



# 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*

Happy Spring! As always, this is such a nice time of year to see more people outside and everything start coming back to life! It is time for our annual All-Neighbor Spring Meeting. We have decided to have it in person this year at the Spring Harbor Middle School, in the gymnasium, and it will be held on Thursday, April 21, starting at 6:45 pm.

### Spring All-Neighbor Meeting

Thursday, April 21, 6:45 PM  
Spring Harbor Middle School Gym

This year's guest speaker is a neighbor of ours on Camus Lane, Matt Seib, who is the Process and Research Engineer with the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District. He will be talking to us about titanium dioxide, a common component in personal care products, and how it enters the wastewater treatment and ultimately the environment. It will be a very informative talk, and I know many of you are concerned about our water and the lakes, so I hope you will be able to join us for the meeting and to come hear Matt's talk!

There is a lot of activity in the neighborhood, from construction on University Avenue to planning for the reconstruction of Lake Mendota Drive, not to mention the reconstruction of Craig Avenue as well.

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## Spring Clean Up Sat, April 23, 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 30, 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 use 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 at 608-628-8772.

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There has been a lot of interest in the reconstruction of Lake Mendota Drive and several public meetings that were heavily attended by interested and impacted neighbors. In response to all the activity around that road reconstruction project, the neighborhood established an ad hoc committee, chaired by Tom Kneubuehl, and that committee has begun actively engaging city staff on the many issues and concerns neighbors have raised.

Now that spring has sprung, I will also give you a brief update on the Indian Hills neighborhood sign, at the corner of Tomahawk Trail and University Avenue. First off, THANK YOU to all of you who contributed to the restoration of our Indian Hills sign! With your support, we raised over \$2,000! I will be following up with the restorationist who we had hoped to hire this past fall to complete the work, and make sure he will be able to do the project for us sometime over the next several months, preferably before summer. His plan is to restore the sign to its original look by stenciling the "you are here" map from one side to the other, and then fixing any major blemishes and gaps or holes, and finally staining and painting the sign. I am confident the sign will look amazing when it's finished and will be preserved for many years to come!

Also at our upcoming spring meeting, on April 21, is our annual elections for your Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association Board. All neighbors in attendance with active memberships in our neighborhood association are eligible to cast a vote at the meeting, and you must be present to vote. The slate of candidates for the next year is as follows:

<b>Officers</b>		<b>Area Directors</b>	
President:	Aaron Crandall	Area 1:	Liz Freitick
Vice President:	Matt Seib	Area 2:	Tanya Cunningham
Treasurer:	Joan Martin	Area 3:	Sue Alban
Secretary:	Mary Beth Dunning	Area 4:	Mark Williams
		Area 5:	Vacant
		Area 6:	Stan Fuka

Additional nominations will be accepted at the meeting, especially for the vacant Area 5 Director position, which is being vacated because Aaron Collins is now our new Dane County Supervisor. Before I forget, congrats Aaron and we look forward to working with you on county issues!

Please contact [aaron.crandall@yahoo.com](mailto:aaron.crandall@yahoo.com) if you are interested in putting in a nomination for any of our board positions or would like more information about serving on our neighborhood board. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming spring meeting on April 21, at the Spring Harbor Middle School, and wish you all a wonderful spring!

## Explore Dane County this Spring by Dane County Executive Joe Parisi

Dane County residents look to visit Dane County's scenic parks, winding trails, and tranquil lakes this spring with 34 natural resource and wildlife areas, 26 recreation parks, 5 campgrounds, and over 100 miles of trails. Recently, Dane County Parks received the Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association Outstanding Park Design Award for our first solar-powered park and campground at William G. Lunney Lake Farm County Park. The system has more than 460 solar panels located on four structures and provides about 90% of the electricity needed for campers, day-use visitors, and the Lussier Family Heritage Center.

We're also expanding Dane County's vast network of bike trails. My 2021 County Budget allocated \$6.5 million to construct the second phase of the popular Lower Yahara River Trail. Construction is set to begin in 2023 and will span from Fish Camp County Park to Lake Kegonsa State Park. On the northwest border of Dane County, we've partnered with Sauk County to invest \$4 million for planning and preparation of construction to link the Great Sauk State Trail with the Walking Iron Trail. When complete, this connection will provide a scenic recreational gateway over the Wisconsin River. Dane County works hard to protect our natural resources. Those interested in donating to support this mission or specific projects can do so by visiting [www.danecountyparks.com/get-involved/donate](http://www.danecountyparks.com/get-involved/donate). Dane County's natural spaces are invaluable to our community.

### SHNA Board of Directors

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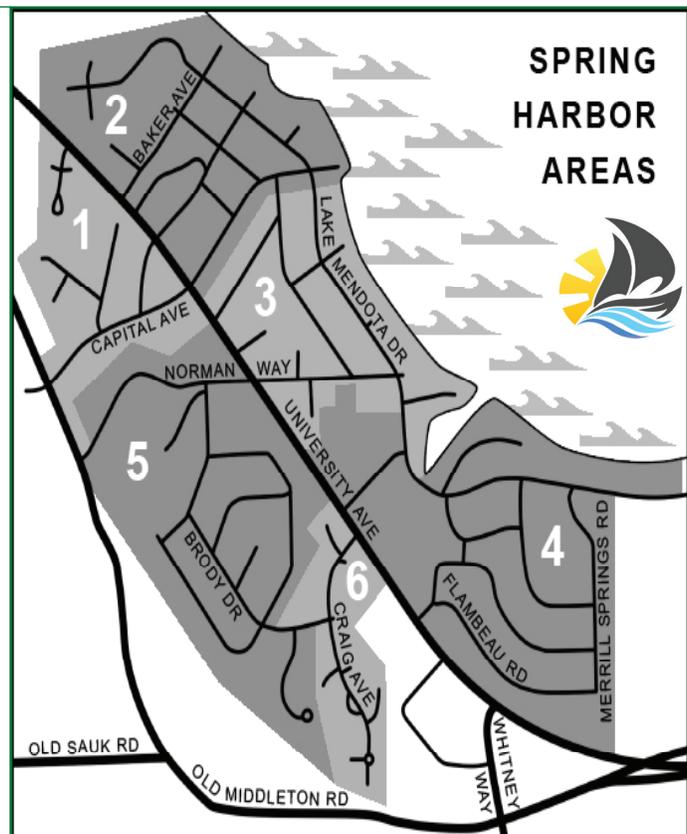
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# Your Neighborhood



Coming Out of Hibernation: As the pandemic slows down and winter abates, we are hoping to resume to a more active year. Some things currently in the works (in March while this is being written) are the usual Summer Celebration, more kiosk info insets, plantings for an animal corridor to the lake and a Spring cleanup - hopefully partnering with Spring Harbor Middle School.

Review: At this time we also wanted to let you know what the Friends of Merrill Spring (FMS) have been able to accomplish since its founding in 2015: Removable bollards to keep cars out, signage moved out of park to the entrance, Informational Kiosk, Commemorative boulder and plaque, kayak racks moved out of the center of the park, rebuild of the Merrill Springs stairs, many mulchings of the Merrill Springs Path, continual cleanings of the cistern/streambed/park, providing regular treatment for the park's beautiful Ash tree, collaborating with Spring Harbor Middle School for Earth Day cleanups and not to forget - Elmore Larson leading the wonderful drumming at our Summer Solstice Celebrations. Thank you Friends for your support!

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

To join or renew your FMS membership for 2021 [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



## Spring Harbor Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt

*Saturday, April 16 (no rain date)  
10-11 am  
Spring Harbor Park*

Come join the Spring Harbor Neighborhood in our annual Easter egg hunt tradition, moved to Spring Harbor Park this year due to the work being done by the Madison Sewerage District in Indian Hills Park. Hope you can join us for a fun and festive egg hunt on Saturday, April 16!

### Nice To Meet You

My name is Aaron Collins and I am running to represent you on the Dane County Board in District 10. The election is on Tuesday, April 5th. As I am unopposed, it is very likely that I'll be your next County Board Supervisor. This district includes the entire Spring Harbor neighborhood. Jeremy Levin was the previous Supervisor for this area for over a decade and I want to thank him for his service to our community.

I wanted to give you all a little background about myself and why I am running for this office.

I was born and raised on the west side of Madison where I attended West High School and UW-Madison. Later, I went to graduate school in England where I met my future wife, Jessica.

Jessica and I are now raising our daughter, Rosa, here in Spring Harbor in Area 5 on Dahlen Drive. We love living here and appreciate the proximity to Lake Mendota, Kettle Pond, and numerous parks.

In my day job, I am the Chief of Staff to Senator Melissa Agard who I have worked for since she was first elected to state office in 2013. I have worked in politics for over a

decade both on campaigns and in the State Capitol.

So why am I running for the County Board? First and foremost, I was inspired by the work done here in our neighborhood after joining the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association Board in 2021. I saw firsthand the positive impact a small group of dedicated individuals can have on the future of our community. As I watch our daughter grow up before my eyes, I find myself increasingly looking for ways to create a brighter future for her. My priorities are all aimed at making sure Dane County is the best place to live, work, and play for generations to come.

Dane County's beautiful natural spaces and lakes help make our corner of the globe a special place to live, but climate change has presented significant challenges to these key elements of our community. On the County Board, I will make conservation and lake preservation a priority. I believe every decision related to environmental policy should be centered around combating climate change.

While I am proud to have grown up in Dane County, I am very aware that there is an inherent inequity in outcomes among people who live here. We cannot ignore that

Dane County has alarming racial disparities in childhood poverty, achievement levels in students, and arrest rates. The pandemic has exacerbated these issues. This has to be a county-wide focus to make sure that everyone in our County has the same opportunities to succeed.

I also want to find ways to champion our small, local businesses. Small businesses are the backbone of our local economy, and I'm glad the County Board provided \$30 million to area small businesses for emergency grants due to the impact of the pandemic. I will vote for any efforts to make sure these key players in our local economy are supported.

I am running for the County Board because I want to do my part to help. I want to serve our community and serve the people who call it home. I look forward to representing you on the County Board, and I hope you never hesitate to contact me if you ever have a question or concern. I've included my contact info below for your reference.

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## **SHNA Parks and Natural Resources Spring 2022 Update**

There are multiple ongoing and planned City activities that are affecting our neighborhood parks, green spaces, and recreational areas. Some are related to the 2018 flooding. The best place to find out what is going on about these projects is to check the City web sites (listed below) and contact the lead city engineer or our alder Keith Furman.

**Spring Harbor Boat Ramp outfall wall repair** - During the 2018 flood part of the outfall wall was damaged by the boat ramp. The repair was completed over the winter which included rerouting the flow from the springs in the park directly to the lake instead of through the outfall. Rock steps were added. A new railing will be installed. The construction area on both sides of the road will be graded and seeded. City Parks will work with SHNA and the Indian Hills Garden Club on replacement vegetation. Some of the replacement vegetation will be covered by Parks. Others will need additional funding. There is an opportunity to improve the shoreline cover habitat for fish spawning and potentially including lake sturgeon. We hope to work with WI DNR more on how we can help care for this important fishery area after the dredging and ramp is updated.

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/spring-harbor-outfall-repair>

**Spring Harbor dredging** - dredging work is being planned to start in the fall 2022.

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/spring-harbor-dredge>

**Baker Ave greenway** - Construction for Stormwater mitigation design related to the 2018 flooding are slated to start in the summer of 2022. The design includes removal of many trees and construction of a much larger drainage ditch from University Avenue to the Lake Mendota shore to help alleviate flooding. <https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/mendota-grassman-greenway-flood-mitigation-and-restoration-design>

**Spring Harbor watershed plan** - City Engineering completed a flood mitigation study of the Spring Harbor watershed.

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/spring-harbor-watershed-study>

Indian Hills Park and Bike path closures - this is part of the west interceptor sewer relief project: <https://www.shorewood-hills.org/sewerproject>

**Well 14 Water Quality** - Our drinking water continues to suffer from quickly rising levels of sodium and chloride cause by deicers that are used on roads, parking lots, driveways and sidewalks. Concentrations of sodium in our drinking water are now three times higher than the EPA guidelines for salt-restricted diets and still rising. Consider alternatives to using salt. <https://www.cityofmadison.com/water/water-quality/water-quality-reports-for-madison-municipal-wells>.

Madison saltwise:

[https://www.cityofmadison.com/sites/default/files/news/attachments/wi\\_salt\\_wise\\_press\\_kit.pdf](https://www.cityofmadison.com/sites/default/files/news/attachments/wi_salt_wise_press_kit.pdf)

# HOUSE HISTORY FORM



The History Committee of the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association is interested in the history of your home. Please take a few minutes to fill out this questionnaire and send it to:

Mary Beth Dunning  
5010 Tomahawk Trail  
Madison, WI 53705  
[mbdunning53@gmail.com](mailto:mbdunning53@gmail.com)

1. When was your house built?

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2. Who was the builder?

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3. How long have you lived in your house?

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4. Do you have any old historical documents or background information, such as deed, plat map, photos, etc.) that would aid us in our research? If so, please describe:

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5. Have any notable people lived in your home? If so, who?

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6. Would you be interested in attending a meeting of the history committee at which there would be sharing of memories and memorabilia and a presentation of the data we have collected?

- Yes (Great, we'll call or e-mail you about the time)
- No (But, I can lend or send you copies of what I have)

## ***Contact information:***

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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