



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

It's that time of year again. The days are getting longer. School is out for the summer. And... road construction. It seems no matter which way you go through the neighborhood there's a detour, lane closure, or crew at work. In particular, the Lake Mendota Drive reconstruction work and storm sewer upsizing on Camelot Drive have resulted in a lot of disruption in those areas. Please be patient and plan your trips accordingly, especially if you are trying to get to Spring Harbor Beach this summer.

We had a great turnout at the All-Neighbor Spring meeting this April. Special thanks to District 19 Alder John Guequierre for being our guest speaker and giving some very helpful insights on some of the larger challenges facing our city including housing availability and revenue concerns with the city budget. Congratulations as well to folks who were elected or reelected to the Association board including: *Matt Seib, President; Rick Pearson, Vice President; Joan Martin, Treasurer; Erin McGrath, Secretary and Area 5; Liz Freitick, Area 1; Art Pratt, Area 2; Sue Alban, Area 3; Jeff Bauer, Area 4; Stan Fuka, Area 6.*

I look forward to seeing many of you at our annual July 4th picnic and parade, or just

out and about in the neighborhood. As we move further into the year I plan to work with the Association board to review our bylaws, and consider updates where they make sense or may be needed. I'd also like to see more neighbor involvement with the Association, so I'm planning to work with the board to consider ways to increase communication and awareness of opportunities to be involved. Overall, my hope is to reinvigorate the Association as a forum that seeks to strengthen connections in the community and supports the people and places in our neighborhood. Feel free to contact me at springharborpresident@gmail.com if you have any feedback, suggestions, or general comments. Finally - thanks to Liz Freitick for organizing and publishing another great edition of the newsletter.

July 4th Parade and Picnic



Decorate your bike, your wagon or stroller! Everyone is invited to the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association's 4th of July Parade and Picnic.

- **11:00: Parade** starts the at east end of Tomahawk to Minocqua Crescent to Lake Mendota Drive, ending at Spring Harbor Park.
- **11:30-ish: Games** in Spring Harbor Park.

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Your Neighborhood

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- **Noon: Potluck** – Please bring a dish to share. Brats and hotdogs, popsicles and ice cream, water, and lemonade provided.

Please bring your own cups, plates and eating utensils, and a blanket or chair to sit on. The parade, led by the Shorewood Hills antique firetruck to Spring Harbor Park. There will be plenty of room to spread out on blankets and chairs under the shade of the trees.

At the picnic, there will be an opportunity to pay SHNA membership dues which help support the many projects and activities of the neighborhood association. Also, we'll have a bucket out where you can make a donation that will be part of SHNA's show of thanks to the Shorewood Hills EMS & Fire Association for bringing over the firetruck, which has been leading our parade for decades. We look forward to seeing you on the 4th of July (No rain date).

Indian Hills Garden Club

The Indian Hills Garden Club is open to anyone who wishes to join us. Despite its historical name, our members come from all over our neighborhood. Our spring events included participating in the neighborhood association's garlic mustard pull and the spring clean-up. Athena Salzar, owner of



Two Ferns, was the speaker at our May potluck. She advocated integrating native plants into our home gardens and suggested several gardening tools to make planting and weeding easier. Events currently scheduled for this summer and fall include a June picnic in Spring Harbor Park, a tour of Olbrich Gardens, followed by a get together at the nearby bier garden, the annual August brunch at a member's home, the October business meeting and the holiday auction in November. There are several additional tours still in the planning stage: A lavender farm near Baraboo, a flower pounding class at Allen Gardens, the East Madison UW Extension Gardens, the Forward Gardens at Pope Farm, the UW campus greenhouses, and Two Ferns Nursery.



Some of our members maintain the flower garden at the harbor entrance, the sign gardens in Spring Harbor Park and Indian Hills, the Spring Harbor Beach garden and the city's newly created rain gardens.

Dues are \$20 a year which helps to support a variety of local garden and environmental groups as well as allow sizable donations to projects in our Spring Harbor neighborhood parks and the Spring Harbor Middle School greenhouse and gardens. If you are interested in joining us, please contact one of the co-presidents: Joan Martin at 608-239-8408 or Shary Bisgard at 608-334-1238

Dear Spring Harbor Neighbors,

It's a great time to be in Madison as the weather is getting warmer, the school year is ending, and we can all enjoy the many outdoor activities Dane County has to offer. I have to put a quick plug in for Dane County Parks. We're lucky to have such a great local park system and highly encourage you to go visit one of our 25 recreation parks.

A few updates from the County Board as we start a new term:

Committee Update

Each County Board Supervisor is assigned to 1 of 7 standing committees each two-year term. Last term I was assigned to the Environment, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Committee. I found our committee work to be rewarding in working on issues related to water quality, flood mitigation, and land conservation.

This term, I have been assigned to the Public Protection and Judiciary Committee. This committee has oversight on issues pertaining to the Dane County Jail, District Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Department, as well as the Juvenile Court System. I look forward to working on legislation to make Dane County a safe place to live and work and where everyone is treated with dignity and respect.

Housing

We are facing a housing crisis in Dane County. Simply put, not enough housing has been developed to keep up with our population growth. This has led to an undersupply of housing in the County. Dane County only

permitted 34,000 new housing units from 2010 to 2020, despite 42,000 new households calling the County home. In addition, our rental vacancy rate remains almost 3% below the national average.

These issues will not just impact our ability to supply housing for those moving here, it will have wide ranging effects from our economy to our ability to provide social services to our budget to invest in natural spaces.

Here's the good news — experts in Dane County have been hard at work on a 5-year plan to address this crisis. The Dane County Regional Strategy hosted a meeting recently to roll out this plan recently which I was happy to attend. You can read all about the plan at rhs.danecounty.gov

I wanted to share some of the group's aspirational goals for housing they are aiming for by 2040 to give you a better understanding of the magnitude of the problem.

- 7,000 new housing units
- 3,300 new owner units
- 3,700 new renter units
- 1,765 new affordable rental units
- 300 new affordable senior units

Foster Care Resolution

At the last County Board meeting I authored a resolution proclaiming May 2024 as Foster Care Month.

Over 7,000 children are currently living in foster care in Wisconsin, and demand per-

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sists for more foster families to provide caring and supportive homes during difficult periods in the lives of kids and families And at any given time, Dane County has 40-50 teenagers who need a foster home who are then placed in temporary foster homes or more restrictive placements such as group homes and shelters.

We have dedicated staff in Dane County who recognize that kids flourish when supported by families who provide love, identity, and hope. They understand the science which shows that teens placed in foster care are less likely to return to care and have more successful outcomes than youth placed in more restrictive settings. We simply need more resources to support these kids.

This is something I'll be working on throughout this term. As always, please never hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

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News From the Friends (FMS)....

Summer Solstice Celebration - June 30 (6:30pm) Please bring your friends and join us for our yearly drumming with wonderful leader Elmore Lawson. He provides all the instruments - you just need to bring something to sit on. Note that Spring Ct parking is very limited so you may have to park elsewhere and walk in.

Park Care - It was a very rainy June 1st Saturday when we met to mulch the path, clean the storm branches from the cistern and clean up miscellaneous smaller branches from the park. The old, historic path is still blocked by an enormous oak that came down (and missed the kiosk by "one" inch).

Springs - Well #14 is off again and the springs are running full force keeping the water in the cistern quite clear and pretty. Stop by and check it out.

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 2023

[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
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Natural Resources

by Faith Fitzpatrick

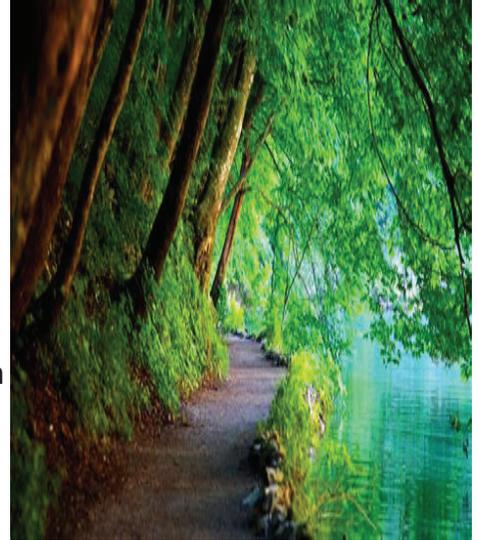
LMD Phase 2 rain gardens were planted by the city in May and we should have our first weeding event in June. Please contact Faith Fitzpatrick at fafitzpa@gmail.com to volunteer if you haven't yet and are interested in helping.

Know your water neighbor: With funding from a city grant we have been working with the Spring Harbor Middle school for sign designs and a consultant for sign printing and linkage to the SHNA web site.

Canopy trees in the City: At the June 4 City Council meeting representatives from Parks, Stormwater, Streets, and Forestry explained their department's activities to try and increase the percentage of canopy tree cover in the city. see recording of the presentation and alder questions at:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/NcKrZc0eCwI?si=2dcsjOnWQREFRjdN>.

Adopt a tree for emerald ash borer: The donation program has been able to be taken over by forestry so the trees that we have been treating in each of the parks will be included with the treated terrace trees.



THANK YOU!

A big thanks to the small but mighty volunteers who helped pull garlic mustard on April 13th!

The wooded part of Spring Harbor Park is greatly improving with each successive spring-time pull. Unfortunately the hillside facing University Ave has more garlic mustard than ever due to more sun light reaching the ground due to a much needed invasive clearing a few years ago. Keep an eye out next Spring of 2025 for this area and please consider helping out on your own time or with our annual spring pull! Thank you volunteers!

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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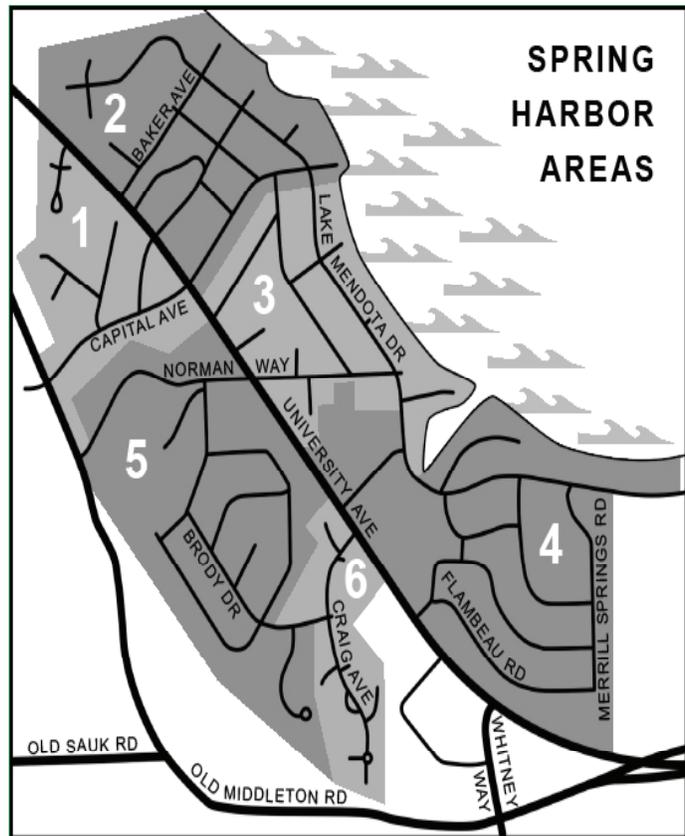
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SPRING HARBOR AREAS

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 _____