complex. The land parcel was purchased earlier this year by UW Health and will continue to be managed by Krupp Construction. Paul Lenhart, president and CEO, retains ownership of first phase buildings and grounds. The 4.8-acre open field is the source of severe erosion runoff entering Spring Harbor after heavy rains. A complete erosion control plan is needed for this area including a permanent vegetative cover seeded and in place before winter.

Moka drive-up coffee service at GoodN'Loud music site. Moka Espresso, a small regional company is opening on University Ave in December. The coffee service will occupy the front part of the two-tenant building. Dental Partners, a dentistry services company, will occupy the side and rear of the building.

The coffee shop will include an outdoor terrace and small indoor cafe. Drive-up customers will enter from the west, drive along the right side of the building, place an order at the back, and continue around the building for pickup. The exit lane is quite narrow and will crowd the crosswalk as vehicles exit to the right. Only right turns are

allowed and vehicles must yield to pedestrians. Nevertheless, the new configuration creates a more hazardous intersection for everyone. Improvements are being discussed with Traffic Engineering.

No parking on Flambeau corner. Commuters and contractors have been parking on the Flambeau curve just above University Ave. This creates a blind corner for oncoming traffic and pedestrians walking in the road (there is no sidewalk). Traffic and parking have agreed to put up 'No Parking' signs running from the city well around the curve to the end of the first property line. To keep the intersection open, they will also put up No Parking signs on the opposite side from the fire hydrant to the corner. Earlier this year, SHNA asked for No Parking in the right exit lane onto University Ave. Signs and paint lines were provided and are being well received.

*Submitted by
Herman Felstehausen*





Our neighborhood Halloween party is on Sunday, October 27th, 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 children (ages 1 to 8). This is also a great opportunity for older children (ages 9 through high school) to organize and supervise the activities for the younger children. Folks of all ages come to socialize and enjoy the potluck of goodies donated by neighbors and local businesses. There are several ways that you can help. The easiest is to simply come to the party with some treats to share, bring your kids and help them to participate in a neighborly way. Another way to help, is to come early around 1:30 p.m. to set up or stay later after the party at 3:30 PM to clean up. Help is also welcome in the planning, set-up, and supervision of the games. If you know a child or teenager who could help, please have them contact Greg Hull at (608)443-9169 or greg@gmhull.com. We will provide signed volunteer forms at the party for students who want to get credit for the time they donate to the neighborhood party. There will be a pre-party pizza gathering for those volunteers who come

early to help set up the games and decorations. So come, all you Halloween enthusiasts to supervise, set-up, participate in a special activity (like running a door prize raffle or face painting. We hope to see you there.

Submitted by Jeanette Tierney

A Big Thanks for 2013 Donations

Below is a list 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 our many projects and activities. Please consider making an extra contribution to SHNA when you send in your annual dues. Thanks are also due to the many volunteers who also help with our activities throughout the year.

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Nick & Judy Topitzes
Mary Voss
Kae Walker & Richard Dewitt
Chad & Greg Chesmore Weick
John Wiencek
Dale Wilson & Bob Rader
Paul Zimbelman & Erin Kaiser*

Thank You!
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Fall Leaf Reminder

LOVE YOUR LAKES

DON'T LEAF THEM

myfairlakes.com

Sponsors:  Madison Area Municipal Storm Water Partnership • Friends of Starweather Creek • Friends of Lake Wingra • Friends of Monona Bay • City of Madison

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 leach out by rain or snowmelt, wash down the storm sewers and into the lake, "feeding" the algae and causing them to grow rapidly. 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 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 punishable by a stiff fine! 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. 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

From the SHNA Watch Committee

There was a notification meeting at Spring Harbor Middle School on September 5 for a sex offender, who has completed his sentence and now lives in the neighborhood. This person is under surveillance through an ankle GPS monitoring system

and has restrictions on when he is allowed out of his residence, which includes weekends and elementary bus pick-up and drop off times. If you see any suspicious activity, a violation of the exclusion-zone, or curfew times do not hesitate in calling the police at 911. You may contact Dustin Clark at dclark@cityofmadison.com with questions regarding this individual.

For more information on this person and others on the sex registry list, please visit the Wisconsin Department of Corrections Sex Offender Registry website at <http://offender.doc.state.wi.us/public/>. Enter our zip code for the complete list of offenders, the date and incident they were sentenced for, their current address and photo. For tips on keeping our children safe and talking to them about these issues, check the Darkness to Light website at darkness-2light.org and the Wisconsin Department of Corrections website at www.WIDOCoffenders.org. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention also has safety tips at www.missingkids.com. Being aware helps us work together to keep ourselves and our children safe.

Labor Day Jazz at the Park

Approximately 200 adults and children turned out for our first ever jazz picnic at Spring Harbor Park. We had perfect weather for visiting with neighbors and enjoying the smooth sounds of the Gerri DiMaggio quartet with Paul Hastil on piano, John Mesoloras on bass and John Becker on drum set. To top it off, we enjoyed free samples of Moroccan cuisine from Marrakesh Restaurant--delicious chicken and spinach bastilla and traditional Moroccan tea.

Many thanks go out to the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association for sponsoring this event, to our neighbors, Gerri DiMaggio and John Becker, and the other musicians for their music, to Yosef at Marrakesh for providing us with free samples of Moroccan food and to all of you, who came out to enjoy the day. There was a strong voice vote that we should do this again next year.

Submitted by Barb Schultz-Becker

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Dale Heights Presbyterian Church & Korean Madison Sah-lang Church

5501 University Avenue at Norman Way (next to Brennans)

Dale Heights Phone: 608-233-0134 e-mail: dalehghts@sbcglobal.net www.daleheightspc.org	Sah-lang www.madisonsahlang.org
Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Wednesday Lunch Studies 11:45 a.m. for more information see website	Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Wednesday Lunch Studies 11:45 a.m. for more information see website

SHNA Board of Directors' Meetings

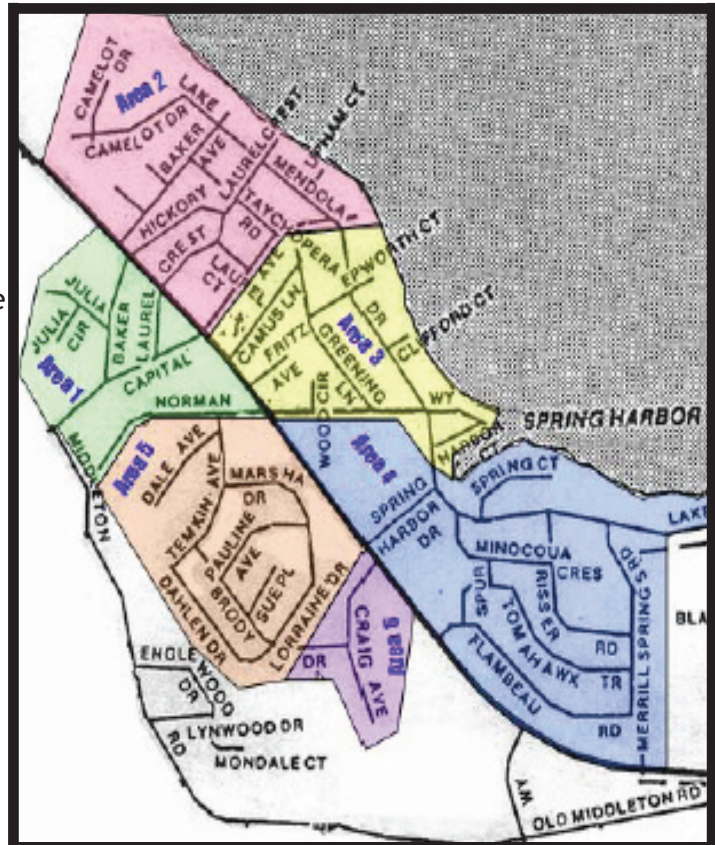
You are welcome to attend the monthly SHNA Board of Directors' meeting, currently held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending a meeting, be sure to check the SHNA website at www.SpringHarborOnline.com to confirm the date, time and place. If you would like to 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.

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Dane County Board Report Supervisor Jeremy Levin

I hope this edition of the SHNA newsletter finds you well. The fall is when the County starts its annual budgeting process, and this year looks to be as tough as the last few. The State's imposed levy limit, which allows a levy increase equal to the greater of zero percent or the increase in equalized value due to net new construction, constrains the cost to continue for many departmental programs. Dane County focuses primarily on the proposed human services budget – human services account for nearly 50% of Dane County's over \$500 million budget –and the Health and Human Needs (HHN) committee, on which I continue as Vice-chair, will hold several meetings through October to craft the budget.

In other news, faced with legal restrictions to collective bargaining with its employees, the Dane County Board approved legislation that preserves the county's long tradition of partnering with its workforce. The two pieces of legislation maintained open and fair communication between the county and its employees through a comprehensive amendment to the Civil Service ordinance, and a resolution that approved the county's first Employee Benefit Handbook. Collective bargaining is prohibited under Act 10. The Civil Service ordinance amendment eliminates outdated provisions and creates an efficient process to review, discuss, and approve terms and conditions of employment to the extent allowed by the state law. Dane County's Employee Benefit Handbook is intended to replace the terms and conditions of employment that are currently contained in the county's collective bargaining agreements allowed by Act 10.

Finally, a new BioCNG filling station located at the county's Rodefild Landfill is turning even more trash into gas. The station is an important component of the County Executive's "CNG by 2023" effort to expand the county's use of the cheaper, cleaner, homegrown fuel over the next 10 years. The new filling station more than doubles the CNG generation of the county's

existing, from 100 gallons of gasoline equivalent (GGE) per day up to a capacity of 250 GGE per day. The BioCNG generated at the landfill costs the county the gasoline equivalent of \$1.25 a gallon to fill up its fleet. The landfill's BioCNG vehicle fueling station operates in conjunction with an existing system the county created to convert landfill gas into electricity. Those electricity sales earn taxpayers over \$4.3 million annually. Feel free to contact me at levin.jeremy@co.dane.wi.us or call me at 608.577.9335



July 4th Celebration A Neighborhood Success

Thank you to all who participated in the Fourth of July parade, games and picnic at Spring Harbor Park. An estimated 200 neighbors and friends helped make this "the best party I've ever been to" – the overheard quote of a 9-year old boy. A special thanks to all the volunteers who made the many arrangements, and those who pitched in at the last minute to keep the event going smoothly. We enjoyed having the Shorewood Hills fire truck to lead the parade, the local dignitaries who joined us, the food donations from Brennans, Jacobsen Meats and Glass Nickel, the orange drink from McDonald's and mint iced tea from a new local business, Marakesh Restaurant. A special thanks to the neighborhood association for sponsoring the games, prizes, decorations and miscellaneous food items.

Submitted by Jeanette Tierney



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 \$ _____

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 _____
 - Neighborhood Watch Committee _____
 - Zoning and Redevelopment _____