

# Spring Harbor News

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## Spring Membership Meeting

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013, 6:30 PM*

Spring Harbor Middle School

**A**n exciting 2012 is sure to set up for an exciting 2013. Come hungry to this year's meeting as we will have a neighborhood potluck dinner. We will start earlier than usual (6:30 pm) and end earlier than usual in order to eat and meet. We will meet in the gym of Spring Harbor Middle School. Please bring a dish to pass. The agenda for the meeting will include updates from County Supervisor Jeremy Levin and Madison Alder Mark Clear. We will hold our annual board elections and provide you with updates on our very active neighborhood committees. The Watch committee has completed a neighborhood survey and is in the process of using the data to best address our needs. Spring Harbor has experienced a tremendous amount of change in the past year. A new Development committee has been recently created to properly address and express neighborhood concerns regarding new development and construction in our area. This is another great example of our neighborhood taking a proactive rather than reactive role in our community. There will be an update on the new developments along University Ave including a new project at the former site of Good N Loud Music (5525 University). 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](mailto:greg@gmhull.com).

### Membership Meeting Potluck

We are planning our first community potluck at the time of the general membership meeting in the Spring Harbor Middle School gym on April 23, followed by a presentation by Jason Tisch of the Madison Trust for Preservation. Plan to bring your dish to share at 6:30 pm that evening.



## Want to Do "Spring" with SHNA?

**Pull Mustard**

**Clean Up-**

**Clean Up**

**Plant Sale**

After the long

winter, trash needs to be picked

up in our neighborhood parks, green spaces, and along our neighborhood streets. Come to Spring Harbor Park on **Saturday, April 13th** from 9 am-11 am and sign up to work an hour or two. Trash bags are provided. We have plastic bags to protect your hands or you can bring your own. If you'd prefer gardening to picking up trash, the perennial garden beds by the boat landing and park sign need to be cleaned up for the growing season. If you have questions, contact Kim McBride at 238-8819 or Shary Bisgard at 233-1238.

**Pull Garlic Mustard**—Meet in Spring Harbor Park to sign up on Saturday, **April 20** from 9 am-11 am, then spend a couple hours at any one of our four parks: Spring Harbor Park, Kettle Pond conservation Park, Merrill Springs Park or Indian Hills Park pulling garlic mustard plants!

**Annual Plant Sale**—Indian Hills Garden Club members will be at Spring Harbor School on **May 18th** from 8 am - 2 pm. There will be many different plant varieties for sale at lower prices than those at local nurseries and retail stores. For sale will be shade and sun perennials, ground covers, vegetable and house plants.

Proceeds from the sale benefit neighborhood park and garden projects. This season we are helping to purchase native trees and plants for Spring Harbor Park and Merrill Springs Park. The City of Madison Parks budget is tight, so support from the neighborhood is crucial to improve our neighborhood parks. Please join us in the continuation of these projects! Contact Kim McBride at 238-8819 or Shary Bisgard at 233-1238 for information or to contribute plants from your garden or volunteer to help with the sale.

## Living with Wildlife

### Coyotes and Red Fox

There have been a number of coyote and red fox sightings in the neighborhood this winter. Unfortunately, coyotes have attacked some neighborhood dogs. Wildlife experts say coyotes are likely here to stay in urban areas. Removing the animals is not an option because more coyotes would simply move in. Instead, said Doug Fendry, a wildlife specialist with the DNR, residents can take a number of steps (described below) that will reduce run-ins with coyotes. Russ Hefty also said coyotes are a beneficial part of the urban ecosystem because they help keep populations of everything from feral cats to rabbits and even pesky wild turkeys in check. Fendry said attacks on people are extremely rare and added that he knows of none on record in Wisconsin.

Foxes are usually shy and wary, but they are also curious. Foxes may be active night or day, and sightings at dusk or dawn are common. They do not hibernate. They are opportunistic feeders and their primary foods include small rodents, squirrels, rabbits, birds, eggs, insects, vegetation, fruit and carrion. Foxes can thrive close to humans and can flourish in suburban and urban areas. If you want to make your property less attractive to these animals, you should follow these basic practices:



- **Don't feed coyotes and foxes.** Keep wild things wild! With feeding they can become more habituated to humans. Foxes that rely on foods in the environment remain wild and wary of humans. Be sure to feed your pets indoors instead of outside, which can attract many wild animals.
- **Keep your pets safe.** Experts say to keep small dogs and cats restrained at all times. Keep livestock such as rabbits and chickens in secure enclosures that prevent entry from above and below.
- **Don't let coyotes and foxes intimidate you.** Don't hesitate to scare or threaten them with loud noise, bright lights, or spraying water from a hose.
- **Secure your garbage.** Foxes will raid open trash materials and compost piles. Secure your garbage in tough plastic containers with tight fitting lids and keep in secure buildings when possible. Take out trash the morning pick up is scheduled, not the previous night. Keep compost in secure, vented containers.
- **Keep bird feeder areas clean.** Use feeders designed to keep seed off the ground, as the seed attracts many small mammals foxes prey upon. Remove feeders if foxes are regularly seen around your yard.
- **Close off crawl spaces under porches and sheds.** Foxes use such areas for resting and raising young.
- **Cut back overgrown hedges in your yard.** These areas provide prime cover for foxes and their prey.

## Spring Harbor Park Tree Planting this Spring!

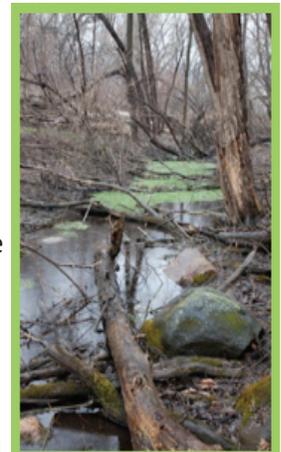
This spring we will be planting about 140 trees and shrubs in the woods at Spring Harbor Park as part of a vegetation restoration effort by the SHNA Natural Resources Committee. Species include those common to forested spring seep setting – a rare wetland environment in southern Wisconsin. SHNA and Indian Hills Garden Club are cost-sharing with City Parks on the plantings. We will look to remove buckthorn in the woods between the dog walking area and Indian Hills subdivision this spring or summer as well.

Many thanks to Si Widstrand for cutting boxelder this winter and Russ Hefty (City Parks) for helping with the planting plan. There are also those unnamed neighbors who help to keep the park looking good by pulling invasive plants all year long.

### TAKE THE 10-10-10 GARLIC MUSTARD

**PULL CHALLENGE!** Pick your favorite spot in the woods and pull a 10 square foot area of garlic mustard for 10 minutes over 10 days....It is easy to do while walking the dog or watching your kids play in the forts in the woods. If you have a bag, leave the bag open and marked "garlic mustard" near the trash cans at the boat ramp. If no bag, leave the garlic mustard on a log, away from the ground so it can't resprout. You'll be surprised to see what might grow in its place once the native plants have some room to breathe.

The SHNA restoration committee is in need of able bodied volunteers for trail maintenance, spot-removal of invasive plants, and planning, and planting. Please contact Faith Fitzpatrick (faithfitz@sbcglobal.net) if interested in helping.





# Your Neighborhood

## SHNA 2013-2014 Slate of Candidates

**President: Greg Hull**  
**Vice President: Vacant**  
**Treasurer: Bill Fitzpatrick**  
**Secretary: Mary Beth Dunning**

Area 1: Shary Bisgard  
 Area 2: Jeff Schneider  
 Area 3: Jeanette Tierney  
 Area 4: Kim McBride  
 Area 5: Barb Schultz-Becker  
 Area 6: Stan Fuka

## Join the 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. In fact, 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. Our activities include presentations by gardening experts, field trips, neighborhood planting projects, annual plant sale, spring garlic mustard pull, April potluck at Dale Heights Church, and a winter holiday auction party. Our fund-raising efforts benefit our neighborhood parks and annual contributions to garden and conservation groups. If you're interested in joining us, contact Kim McBride at 238-8819 or Shary Bisgard at 233-1238.

## Know your Neighbor Party



The Neighborhood watch committee invites you to host a "get-to-know-your-neighbor" party on **Saturday, May 18**. One of the goals highlighted from the neighborhood surveys completed last October was

getting to know our neighbors. In an effort to build community we encourage you to spend a warm spring afternoon with neighbors that you know well and those you do not yet know. Consider alternate plans for bad weather. Parties are already planned for Temkin Avenue and Lake Mendota Drive. Let's see how many grills we can get fired-up for a barbeque or potluck that day.

## SHNA Garage Sale-May 17th and 18th

Mark your calendars and start going through your attic, basement and garage for those little-used treasures. It's almost time for the annual SHNA garage sale! The garage sale will be on May 17th and 18th and, similar to prior years, several signs will be placed on University Avenue to guide shoppers to stop in our neighborhood. Signs will not direct traffic to specific homes, so feel free to put up your own sign(s) around the area. The neighborhood association will also take out a general classified ad announcing the sale weekend. If you have special items for sale, consider placing your own ad to help drive up the traffic to your door. If you have questions about the sale, please get in touch with Greg Hull 443-9169.

## Attention Computer Savvy Youth

You are needed for home computer help. If interested in getting paid to help neighbors with occasional computer problems, please give your name, year of birth, street, and phone number to Kim McBride at 238-8819 or [kasmcbride@gmail.com](mailto:kasmcbride@gmail.com). This will be a new category in our newsletter.



## Celebrate Merrill Springs Park

**May 23 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

This is the 78th Anniversary of the Wisconsin Emergency Relief Administration work Park expansion by the city. The current cistern was completed May 23, 1935. With the purchase of additional land by the Madison Parks Department, it is time to enjoy our neighborhood gem. Join us for cake, music and a look at proposals for the park. Parking is limited, so please park on Lake Mendota Drive.

## Memorial High School Rummage and Bake Sale

**Memorial Field House**

**Saturday, April 13, 2013**

**8:00am – 1:00pm**

Sponsored by the Memorial High School Parent Teacher Student Organization, proceeds will support the "JMM Clothing Closet", student educational opportunities and students in need. In addition to shopping at our sale, we invite donated items for the sale. We accept all gently used clothing, household items, books, toys and games. We will NOT accept TV's, computers, appliances or baby cribs and baby car seats. All clothing items should be clean and free of damage and extreme wear.

Schedule of Rummage Sale drop-off times: Thursday, April 11, 12:00pm - 6:30pm Friday, April 12, 7:00am - 6:30pm



# Dale Heights Presbyterian Church & Korean Madison Sah-lang Church

**5501 University Avenue at Norman Way**  
(next to Brennans)

**Dale Heights**  
**Pastor Marilyn Gamm**  
**Phone: 608-233-0134**  
**e-mail: dalehghts@sbcglobal.net**  
**www.daleheightspc.org**

**Sah-lang**  
**Pastor Ki Tak Gam**  
**Phone: 608-395-4205**  
**e-mail: takgam@yahoo.com**  
**www.madisonsahlang.org**

**Sunday Children-Friendly Worship**  
**10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Church School 9 a.m.**  
**Wednesday Lunch Studies—**  
**for more information see website or**  
**contact Pastor Gamm**

**Sunday Worship 12:10 & 1:30 p.m.**  
**Morning Prayer 6 a.m. Mon.-Fri.**  
**College Group 6 p.m. Fridays**  
**For more information see website or**  
**contact Pastor Gam**

## SHNA Board of Directors' Meetings

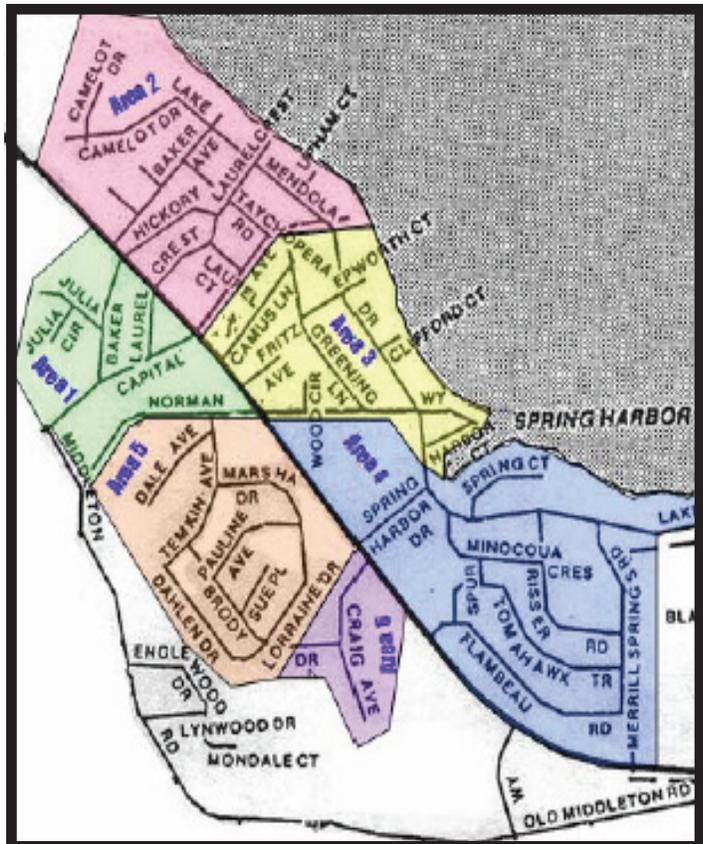
You are welcome to attend the monthly SHNA Board of Directors' meeting, currently held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending a meeting, be sure to check the SHNA website at [www.SpringHarborOnline.com](http://www.SpringHarborOnline.com) to confirm the date,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

### SHNA Board of Directors

President	Gregg Hull	443-9169
President Elect	Vacant	
Treasurer	Bill Fitzpatrick	233-3584
Secretary	Mary Beth Dunning	238-4598
Past President	Janet Loewi	238-2626

### Area Directors

Area 1	Shary Bisgard	233-1238
Area 2	Jeff Schneider	320-0531
Area 3	Jeanette Tierney	238-9084
Area 4	Kim McBride	238-8819
Area 5	Barbara Schultz-Becker	232-1810
Area 6	Stan Fuka	236-4229



I hope this edition of the SHNA news-letter finds you and your family well in the New Year. Since my last article, the County passed its annual budget. While 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, created constraints across the departments I was proud that we were able to protect services and reasonably protect the property taxpayer. Here are some of the budget highlights:

**Human Services**

Homelessness

- Funding for a temporary winter daytime shelter 2012-13 and permanent daytime shelter fall 2013. Single Room Occupancy housing for permanent solutions to homelessness (a two-year package of working with community partners) is in development.

Early Childhood Intervention

- Expanded the program to Sun Prairie. Created a “Birth to four year old kindergarten” program for Leopold School.

**Public Safety/Criminal Justice**

- Created 4 additional drug court slots—expanded to ensure racial diversity in drug court.
- Expanded restorative justice programs to 3 additional middle schools to keep youth out of criminal justice system.
- Expanded jail AODA programs.

**Economic/Community**

\$100,000 for BUILD grants—grants to help communities and businesses fostering job and economic development (this was eliminated in the past budget, County Board brought it back).

Alliant Energy Center:

- Funding for improved spaces (barn design and concert venue).

- Study to improve AEC for the future; keep it viable without taxpayer funding.

**Environment**

- \$500,000 for PARC (Partners for Recreation and Conservation) grants—grants to municipalities and organizations to improve infrastructure & public spaces for recreation.
- Carp Removal continued a second year in county board’s “Clear Lakes” initiative.
- Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) purchases to expand our CNG fleet, which is cleaner and cheaper than diesel.

Outside of the budget, in November the county opened our New Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) on the Northside of Madison, at 2865 North Sherman Avenue (the “Northside TownCenter”). It is a one-stop shop providing services and information for individuals and their families/caregivers. The center will assist people, free of charge, in identifying their needs and determining what resources exist in Dane County to best serve them. The center has created approximately 45 new jobs.

Finally, the county has also taken great strides this last year in pursuing “green” and sustainable approaches, including:

- Opening our new recycling center. The facility with ‘green’ features will extend the life of the county’s landfill and expand the popular Clean Sweep program year-round;
- Converting county landfill gas to electricity, generating \$3.75 million in gross revenues for the county;
- Using compressed natural gas (CNG) in fleet vehicles, offsetting the use of approximately 20,000

gallons of fossil-fuel gasoline and saving county taxpayers roughly \$40,000 in the first year of implementation;

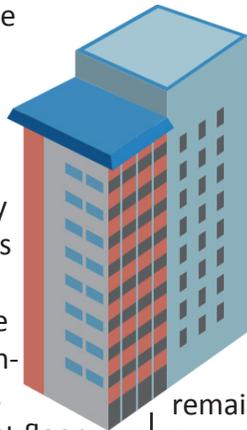
- Completing renewable energy and energy conservation upgrades at county facilities, such as: LED runway lights and solar panels at the Dane County Regional Airport; geothermal technologies at Badger Prairie Health Care Center and the Children’s Zoo Barn; and manure digesters that generate renewable electricity, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and divert manure from county waters;
- Creation by the Dane County Board of a Sustainability Coordinator / Audit Analyst position to lead various efforts, including the formation of the cross-departmental Sustainability Work Group, to improve the sustainability of the county’s operations, management, and policymaking;
- Creation of a \$100,000 Departmental Sustainability Fund in the 2013 capital budget to assist departments with sustainability projects that improve efficiency and cut costs;
- Ongoing development of a Sustainability Plan for Dane County Government Operations;
- The Board just recently approved purchasing land adjacent to the county landfill, which will allow for the county to centralize some facilities and reap cost savings of more than \$100,000 per year by utilizing the methane gas that the landfill produces for energy and heat of these new facilities.

## *New Developments Bring Major Changes to Neighborhood*

**UW-Health's Digestive Health Center** is opening April 2. The Digestive Health Center will occupy the entire 60,000 sq ft 3-story building including basement. The building incorporates several green features: 10,000 gal rainwater collection tank, green roof over driveway canopy, low-glass, and tapered berm on the street side. The entrance is off University Row and will be served by a new 230-stall surface parking lot.

**University Row, the main entrance to University Crossing**, is open for traffic with signal lights ready to operate. This will make the street segment between Whitney Way and Spring Harbor Dr the most complex mix of stops, turns and bends on the west side. There are four sets of lights, two left-turn lanes, and a complicated Flambeau intersection.

**The next University Crossing building to open** will be the 3-story office/retail building on the corner of University Ave and Whitney Way. The top floor will be occupied by Potter Lawson Architects (the firm designing University Crossing) and the Energy Center of Wisconsin. Associated Dentists are moving in on the first floor with the added possibility of a restaurant and deli at the Whitney Way end of the building. The structure is heated and cooled



with a geothermal system requiring 70 geothermal wells each 250 feet deep. The wells are within City Well#14's protected zone which has raised serious neighborhood concerns.

**Four stories of new apartments are under construction** at the interior of University Crossing. The apartment complex, due to open in September, consists of 118 living units wrapped around a 3-level recessed parking garage containing 330 parking stalls. The parking garage will be covered with a roof garden providing views and access to the inside row of apartments. Urban Land Interests of Madison, the rental agent, posts a sketch of the roof-top garden.

**The Good N'Loud building will be torn down this summer** and replaced with a 4,000 sq ft drive-thru coffee service and space for a second commercial business.

Joe Krupp Construction is developing the property with outdoor terrace, drive-up service and about 25 parking spaces. The drive-up, first announced as 24-hour, has since been restricted to 6:00am-10:00pm with no bright lights, blinking signs or outdoor loud speakers.

The neighborhood remains concerned about traffic flow. Entrance is from the west with right-turn-in. Motorists will follow a U-drive around the building and exit right-turn-only to the



east. The double driveway adds complexity. Right-turn-out lands almost on top of the Flambeau pedestrian crosswalk. Drivers will have to pay attention to traffic from the left as well as to pedestrians in the crosswalk on the right.

**Other developments. Cress Funeral Home** at the west edge of the neighborhood is proposing major remodeling and the addition of 1,300 sq ft of floor space. Building façade and entrances will be redesigned.

**Merrill Spring Park** has been expanded with the Parks Department purchase of the adjoining east residential lot. At least **three new lakeside homes** are being constructed or have applied for permits. **Newly reconstructed University Avenue** will be landscaped this spring and planted with additional trees and shrubs.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_