



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 spring! Well, winter is fast coming to its end and soon the neighborhood will be abuzz with springtime activities. That is, of course, assuming all goes back to normal after this coronavirus pandemic ends, which we all hope is very soon!

Speaking of the coronavirus pandemic, I am writing this just as the schools are closing, along with many businesses, and there is a lot of uncertainty about everything. My hope is that by the time this newsletter reaches you and you are reading this, things are finally calming down. However, it is extremely unclear right now how everything will be in a few weeks or even in a few months. With that, I urge all of you to be sure to check on your neighbors, especially any elderly neighbors, and by check on them, I mean to maybe call or message them to make sure they are okay.

I will take this opportunity to also put in a plug for Nextdoor, which is a great resource during times like these to stay in touch with neighbors and know what is going on in our area. In addition to Nextdoor, our neighborhood also has a Facebook page, and you can find it at www.facebook.com/springharborneighborhood, and I will try to post updates and information to both Facebook and Nextdoor.



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After a 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**



18th, from 9 - 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 will need to be cleaned up for the season. Bring a pair of work gloves and any gardening tools you might want to use and join us to make our neighborhood a better place! If you have questions call or text Kim McBride at 608-628-8772.

Garlic Mustard Pull

Garlic Mustard is a nasty invasive weed that takes over native spring plants. Meet in **Spring Harbor Park from 9 - 11 am on Saturday, April 25**, to help rid our parks of this invasive weed! If you would prefer to clean up the Spring Harbor gardens bring your garden tools and don't forget your gloves! Volunteering is a great way to enjoy our parks and meet neighbors too! If you have any questions please call or text Kim McBride at 608-628-8772.

Your Neighborhood

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. Our activities include presentations by gardening experts, field trips, neighborhood planting projects, spring garlic mustard pull, 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. If interested in joining us, contact Susan Lauffer at 918-914-2088 or Shary Bisgard at 608-233-1238.

Weed Wrenches 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 woody plants with main stems up to one inch diameter, the other will pull stems up to two inches. Directions are provided. The Dandelion Puller will save your back; it is used in a standing position to pull and remove the entire plant. The Dandelion Puller is also helpful in removing other weeds with tap roots, such as individual thistles and burdock. Both the Weed Wrenches and the Dandelion Pullers will help to 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 either tool, please contact Rita Harris at 238-9169 or rharris9169@charter.net.

Take The 10-10-10-10 Garlic Mustard Seed Challenge

Pick your favorite spot in the public spaces in Spring Harbor Neighborhood and pull a 10x10 ft 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 parks. 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.

Kettle Pond Controlled Burn

Volunteers from the neighborhood are working to conduct a prescribed burn of a small area (0.15 acre) of prairie grasses in Kettle Pond Park. The City will provide notifications and burn permit from the Fire Department. Contact the Area's Director for the neighborhood association, if you know of any neighborhood concerns that might arise. We will work to keep smoke as minimal as possible. We would likely conduct the burn on a weekend in spring - when volunteers would be available.

And, if you know of anyone who'd be interested in volunteering with the burn or other stewardship in Kettle Pond, let me know. If you have any questions, I'm happy to discuss in person, or on the phone, contact, Josh, 608-469-8096, 5425 Dahlen Drive.

News From the Friends (FMS)....

Plaque

One of FMS's founding goals was "Raise consciousness of Native American spiritual significance of Merrill Spring". After consulting with Madison Parks and the Ho-Chunk, we've had a plaque made though Krause Monument in Reedsburg which will be installed on the large boulder near the cistern as soon as weather permits.



Spring Clean-Up – 50th Earth Day

With early winter weather, our fall cleanup was cancelled so we will have double duty to perform this spring. We are planning once again to partner with the Spring Harbor Middle Schoolers for the cleanup. We will be working in the park April 24. Stop by, thank the students – and grab a rake.

Clean-Up Info

Just a reminder that Parks has asked us, when cleaning at the park, to have just two piles (brush and everything else) and to put these piles outside the bollards. Also a reminder that it is illegal to put any yard waste/brush/leaves on park property.

Summer Solstice

Watch for signs in the park, or in the kiosk for more information regarding our yearly celebration in June at Merrill Spring Park.

Goals

This year we will be looking into another founding goal: shoreline restoration.

Board

We're always interested in hearing if others are interested in joining the board.

Contact us at: merrillsprings@gmail.com

PR: Don't forget to follow us on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Merrill-Spring-366885473435529>

Membership

Renewals for 2020 are now being accepted along with new memberships:

[Friend (\$10), Supporter(\$25) or Patron(\$50)]

Make checks out to "Friends of Merrill Spring" and sent to:

Friends of Merrill Spring
c/o Alice Erickson
5109 Spring Ct
Madison, WI 53705

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Just be safe, and limit your contact with others as much as possible, so just stay home if you can. In other news, we were planning our all-neighbor spring meeting for mid-April, but now with social gatherings being cancelled, will postpone our Spring Harbor spring meeting until early May, tentatively Thursday, May 7, and will plan to have it take place at the Spring Harbor Middle School, assuming they will be open. At our spring meeting, we will hopefully hear from someone on the topic of the F-35 fighter jets coming to Madison.

Check our website for a list of our current officers and directors. Any interest in running for any of the positions? Contact me at aaron.crandall@yahoo.com, and we need a new Area 4 Director.

Then, since I am on the topic of elections, I hope you remember(ed) to VOTE on April 7, and find/found our new polling location at Asbury Church to be more accessible than the middle school library. Watch our website, Facebook page, and Nextdoor for other events that we may plan for

later this spring or early into the summer, including possibly coordinating an all-neighborhood garage sale. Due to the coronavirus, we will NOT be hosting an egg hunt this year.

Be sure to continue practicing good hygiene habits, keep social distance while not closing yourself off from others, and stay home as much as you can. I look forward to seeing you all outside soon!

TRUAX F35 Controversy

Amy Kinast, SHNA neighbor

The U.S. Air Force and Wis. Air National Guard plan to intensify activities at Truax Field in Madison, WI. Informed citizens warn such changes are incompatible with city living.

The federal budget allocated \$30 million (later could jump to \$120 million) for demolition and construction associated with replacement of twenty F16 fighter jets with twenty F35s. The plans are being challenged by thousands of Madison residents while seemingly being given a pass by our mayor, county executive, and congressional delegation who have not come out in opposition (as of 3/14/20).

You might already hear and/or feel F16 takeoffs and landings. Truax is at the Dane Co. Regional Airport, which is a straight eight miles northeast of the Spring Harbor neighborhood. As lakeside homeowners already know, water amplifies sound, and only two miles separate Truax from the eastern shore of Lake Mendota.

F35 jets are from two to four times as loud as F16s. The number of flights would increase, too. As a result, more severe runway noise would compromise or make uninhabitable a quantity of Truax area residences roughly comparable to the number of mixed housing units in our entire Spring Harbor neighborhood (1200)!

The military is also resistant to cleaning up PFA contaminated ground at Truax. PFAs are "forever chemical" pollutants already found in Madison drinking water, in fish, and in waterways. Firefighting foam used on airport runways for decades have contained PFAs. Experts say digging will cause more hazardous releases. F35s are not metal like F16s, so dousing fires would require even heavier PFA use.

RESOURCE

safeskiescleanwaterwi.org
local opposition activist web site

I hope this edition of the SHNA Newsletter finds you and your family well and healthy in 2020. As I write this, Dane County has taken multiple actions to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Social distancing and minimizing travel can have a major impact in delaying the epidemic. Dane County is encouraging people to conduct business with County Departments via phone and email, where possible. This is a rapidly evolving situation. For the latest information, visit the CDC’s coronavirus website, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website, or the Public Health Madison & Dane County coronavirus page.

With spring elections, I’m honored to be entrusted with another two-year term to serve District 10.

2020 Budget Summary

On November 11, Dane County Board of Supervisors approved the 2020 county budget at their meeting. With an operating budget of \$593.7 million, and a capital budget at \$69.6 million, the county’s total budget for 2020 is \$663 million.

The proposed budget included \$1.25 million in new funds for mental health services in Dane County, adding to a base budget of over \$60 million. The County Board approved an additional \$1 million for the CJ Tubbs Fund for Hope, Healing, and Recovery designed to enhance community based mental health and addiction services. This budget also prioritizes affordable housing and homeless prevention services. The County Executive proposed \$3 million for the Affordable

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Call For Neighborhood Dark Skies

We can all agree that we live in a beautiful neighborhood. We border Lake Mendota, enjoy several parks and take pride in our mature trees. Unfortunately as our neighborhood grows so has its light pollution.

- Light pollution makes it harder to see the stars.
- Light pollution poses real threats to migratory birds.
- Insects are very sensitive to artificial light which can affect their mating rituals, ability to navigate and pollinate. Fireflies may be affected as they require darkness for mating.
- Nocturnal animals rely on darkness to find food and move about safely.
- Artificial light confuses the predictable rhythm of day and night.

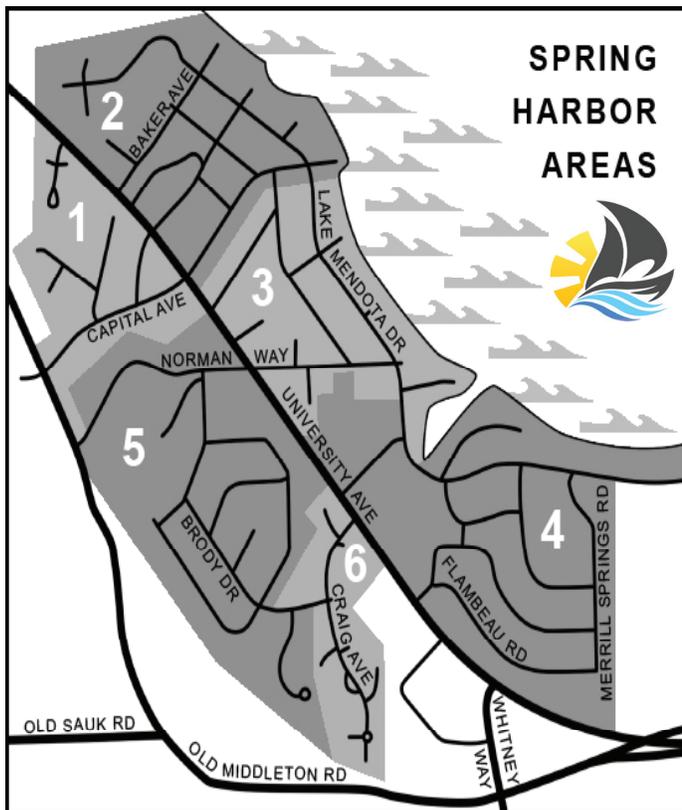
Of course safety is important in a city and appropriate lighting enables us to walk safely but poor lighting creates a false sense of security. There is no clear evidence that increased outdoor lighting deters crime and increases safety. Real security depends on the wise use of lighting, locked doors and windows.

- Eliminate lights where you don’t need them.
- Use timers to turn lights off after a certain hour.
- Use lower wattage LED bulbs, motion lights and baffled down lights for safety concerns.

Our neighborhood’s proximity to the lakes and parks makes it friendly to animals and insects. Please look around your home and assess where you can improve or eliminate outdoor lighting. Small and simple steps have an accumulative impact that is crucial to reducing light pollution and building communities that are healthier for all species!

New Polling Location for Spring Harbor (Ward 86)

The location of the polling site in the library of Spring Harbor Middle School has proved to be challenging for voters with mobility issues. As a result, the city clerk's office has designated Asbury Methodist Church at 6101 University Avenue as the new polling place for Ward 86. The church is located next to Cress Funeral Home, just East of the intersection of University Avenue and Allen Boulevard. Spring Harbor residents will receive a post card before the next election in 2020 informing them of the change. The church is easily accessible and there is plenty of parking. Any questions or concerns can be addressed to Alder Keith Furman – district19@cityofmadison.com.



Spring Harbor Board and Meetings

You are welcome to attend the monthly SHNA Board of Directors' meeting held on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Dale Heights Presbyterian Church. If attending, be sure to check our Web site 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.

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Housing Development Fund, and the County Board added \$1 million to this amount. The County Board also included \$1.3 million for the Salvation Army's efforts to develop a mixed use project including a family shelter, a women's shelter, a pay-to-stay shelter, medical respite shelter, supportive service center, and residential housing units on the property on East Washington Avenue in Madison.

One post-budget item, the County has hired a contractor to begin dredging operations on the Yahara River, specifically to remove bottom sediment in the channel section between Lake Monona and Lake Waubesa. Removing blockages in the river's main channel was needed to help move water through the Madison chain of lakes more quickly to reduce shoreline flooding.

In a nod to their long-term commitment to look at the intersection of behavioral health and criminal justice, the Dane County Criminal Justice Council (CJC) applied for and has been awarded a grant from the National Association of Counties. The grant will provide Dane County with technical assistance on ways to provide support for individuals with mental illness who also are involved with the criminal justice system. Approaches will

focus on a racial and ethnic disparities framework.

Nationally, it is estimated that 2 million annual jail admissions involve a person with a serious mental illness. In Dane County, 46% of jail inmates received a mental health diagnosis according to the Dane County Behavioral

Health Needs Assessment completed in 2019. The County Justice Peer Learning Network will run from January 2020 to June 2021.

If you have interest in specific Dane County projects, please contact me at levin.jeremy@co.dane.wi.us or call me at 608.577.9335.

Water Quality Measurements & Observations Spring Harbor Beach, 2019

Water reporting by Nancy Ellison published by Clean Lakes Alliance, December 20, 2019

Parameter	Spring Harbor Beach	Mendota	Monona	Wingra	Waubesa	Kegonsa
Number of lake condition reports, 2019	14	776	574	137	254	252
Number of lake condition reports, 2018	41	968	730	145	410	352
Average Water temperature	72.9F	72F	74.4F	75.6F	72.6F	74.2F
Reports of plant debris	9	382	230	47	65	113
Reports of "Good" quality	8	412	286	85	89	114
Reports of waterfowl presence	2	306	287	29	52	85

Table 1 provides a summary of Spring Harbor Beach reported conditions throughout the summer. Total counts for select visual observations are also included for each lake to provide a method for comparison. Using past individual reports provided by Clean Lakes Alliance.

Water Clarity Summary

Parameters	Spring Harbor Beach	Mendota	Monona	Wingra	Waubesa	Kegonsa
Average Clarity, 2019	93 cm	89 cm	82 cm	74 cm	85 cm	81 cm
Average Clarity, 2018	87 cm	93 cm	103 cm	79 cm	100 cm	77 cm
% reports at max. clarity, 2019	46 %	14 %	7 %	3 %	20 %	13 %
% reports at max. clarity, 2018	20,6 %	6 %	24 %	4 %	31 %	14 %

Table 2. Summary of nearshore clarity conditions. Average clarity is weighted and calculated from May 1 - September 30, 2019

NOTE: 2019 minimum temperature on Yahara Lakes was 48 F; Maximum was 88.2 F

SHNA Bulletin Board Wanted: YOU!

Neighborhood students aged 12 to 18 are needed to mow lawns, shovel snow, stack wood, water plants, lay mulch, walk dogs, cat sit and babysit. If you know of someone who would be willing to do these types of jobs, please contact Barb Schultz-Becker at 608-232-1810, or email jhbbsb@gmail.com to be listed in the next SHNA Newsletter Bulletin Board. Barb would also be happy to talk to you about the process of screening potential employers. Adam and Paul Becker got to know a number of our neighbors with whom they still have a relationship, while making some good cash. We recommend making yourself available or your student available for this service.

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 _____

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____ email _____



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