



President's Corner

Matt Seib, President

Happy Spring everyone! I can't believe it's already April and time for another spring All

Neighbor Meeting. This spring we will be meeting on Tuesday, April 22, at 7 pm at the Spring Harbor Middle School library. Our guest speaker will be John Wichelt, the Madison Parks Department Volunteer Coordinator. John's presentation is titled *Explore Madison Parks: Summer Fun, Events, and Getting Involved* and will provide information on many of the activities and involvement opportunities in the local parks. This will be a great informational opportunity, particularly for families, but please note the event is not set up to accommodate young children.

In addition to our guest speaker, we will also hold a brief business meeting that will include updates and reports as well as our annual election of board officers and area directors. Below is a slate of candidates for consideration at the election. As a reminder, voting must occur in person, with no proxy or absentee voting allowed at this time. After serving several years as SHNA president, I have decided to step down from the role. I will continue to be involved and look forward to supporting the association as a past-president. Also, you may notice that Area 5 is shown as vacant. This is because Taylor Konkle has decided to run for president this year. If you have interest in getting involved please let me know.

As a final note, please consider becoming a member or remember to renew your membership dues for the year. Also, consider making an additional

All Neighborhood Spring Meeting
Wednesday, April 22, 7:00 pm
Spring Harbor Middle School Library

*Explore Madison Parks:
Summer Fun, Events, and Getting Involved*



Garlic Mustard

Spring Clean Up and Garlic Mustard Pull

Spring Harbor Park
Saturday, April 25,
10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Celebrate Earth Day with your neighbors and friends by volunteering to beautify our neighborhood. We will meet at Spring Harbor Park. Please bring garden gloves and any tools you might want to use to pull garlic mustard or work in the park gardens. Bags and gloves for picking up trash will be provided. Can't join us but would like to help? Please carry a trash bag with you when walking in the neighborhood and pick up trash as you go. Thank you for helping to keep Spring Harbor neat, clean and beautiful. If you have any questions you can email Joan Martin at jmartin2701@gmail.com.

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donation to the association. **We rely on dues and donations to cover costs for events like the 4th of July Parade and Picnic, Labor Day Jazz in the Park, Halloween Carnival, and All Neighbor meetings.**

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

Candidates

President: Taylor Konkle
Vice President: Zach Seaborne
Secretary: Kate Eberhard
Treasurer: Joan Martin
Area 1 Director: Liz Freitick

Area 2 Director: Art Pratt
Area 3 Director: Sue Alban
Area 4 Director: Faith Fitzpatrick
Area 5 Director: Vacant
Area 6 Director: Stan Fuka

Please let me know if you are curious or interested, springharborpresident@gmail.com.



Indian Hills Garden Club

You are welcome to join our Indian Hills Garden Club! We are a group of gardeners dedicated to sharing our love of plants and flowers with our community. Despite its historical name, our members come from all over our neighborhood. We welcome gardeners of all levels, from beginners to experts. Our mission is to educate our members, promote gardening, and beautify our neighborhood and the larger Dane County community through various gardening projects. It's also a good way to meet other community members who share these interests.

We hold regular meetings with guest speakers and workshops, including an occasional local garden tour. We

also participate in Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association events, such as the Garlic Mustard Pull and Spring Neighborhood Clean Up. We believe that gardening is a wonderful way to connect with nature and invite you to join us to discover the joys of gardening.

The \$20 annual dues support a variety of local and food bank gardens, plus several environmental groups. In addition, we fund substantial donations to projects in our Spring Harbor neighborhood parks and the Spring Harbor Middle School greenhouse and gardens. Interested in joining our group, please contact Shary Bisgard at 233-1238.

Lake Mendota Drive (LMD) Community Terrace Rain Gardens

Last fall there were some amazing blooms in the 9 community terrace rain gardens along Lake Mendota Drive between Merrill Springs Rd and Norman Way. This second full year should be even more grand and weeding should be much easier. If you have your own terrace rain garden, or you have or plan to have one in your yard, this is a great way to become familiar with the rain garden plants and common weeds and maybe even meet a new neighbor that knows them. If you have kids, maybe come with another parent and while the kids play in the park the parents can switch off and work on the terrace gardens by the school.

We spent some time last year getting comfortable with weed pulling. Some of us have been pulling weeds for a while and can identify them better than those just getting started, especially with the prairie plants that we are not that familiar with. We all got better last year for sure. We can pair people up so that it benefits the learning curve. Sometimes it just took looking for a planting/spacing pattern.

Our first weeding event will be Saturday April 18 at 9 am, meet at the Turtle Triangle (Spring Court and LMD). Bring gloves, leaf rake, trowel, and maybe a shovel or some clippes.

We will try for close to the 2nd or 3rd Saturday of the month at 9 am for the raingarden check-ins. If you can spare an hour that's great, then get on to the usual Saturday activities. Contact Faith Fitzpatrick (fafitzpa@gmail.com) with questions. Tentative dates:

April 18	August 8
May 16	September 12
June 13	October 10
July 11	

We are most in need of leaders for the two school gardens and the Beach parking lot. You don't have to be an expert to be a lead, just help coordinate the weeding.



Emily Jorgenson with City Engineering put this handy photo list of weeds that are common in rain gardens: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/2zm43Sm62YFxH7LRA>

UW Horticulture's photo list: <https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/article-topic/weed-identification/>

City of Madison's Homeowners guide to terrace rain gardens: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/documents/Homeowner%27s%20Guide%20to%20Terrace%20Rain%20Gardens.pdf>

Identification of common Wisconsin Weeds <https://www.communitygroundworks.org/sites/default/files/Identification%20of%20Common%20Wisconsin%20Weeds.pdf>



FRIENDS OF
Merrill Spring
News From the Friends (FMS)...

Park Care

Lots going on down at the park. As you may have noticed the water levels have dropped significantly and the stream-bed is now dry.

In addition, the ice shoves have pushed the earth and boulders up into the stream-bed. We have alerted Parks.

A set of benches has been removed from one of the picnic tables and they are out for repair by a mason. Also, Parks has identified

funds that can be used for repairs on the cistern. This will be a large project and will likely not start this year. Our next work day down in the park will be May 2 (9am). Rakes, shovels, gloves.



TEEJOP Artwork

Madison Arts Commission in collaboration with Ho-Chunk community members

will be installing 5 artworks in selected areas of the city and focusing on different themes. Merrill Springs Park has been selected with a water theme. The park's sculpture will be created by wood artist Gene Delcourt. Final designs are expected to be exhibited from August 1 through November 1.

Sunner Solstice Drumming Celebration, Sunday June 14, 6:30pm

Once again we will host our yearly drumming celebration led by Elmore Lawson. Mark your calendars and watch for reminder signs at the park. Elmore brings instruments for everyone, and all are welcome. Bring something to sit on. Spring Ct is a tiny street, so be aware that parking is an issue - however, there is plenty of parking over at Spring Harbor School.

Kiosk

We hope you enjoyed our winter kiosk blurb looking back at some notes our Friends have left in our Park Log. Watch for our next one coming up focusing on lake water levels.

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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 2026 [Friend(\$10), Supporter(\$25) or Patron(\$50)], send a check made out to "Friends of Merrill Spring" to:

Friends of Merrill Spring
c/o Alice Erickson
5109 Spring Ct
Madison, WI 53705

Road Construction Updates

Alder John Guequierre

In March, the Transportation Commission reviewed the updated “Transportation Improvement Plan” which will be considered in building the 2027 capital budget and 2028 to 2031 capital budget plan with multiple Spring Harbor impacts.

- 2027 Reconstructing Norman Way and Wood Circle (likely extending into 2028)
- 2029 Reconstructing Risser Road, Part of Minocqua Crescent, and Merrill Springs Road north of Risser
- 2030 Resurfacing Flambeau Road, Tomahawk Trail, and Merrill Springs Road south of Risser
- 2031 Reconstructing Camus Lane and Greenway Lane
- Later: Reconstructing Baker Avenue

Spring Roll Challenge

The **RoundTrip Spring Roll Challenge** takes place every April in honor of Earth Month.

This fun, free initiative encourages people who live and work in Dane County to swap solo drives for biking, riding the bus, walking, rolling, and carpooling more often—and celebrates those already choosing sustainable transportation year-round.

We love walking and biking for fun and fitness but for this challenge, only trips that replace a solo drive—helping reduce emissions and save money—count toward your total.

How to Join – Anyone 18 and older can join the Spring Roll Challenge by creating a free RoundTrip account!

<https://roundtripgreatermadison.org/#/>

During the challenge, simply log your green trips in the RoundTrip CommuteHub for chances to win exciting weekly and grand prize drawings.

Join our third annual challenge, happening April 1-30, 2026. Help us reach our goal of 10,000 green trips across Dane County during Earth Month.

Greater Madison Metropolitan Organization for more details

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/mpo/commuting-travel/roundtrip-challenges/spring-roll-challenge>



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. **We are looking for a replacement facilitator for the Bulletin Board.** Please contact efreitick@gmail.com if interested.

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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.



Join us for a neighborhood wide garage sale weekend!!

Friday, June 5, 8:00-5:00
Saturday, June 6, 8:00-2:00

*Ready to de-clutter?
Got stuff you don't want?*

- Host a sale on your own or combine with a neighbor.
- A general ad will be placed on Craigslist and Facebook Marketplace.
- Each household is responsible for placing their own signs at key locations to direct shoppers to their sale.

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Questions? Email Joan Martin jmartin2701@gmail.com

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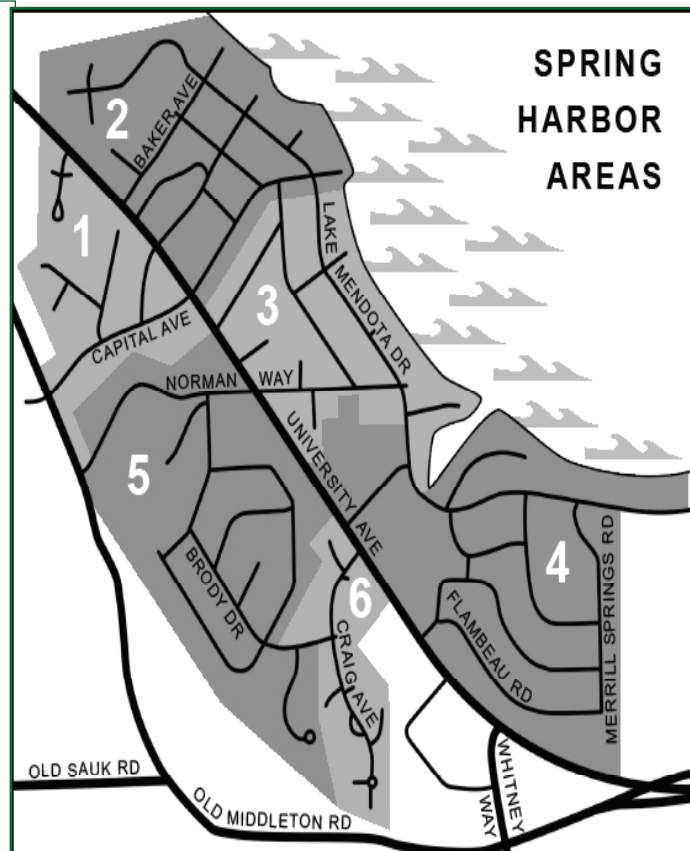
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Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association



Become a member or renew your membership

Join using the form below, make check payable to **Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association (SHNA)** and mail your check and membership form to the SHNA Treasurer.

Joan Martin
1701 Camelot Dr.
Madison, 53705

Mmbership dues are \$20 per household and are annual.

Membership Dues	\$ <u>20</u>
Donations are welcome	\$ _____
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

Halloween Party

Yard Sale

Join and pay online with either QR code or with Cheddarup.

Pay dues online with QR code:



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