



# 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**

*Aaron Crandall, President*

Hello again, neighbors and friends! Hope you are all doing well, and are looking forward to spring and summer as much as me! This summer will hopefully be a bit more “normal” than last year, especially as more of us are vaccinated against COVID-19. It would be great to see some of the many festivals and other great summer events actually happen this year, in some limited or modified form.

With spring now here, it is time again for our Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association's Annual Spring Meeting, open to all neighbors and residents in our neighborhood. The date of our meeting this year is Tuesday, April 20, starting at 6:45 pm, on Zoom. You need to register in advance of our spring meeting by visiting our website at [www.springharboronline.com](http://www.springharboronline.com), on our Facebook event, or Nextdoor event. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

### **Zoom Spring All-Neighbor Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 20, 6:45 PM**  
**Register in advance at**  
**[www.springharboronline.com](http://www.springharboronline.com)**

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## **Spring Clean Up Sat, April 17, 9-11am**

(Rain date Sun, April 18th 9-11am)

After a very long winter it is finally time to spruce up our neighborhood! Please meet your neighbors at Spring Harbor Park to clean up or work in the gardens. SHNA will provide bags. Bring work gloves or any garden tools you might need. If you can't join us but would like to help please carry a trash bag with you when walking and pick up as you go! Any questions please call or text Kim McBride at 608-628-8772.



## **Garlic Mustard Pull Sat, April 24, 9-11am**

(Rain date Sunday, April 25th 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 delicate white flowers fool you in to complacency! We meet in Spring Harbor Park. Bags will be provided. Bring garden gloves or any other tools you might want to pull garlic mustard or work in the park gardens. Please consider pulling in Kettle Pond where Garlic Mustard is also rampant. 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.

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At our spring meeting we will be hearing from Captain Jason Freedman, police captain of the Madison Police Department's (MPD) Midtown District. Captain Freedman is a Madison native, grew up on the west side and graduated from Memorial High School. After high school, he got his undergraduate degree from UW-Madison, and then went on to get a master's in public administration from UW-Oshkosh. He has been with the MPD since 1997, and became Midtown Captain in November 2019, after working in the Central

District. We look forward to hearing from Captain Freedman at our spring meeting, and will be sure to have plenty of time for questions and answers. In addition to hearing from Captain Freedman, we will also have a series of reports from neighborhood board officers, committees, and others, and hold our annual elections for neighborhood board officers and area directors. If you are interested in running for the neighborhood board, or have any questions about the election process, please contact Aaron Crandall at [springharborpresident@gmail.com](mailto:springharborpresident@gmail.com). Below is the slate of candidates. Attendees who are current SHNA members (with paid dues) may vote on at the meeting:

<b>Officers</b>		<b>Area Directors</b>	
President:	Aaron Crandall	Area 1:	Liz Freitick
Vice President:	Sally Miley	Area 2:	Jussi Snellman
Treasurer:	Joan Martin	Area 3:	Giovanna Miceli-Jeffries
Secretary:	Mary Beth Dunning	Area 4:	Mark Williams
		Area 5:	Barb Schultz-Becker
		Area 6:	Stan Fuka



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You can also mail in your membership form, see the last page of this newsletter.

We also are seeking a new contact for our Planning and Development Committee, which is the committee that often works directly with developers and owners of commercial and residential properties being developed in our neighborhood. If you are interested in helping on the Planning and Development Committee, please contact Aaron. The following are current development projects:

- 5533 Univ Ave - (formerly Brennans) A 200-foot long 4-story mixed use building abutting University Ave. First floor retail, 3-floors residential above with parking underground and in rear. Original building drive-thru was removed. Revised plans reviewed Nov 2018. Demolition & new construction now delayed for second year due to economic slowdown.

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- 5237 Univ Ave - (formerly Perkins) Proposal to build 3 mixed use 4-story buildings with commercial on first floor and residential above. Two buildings across the back of the property and one extending back from the street in current Perkins location with restaurant on the street end. Driveway remains in current location with both surface and underground parking. Owner is awaiting State permit for sewer connection. Demolition to start between May 1 to June 15.
- Spring Creek Box Culvert - Retaining walls at Spring Harbor scheduled for reconstruction early next year. Boat ramp and landscaping will also be upgraded.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Stewart Elison for all his efforts over the past several years to track and report on the development projects in our neighborhood, working with and following up with developers and property owners. Thank you, Stewart!

Lastly, I just want to say that I am looking forward to seeing many of you out and about now that spring has sprung. This is always such a great time of year, to see everything come back to life after the winter months. Happy spring, and I look forward to seeing many of you at our spring meeting on April 20th! Thank you...Aaron Crandall at [springharborpresident@gmail.com](mailto:springharborpresident@gmail.com).

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# Your Neighborhood



Well, like a lot of others, the Friends board has been in hibernation this winter. The park has remained beautiful and quiet. What is very special, is that over the past 2 years, the springs have continued to flow, even during our February cold spell. Their sweet babbling flow, over the rocks along the lake-shore is quite a treat. The park still has many walk-in visitors—though nothing that begins to touch the traffic of last summer. Earth Day is around the corner and that is our usual event to partner with the middle school 7th graders. However, there will be nothing organized this year and we'll work, as we did in the summer, to do some individual clean-up. Here's hoping with vaccines and outdoor temps, we'll be able to host a summer drum circle again and revisit our priorities for the year. As always, feel free to send remarks, pictures etc. to our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Merrill-Spring-366885473435529>

## **Indian Hills Garden Club**

Despite its historical name, the garden club is open to everyone in the neighborhood. You don't have to be a "good" gardener to join. You may not garden at all but want to learn how or just have an interest in plants. Joining is a wonderful way to meet others in the neighborhood with a common interest and be enriched by attending our educational programs and tours. In a typical year, our activities include presentations by gardening

experts, field trips, neighborhood planting projects, the spring garlic mustard pull, an April potluck at Dale Heights Church, and a winter holiday auction party. Our donations benefit our neighborhood parks and contributions to garden and conservation groups.

Given the pandemic, we necessarily had to curtail our activities in 2020. Now, with the number of people able to receive one of the available Covid-19 vaccines, we expect to resume many of our regular activities this summer and fall, beginning with individual participation in the SHNA garlic mustard pull this spring. We plan to proceed cautiously, adhering to relevant government guidelines that apply to our outdoor gatherings. Please join us. If interested, contact Susan Lauffer at 918-914-2088 or Shary Bisgard at 334-1238.

## **Gardening at Spring Harbor Middle School**



The school gardens are open to the public at all times. The Goodman Greenhouse is open during work days and when school is in session. We have started hundreds of seedlings in the greenhouse in anticipation of spring planting! All are welcome to come and explore, harvest, and take produce when available.

We welcome neighborhood helpers and donations. You can be involved in helping us source materials for our light tables, hydroponics system or motorized compost sifter we're building. We take donations to repair or replace broken tools. We also can use help implementing our landscape plan. Please contact [dropa@madison.k12.wi.us](mailto:dropa@madison.k12.wi.us) to learn more.

I hope this edition of the SHNA newsletter finds you and your family safe and healthy. The Dane County Board continues to meet virtually, passing our first (and hopefully only) budget entirely virtually in November.

At our first meeting of the New Year, the Board heard from Tracy Herold, Director of the Dane County Library Service (DCLS), on library access during the pandemic and resources available to the public. The DCLS is the primary public library service for many residents of Dane County. Director Herold's presentation to the Board touched on library access during the pandemic, how to get a digital library card, and use of the Libby app to get books. More information on the DCLS can be found here: <https://www.dcls.info/>

Board also passed a resolution that would prohibit discrimination on the basis of protective hairstyles. The resolution was introduced by our State Representative/County Board Supervisor Shelia Stubbs and prohibits discrimination based upon traits historically associated with race, including hair styles.

In March, the Board heard a presentation from John

Welch, Director of Waste and Renewables. The presentation highlighted how Dane County's waste is being used as a resource with an update on the economic and environmental benefits of the Department's work and the Renewable Natural Gas Plant. The department also outlined the timeline for closure of the Rodefild landfill and the vision for a new landfill site that will move Dane County closer to a circular economy.

The Waste and Renewables Department is responsible for the management and operation of Dane County's landfills, renewable natural gas facilities, Clean Sweep, construction and demolition (C&D) recycling facility, and various other recycling programs. To learn more about the Waste and Renewables department, please visit their website: <https://landfill.countyofdane.com/>

Finally, I'm pleased that the Environment, Agriculture & Natural Resources (EANR) Committee, on which I serve, will be addressing the lake level management for the Yahara Chain of Lakes. Following the 2018 flooding, the County took the short-term step to manage the lake levels at State established minimums. Following several quarterly report pre-

sentations by department staff on progress made dealing with flooding and other ways to improve water flow through the system, a recommendation from the Lake Levels Technical Workgroup was made to rescind previous directives to operate at the seasonal minimum, and support giving the Dane County Land & Water Resources Department the flexibility in lake level management. This is something I called for back in mid-2020, recognizing that the Yahara Chain of Lakes offer different users a variety of enjoyment on individual lakes and differing needs and expectations that need to balance the risk of future flooding with an environment for flora and fauna, navigational purposes and recreational activities. My resolution fell victim to some ridiculous politics, and I'm now glad this policy will have the ability to be enacted in time to affect spring lake levels, as that this is the time where lake levels tend to be the lowest coming off winter lake levels.

Should you or your family have an interest in specific Dane County projects or initiatives, please contact me at [levin.jeremy@co.dane.wi.us](mailto:levin.jeremy@co.dane.wi.us) or call me at 608.577.9335.

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.

**Please make checks out to SHNA**

Membership Dues                    \$ **10** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donation, unrestricted            \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donation, neighborhood parks \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 and greenspaces                    \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOTAL ENCLOSED                 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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