



# 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

Hello again neighbors and friends! Spring has sprung yet again, and I cannot wait to see everyone outside enjoying the nice weather soon! With the arrival of spring comes our annual spring "All Neighborhood Meeting," for everyone in the Spring Harbor area to come together and participate in our neighborhood governance. The date of our All Neighborhood Meeting is Tuesday, April 17, starting at 7 PM, in the library of Spring Harbor Middle School (upstairs). Be sure to file your taxes before coming to our meeting!

At this year's meeting, we will hear from the Director of the Clean Lakes Alliance, James Tye, who will be speaking to us about the status of our lakes in Madison and ways we can help care for them. Along with hearing from our guest speaker, you will also hear reports from your Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association committee chairs and we will also hold elections for our neighborhood association leadership candidates, see top of next column).

Again, all neighbors are welcome and encouraged to attend to All Neighborhood Meeting on Tuesday, April 17, at 7 PM, and if you are not currently a member of the neighborhood association, you are encouraged to join and participate (it's only \$10 to join). Note: Only current SHNA members can vote at the meeting.

\*Please contact Aaron Crandall at (608) 294-9505 or aaron.crandall@yahoo.com if you are interested in running for any of the positions listed. Final nominations will also be accepted at the meeting, prior to voting. Our regularly scheduled board meetings occur the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7 pm, at Dale Heights Presbyterian Church on University Avenue.

## Slate of Candidates

President:	Aaron Crandall
Vice President:	Giovanna Jeffries
Treasurer:	Bill Fitzpatrick
Secretary:	Mary Beth Dunning
Area 1: Liz Freitick	Area 4: Kim McBride
Area 2: Jussi Snellman	Area 5: Barb Schultz-Becker
Area 3: Joan Martin	Area 6: Stan Fuka

## Neighborhood

### Neighborhood Clean-up

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 14th, 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 needs 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 21, 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 628-8772.

*Thank You*  
FOR YOUR HELP

**Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association invites you to be active in your Community .....JOIN US, see page 6**

# Your Neighborhood

## **Indian Hills Garden Club Potluck and Program**



Join us for our 2018 potluck  
Monday, April 23rd at 6 p.m.

Dale Heights Church, 5501 University Avenue

We are thrilled to have David Mladenoff, Professor, Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology from UW-Madison as our speaker.

Questions? Email Inez Brunner at [inezbrunner@gmail.com](mailto:inezbrunner@gmail.com)

## **History Corner**

Spring Harbor Middle School was designed by William Kaeser and constructed in 1958. The building was an elementary school until the summer of 1979. The first principal was A. Kermit Frater. Don Haugen was principal until the school was closed by the Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD). Mr. Haugen's wife Bev (Stark) grew up in the neighborhood. The Madison Business College occupied the building from 1980-1994. In 1996, MMSD opened the middle school, which has an environmental science focus. Kaeser also designed Dale Heights Presbyterian Church.



An addition to the front of the school was completed in late 2017/early 2018. The addition includes an elevator to improve accessibility to the second floor and a more secure main entrance, which included moving the school offices to the first floor.

## **Madison Annual Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sale**

This is the year to join the tens of thousands of area households that have already participated in the annual Madison Compost Bin and Rain Barrel event.

When it comes to easy, cost-effective ways to lessen your impact on the planet, rain barrels and compost bins provide an eco one-two for your home! Harvesting rainwater for your plants saves money and reduces stormwater run-off into local waterways. And rather than sending more stuff to

the landfill, compost bins will help you create nutrient rich soil by turning yard waste and food scraps into organic fuel for the garden.



Compost bins, and 50 and 100 gallon rain barrels with diverters, are available at discounted prices on Saturday, May 12th, at the Alliant Energy Center north parking lot from 10am - 2pm. This annual event is open to residents and non-residents of Madison. Supplies are limited, so pre-ordering is strongly recommended. Pre-order online before May 1st with the promo code MAD18 and save an additional \$10 off. For more information visit <http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/compost/CompostBinSale.cfm> or order directly from [www.rainreserve.com/madison](http://www.rainreserve.com/madison)

# Your Neighborhood



**Summer Solstice:** This June we will hold our 3rd Summer Solstice Celebration down at the park. Due to the generosity of one of our anonymous donors, once again we will have Elmore Lawson leading a fabulous drum circle! Elmore provides the drums and direction, we provide our own rhythm. Come join us for cake and fun and a short business meeting for our yearly elections. We don't have the exact date yet but watch for a sign with details at Merrill Spring Park in June.

**Merrill Spring Park Kiosk:** FMS has raised the funds needed for the kiosk (thanks to all our donors and members). We have the design and the black locust supplier, unfortunately as this newsletter goes out, our carpenter has just resigned. Our black locust supplier has offered to do it in-house and give us a bid which we are awaiting. If this doesn't pan out we will be on the hunt for another carpenter. If anyone has recommendations, please leave a message for Alice at 238-7078. Our target date has moved and we hope to have the kiosk in place for our summer solstice celebration.

**Park Upgrades:** The removable bollards (to prevent cars from entering the park) were ordered last fall but did not arrive in time for fall installation. We look forward to seeing if Madison Parks can get them installed before summer.

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## Spring Harbor Board and Meetings

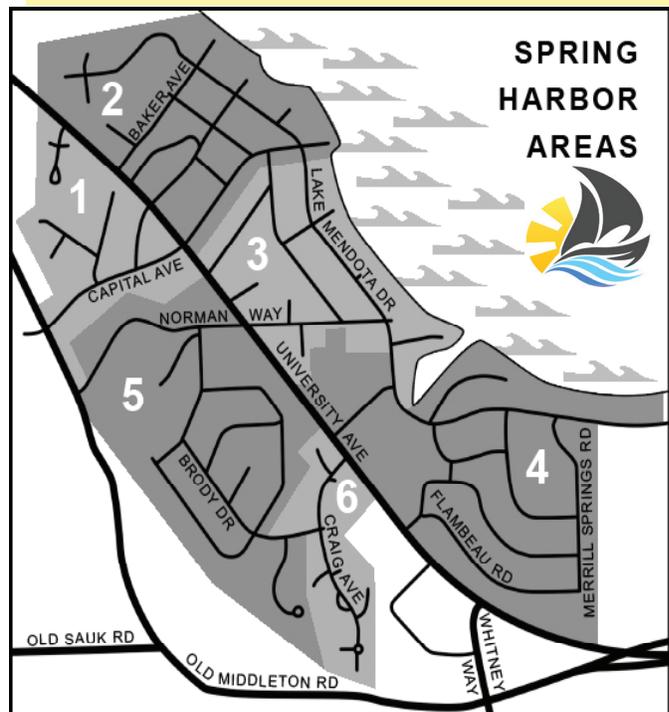
You are welcome to attend the monthly SHNA Board of Directors' meeting, held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Dale Heights Presbyterian Church. If attending, be sure to check our website at [www.SpringHarborOnline.com](http://www.SpringHarborOnline.com) to confirm the date, time and 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
Vice President	Giovanna Jeffries	238-1991
Treasurer	Bill Fitzpatrick	233-3584
Secretary	Mary Beth Dunning	238-4598
Past President	Janet Loewi	238-2626

### Area Directors

Area 1	Liz Freitick	238-2988
Area 2	Jussi Snellman	238-7022
Area 3	Joan Martin	239-8408
Area 4	Kim McBride	238-8819
Area 5	Barbara Schultz-Becker	232-1810
Area 6	Stan Fuka	236-4229



**What Happens in Spring Harbor is What's in Well 14**  
*...and what happens in well 14 is BIGGER than Spring Harbor*

Well 14 is at the corner of University Avenue and Flambeau in Indian Hills. The well pumps over 2 million gallons of drinking water a day to Madison's westside neighborhoods of Spring Harbor, Glen Oak Hills, Hill Farms, Sunset Village, Regent, Dudgeon-Monroe, and Vilas. Well 14 also serves the Village of Shorewood Hills and parts of the UW campus.

Well 14 is contaminated with road salt. Those with high blood pressure or on sodium restricted diets are at risk because current levels exceed the recommended daily sodium intake. Water from the well reached critical chloride contamination levels in 2016. The taste of salt is noticeable now to some residents. Sodium and chloride concentrations in the wells have doubled since 2000. If nothing changes in the next 10 years, the salty taste will make it hard to drink and the well will need expensive reconstruction.

Madison's Water Utility has set aside \$125,000 in 2018 to look at alternatives—everything from reconstructing the well to on-site desalination to abandoning the well entirely. Last summer a study of Well 14's water quality problems identified some potential sources of salt, including the most likely source, the storm sewer outlet at Lake Mendota Drive. In order to examine this further, the Water Utility installed two monitoring wells in Spring Harbor Park in December 2017. One monitoring well is toward Lake Mendota Drive (North) and the other is location more toward University Avenue (South). The City is monitoring sodium and chloride concentrations in the wells for 18 months.

The EPA recommended drinking water guideline is 250 mg/L for chloride and 60 mg/L for sodium. This guideline is based on taste, not health effects.

Well 14 Monitoring Wells-Spring Harbor Park		
Sampling Date: 2/14/2018		
	Chloride mg/L	Sodium mg/L
North	160	57
South	200	91
Spring Flow	130	66

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/water/projects/road-salt-study-at-well-14>

What we do in Spring Harbor matters to Well 14. More than half of our neighborhood is in what is called the “10-year capture zone”. This means that what we put on our roads, driveways, and parking lots likely ends up in Well 14 in less than 10 years. Contaminants in the stormwater outlet that flows into Spring Harbor might reach the well within 2 years. Salt doesn't just affect our drinking water—concentrations are rising in Lake Mendota and nearby springs.



**Dane County Board Report—District 10**  
**Supervisor Jeremy Levin**

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

In November, the Dane County Board of Supervisors approved an operating budget for 2018: \$538.1 million operating budget and a \$114.9 million capital budget that includes a \$76 million jail consolidation project — the most expensive project in county history. It would eliminate the use of solitary confinement for people with mental illnesses, provide space for education and separate juvenile offenders from adult inmates, which is required by federal mandate, and consolidate three different facilities under one roof. As part of its ongoing commitment to reform the criminal justice system, Dane County officials are using budgeted funds to identify and respond to adults with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders to keep them out of jail. Part of that involves using Sequential Intercept Mapping or "SIM" to identify existing community resources, service gaps and opportunities for improved service coordination and communication between mental health,

substance abuse, and criminal justice professionals.

The budget will also direct money toward a new parental leave policy and imposes a vehicle registration fee later this year as a way to keep up on road maintenance that has fallen short because of the State share not keeping pace.

In 2018, the County will continue to look forward at a comprehensive master plan for the Alliant Energy Center (AEC) campus. The County will look to reuse the former Messner property along East Washington Avenue. "Valor on Washington" is a proposed partnership between the County, Gorman and Co. and Dryhootch, a Madison based non-profit that works to help veterans reconnect to their community. The 64 units project will include a mix of affordable and market rate rents with 2 and 3 bedrooms targeting families. There will be a preference for veterans for all units. This project was approved at our March 15th meeting.

If you are interested in any Dane County projects or initiatives, please contact me at levin.jeremy@co.dane.wi.us or call me at 608.577.9335.

**Friends of Merrill Springs**  
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**Earth Day Clean-up:** This year for our spring cleanup we are collaborating with Jen Levesque's Language Arts classes at Spring Harbor Middle School. The students have been coming down to the park throughout the year to enjoy and to write about the spring. Now the students will come armed with tools, waders and get up and go and FMS will direct them on tidying up the park and cistern for summer. Thanks middle schoolers!

PR: Don't forget to follow us on Facebook. And check out the log book at the park. We had some great entries this year.

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

To join or renew your membership for 2018—

- Friend(\$10)
- Supporter(\$25)
- 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**



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 \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Planning and Development \_\_\_\_\_
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  - School Gardens \_\_\_\_\_