



Spring Harbor News

A publication of the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association (SHNA) serving the area from Shorewood to Middleton and Lake Mendota to Old Middleton Road

Spring Membership Meeting

Tuesday, April 19 at 7 PM

Join us for our spring general membership meeting in the gym of the Spring Harbor Middle School on Tuesday, April 19, at 7 pm. Our keynote speaker is Si Widstrand who worked for Madison Parks for many years, and is going to talk to us about the importance of volunteerism.

Simon (Si) Widstrand retired in 2008 after 34 years with the Madison Parks Division, working in Conservation Parks and Planning. He has continued to work as a volunteer with the Madison Parks and Engineering Divisions on land stewardship and the support of volunteer stewards. Si will talk about his experiences promoting land

stewardship on 4000 acres of City-owned land, working with City agencies and volunteers, and some differences-between working inside and outside the City organization.

Also, on the agenda is Board member elections. See the article below, SHNA Elections, with the proposed slate of candidates.



Check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/springharborneighborhood and "like" us today! You will get updates and can RSVP for the spring meeting. Hope you can join us!

Calling All Volunteers

Park and Neighborhood Clean-up

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 16th, from 9am - 11 am** and sign up to work an hour or two. Trash bags will be provided. If you prefer gardening to picking up trash, the perennial beds by the boat landing and Spring Harbor Park sign need to be cleaned up for the growing season. Bring a pair of work gloves and join us to make our neighborhood a better place! If you have questions call Kim McBride at 238-8819.

Garlic Mustard Pull

Garlic mustard is a nasty invasive weed that takes over native spring plants. Meet in Spring Harbor Park from **9am - 11am on Saturday, April 23rd**, to help rid our parks of this invasive weed! It's a great way to enjoy our parks and meet neighbors too!



SHNA Elections

The SHNA annually elects the members of its board of directors for one year terms at the April membership meeting. Any member of SHNA in good standing who has been a resident of the geographic area for at least six months is eligible to hold office as a member of the board except elected officials of city, county, or state government. Elected members of the board include the President, President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer and the six area directors. Candidates for any area director position must be a resident of the geographic area corresponding to that area (see the map on page 4 of this newsletter). Please forward the name of any SHNA resident who desires to place their name in nomination for any of the board positions to Aaron Crandall,

Mary Beth Dunning or any other board member in order to be on the ballot at the April membership meeting. The proposed slate of candidates for 2016–2017:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Area 1
Area 2
Area 3
Area 4
Area 5
Area 6

Aaron Crandall
Vacant
Bill Fitzpatrick
Mary Beth Dunning
Vacant
Jeff Schneider
Jeanette Tierney
Kim McBride
Barb Schultz-Becker
Stan Fuka

Welcome, Friends of Merrill Spring!



We have a new group in the neighborhood, the Friends of Merrill Spring (FMS). Its charge is to work collaboratively with Madison Parks Division and SHNA for the care and preservation of Merrill Spring.

This area, located at the end of Spring Court, was first occupied by the prehistoric mound-builders and later by the Winnebago who named it Ma ka ma I (Medicinal Spring). It was visited by President Cleveland in 1887. Merrill Spring Park increased in size in 2011 when the city bought the adjacent land, originally owned by Arthur Koehler (chief technologist at Forest Products Lab who was a key evidence witness in the Lindberg kidnapping). It had its last major facelift back in 1936 when the WERA completed the park improvements we partially see today, such as the cistern and some stone tables and benches.

A friends of Merrill Spring Mission Statement and list of goals was presented to the SHNA board, and approval by the membership followed at the fall meeting. One of our first tasks will be to establish an initial board for FMS, consisting of members with previous board experience and knowledge in the areas of historic preservation, environmental protection, Native American history, or education. Members can be neighbors or interested people from outside of the neighborhood. The Indian Hills Garden Club will be an important ally as will the city's Parks Division and the neighborhood association.

There are three levels of financial support: Friend, Supporter and Patron. Join us in this venture to protect a very special place in the heart of our neighborhood and in the heart of Madison. If you are interest-

ed in being a donor and/or would consider serving as a board member to FMS, please use the form on page 3 and either mail it in or bring it to the SHNA spring membership meeting on April 19.

Mission Statement

The mission of the FMS is to protect the waters of Merrill Spring and its associated historical structures. The FMS will facilitate a community effort of preservation and improvement of Merrill Spring Park's diverse natural and recreational resources. The FMS will work together with Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association in the development of plans and activities associated with the Park.

Friends of Merrill Spring Goals

- Encourage a sustainable balance between natural resource protection and rehabilitation and recreational uses
- Recruit and organize volunteers and plan activities
- Promote rehabilitation of natural shoreline and native species
- Preserve historic stone structures, the spring cistern, and the unique "feel" to the park
- Limit runoff and contamination of the Merrill Spring from storm water
- Monitor water quality changes of the spring, specifically related to road salt
- Build awareness of Merrill Spring's history and its value to the area
- Promote educational use of park grounds
- Pursue advocacy and financial support to assist in renovation and rehabilitation work
- Provide a communication means between City Parks and Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association
- Assist in maintenance and aesthetics of park grounds
- Raise consciousness of Native American spiritual significance of Merrill Spring

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: Alice Erickson at 238-7078 OR EMAIL: merrillsprings@gmail.com.

Celebrate Spring Harbor

Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Greenhouse at Spring Harbor

Grand Opening and Tours

Friday April 22, 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Ribbon cutting at 2:15 pm

FRIENDS OF MERRILL SPRING (FMS) Membership Form

I want to be a charter member of FMS!

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

*Check one: (Checks should be made out to 'Friends of Merrill Spring')

_____ Friend (\$10) _____ Supporter (\$25) _____ Patron (\$50) _____ Additional donation

_____ I (we) would like to serve on the board of FMS

_____ I (we) would like to suggest as a board member: _____

_____ I (we) would like to receive email updates about FMS

Return your membership form at the SHNA Spring Meeting or mail to:

Friends of Merrill Spring

c/o Alice Erickson

5109 Spring Ct

Madison, WI 53705



* At this time, membership dues are "not" tax-deductible but this issue is being explored.

Meet Aaron Crandall, SHNA President



The SHNA welcomes Aaron Crandall, who is serving as president of the SHNA in the wake of Greg Hull's departure (Greg took a job with Habitat for Humanity in Flint, Michigan). Aaron has served as SHNA since 2014 as vice president.

He comes to us with varied and extensive experience neighborhood associations. He is past-president of the Monona Bay Neighborhood and has also been active in the Bassett, Bay Creek, Greenbush and Vilas neighborhoods. He is a board member for the South Metropolitan Planning Council, has served on the city's Pedestrian Bicycle Motor Vehicle Commission and is the co-chair of the city's Joint South East Campus Area Committee.

Aaron works at UW-Madison as Research Manager in the Department of Population Health Sciences. He has also worked in human resources at the Wisconsin De-

partment of Health Services.

Aaron is married to Maria Casal, an economics instructor at Madison College. They have two children, Mali, a delightful three-year-old girl, and a three-month-old son, Vigo. Maria comes to Madison via Tucuman, Argentina.

Aaron and his family are enjoying the relative serenity and accessibility of the area, after moving from the hustle and bustle of the downtown area. They appreciate living on Flambeau Road with the nearby Indian Hills Park and Spring Harbor Park playgrounds for their children.

You will enjoy meeting Aaron and having him represent us and our neighborhood association. He has brought some great ideas, such as the annual spring SHNA gathering at Indian Hills Park. We are happy to have him on board. Please welcome Aaron and his family!

Annual Plant Sale Suspended

The annual Indian Hills Garden Club Plant Sale will be suspended in 2016 due to concerns about the discovery of jumping worms in this vicinity. Our suspension is consistent with other area garden clubs, Olbrich Gardens and the Arboretum. The worms resemble other earthworms we are familiar with in our yards and gardens, but behave in an environmentally destructive manner. They remove the protective layer from the soil surface, causing the soil to become grainy, dry and less productive. Information about identification and control of jumping worms can be found at the DNR website <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/invasives/documents/jumpingwormfactsheet.pdf>.

When purchasing plants from other sources this year, please ask the vendor if they have been grown in a medium that has been sterilized and handled to prevent the transmission of the worms. For more information, contact Jeanette Tierney at 608-354-5336, Indian Hills Garden Club President.

Your Neighborhood

2nd Indian Hills Gathering

What: Neighborhood Potluck

When: Sunday, June 12, 11am-3pm

Where: Indian Hills Park

Why: To meet neighbors and celebrate spring!

RSVP: www.facebook.com/springharborneighborhood

Well folks, it's that time of year again, time for us to host another gathering in our Indian Hills Park! Last year we made the mistake of holding the event on a weekend full of other activities, so this year we hope to avoid too much conflict and are planning to hold the event in June instead of May, on Sunday, June 12. As in past years, this is a POTLUCK event, so please bring a dish to pass, and we will supply water and service-ware. We will also work with Madison Parks to get additional tables and trash cans for the event, and the neighborhood will rent a port-a-potty since the park does not have a restroom. Please contact Aaron Crandall at aaron.crandall@yahoo.com or 608-294-9505 if you would like to help or have ideas for our gathering at Indian Hills Park.



Weed Wrench and Dandelion Pullers

The Indian Hills Garden Club purchased two Weed Wrenches and two Fiskars Dandelion Pullers for neighborhood residents to use. The weed wrench is useful to remove invasive trees and shrubs from your property. The smaller wrench will remove plants with main stems up to one inch diameter, the other will pull stems up to two inches. Directions are included. The Dandelion Puller will save your back – it is used in a standing position to pull and remove the entire plant. It will also save the environment by not using toxic chemicals to control these weeds.

Expect to return the tools within 2 or 3 days so other neighborhood residents can borrow them. To borrow a weed wrench, please contact Rita Harris at 238-9169 or rharris9169@charter.net. Contact Jeanette Tierney at 608-354-5336 or jeanette.tierney@gmail.com to borrow a Dandelion Puller.

SHNA Board of Directors' Meetings

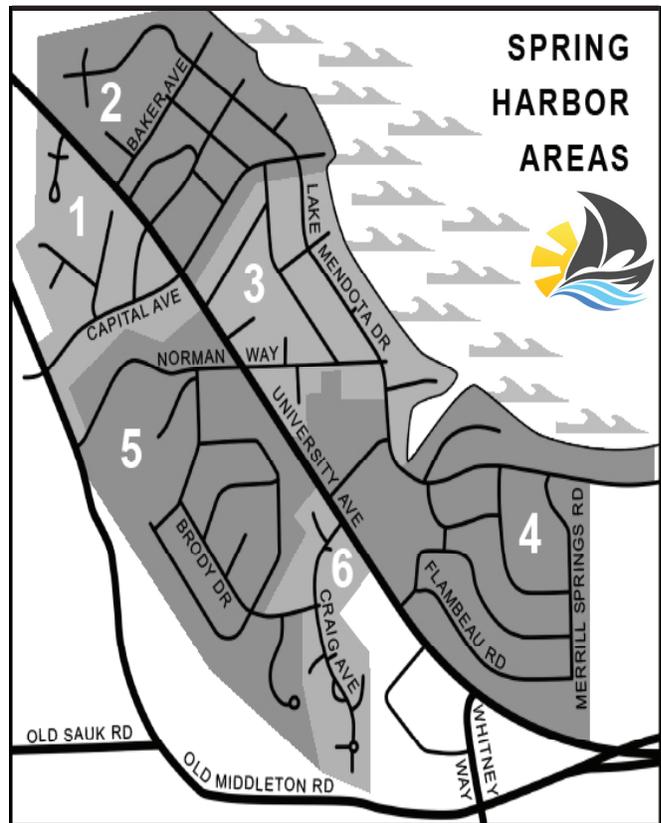
You are welcome to attend the monthly SHNA Board of Directors' meeting, held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Dale Heights Presbyterian Church. If attending, be sure to check our website at www.SpringHarborOnline.com to confirm the date, time and place. If you have an issue to be considered by the board, contact your area director or the SHNA president to place it on the agenda for that meeting.

SHNA Board of Directors

President	Aaron Crandall	294-9505
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	238-7465
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



Dane County Board Report—District 10 Supervisor Jeremy Levin

I hope this edition of the SHNA newsletter finds you and your family well. The spring elections have occurred and I'm honored to be entrusted with another two-year term to serve District 10.

Towards the end of last year the Board approved the purchase of property for a day resource center, the old Messner building. The property includes three buildings on East Washington Avenue in Madison with approximately 10,000 square feet with the potential to serve as a day resource center for the homeless and potentially other uses. The County entered into a contract to purchase the property for \$1,425,000. Over the next several months the County will review and propose renovation plans that will also have to gain City approval through their Conditional Use Permit process. Hopefully the approval process and construction can be wrapped up quickly enough to open the center before the end of 2016.

Looking forward in 2016, the County will look address potential long-term care changes being proposed by the State. The County will create a comprehensive master plan for the Alliant Energy Center (AEC) campus, which are County-owned facilities. Currently, the AEC is a major generator of economic activity for the region. AEC hosts nearly one million visitors per year, generating 75,000 hotel room nights, \$2.1 million in

room taxes and \$87 million of direct spending. Prior to embarking on the full master plan, the County Board requires the completion of a comprehensive market study of the AEC facilities to determine the nature and order of potential improvements to the facilities and grounds and all costs and returns on investment associated with such improvements. The study will include an analysis of current, past, and potential future customers and event industry trends.

Unfortunately the County Executive decided to veto Board action towards moving on a master plan, which then the County Board of Supervisors, by a vote of 30 to 6, overrode County Executive's veto. I was in the majority seeking to override, and while I wasn't exactly happy going through this extracurricular activity on an issue that is simply calling for a plan, I believe that in developing a master plan, we will be positioning ourselves for further success, while addressing long-term infrastructure needs so that we ensure a strong, sustainable AEC for the next 50 years.

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 or call me at 608.577.9335.



Madison Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sale

Spring is here and that means it's time to quench your thirst for gardening at the City of Madison Compost Bin And Rain Barrel Truckload Sale on Saturday May 7th at the Alliant Energy Center. Discounted compost bins will be sold for only \$69.99 and 50 gallon mosquito resistant RainReserve rain barrels with a diverter are on sale for just \$119.99.

It is estimated that our urban communities contribute about 30% of the total phosphorus that enter in lakes Mendota, Monona, Waubesa, Kegonsa, and Wingra from runoff. Did you know that 600 gallons of water can be harvested from a 1000 square foot roof in every one inch rain event? By harvesting rainwater for your indoor and outdoor plants and putting clippings and leaves into a backyard composters, you don't just make plants healthier; you're also reducing run-off and the phosphorus that feeds our lake's algae problem.

By participating, you'll be joining the tens of thousands of homeowners in Madison already composting and harvesting rainwater. Rain barrels and compost bins also make a great gift for Mother's day. Individuals who pre-order **rain barrels and compost bins before by April 25th will save an additional \$10 off.** For more information and to pre-order your rain barrel and compost bin, supplies are limited, visit <http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/compost/CompostBinSale.cfm>. This event is open to both Madison residents and non-residents.

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 _____
 - Planning and Development _____

