

Spring Harbor News

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Welcome!

Every year, summer in the Spring Harbor Neighborhood is heralded by bursts of color in our flower beds and lots of activity in our parks. We are fortunate to have several flower beds in our parks, tended by volunteers, as well as beautiful gardens in neighbors' yards. Our newest garden, planted just last year, is the "turtle" garden at the intersection of Spring Court and Lake Mendota Drive. This garden not only beautifies a neglected street island, but helps the health of Lake Mendota with an improved drainage system to catch the sediment coming down the hill towards the garden. This project was spearheaded by Faith Fitzpatrick and executed with the help of dozens of other neighborhood residents.

Also last year, the stonework at Merrill Spring was repaired and restored. Both of these projects were made possible by your donations to the neighborhood association and funding from the City of Madison. The turtle garden also received funding from Dane County. In addition, our neighborhood garden projects would not be possible without the generous support of the Indian Hills Garden Club. The garden club's hugely successful plant sale each spring has provided funding for neighborhood gardens as well as projects at the middle school. Garden club members are some of the most energetic volunteers in our parks. From the SHNA board, heartfelt thanks to these neighbors!

You may have seen the huge pile of brush across from Spring Harbor Middle School last month. The middle school students, under the leadership of science teacher Dave Ropa, celebrated Earth Day by working all day in the park removing buckthorn and garlic mustard. Mr. Ropa is a member of the SHNA Natural Resources Committee, which is moving

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Springer's Rain Garden

Springer the turtle once lived in Spring Harbor Park but one day the springs in the park dried up. He and his older brothers and sisters had to find a new place to live. Springer's brother and sisters moved to Lake Mendota, but Springer, being the smallest, couldn't go into the big lake. Instead, he ventured over to this rain garden. He has lived here all his life and now that he is grown up he is ready to make his way to Merrill Spring and join his brother and sisters along the shores of Lake Mendota.

Join the 4th Party and Parade



Will it be your first 4th of July in the Spring Harbor Neighborhood or your 54th celebration in Spring Harbor Park? In either case, you are invited to join your neighbors at the park for our annual parade and picnic.

Kids with decorated bikes, trikes, and wagons should gather on Sunday, July 4th, near the corner of Tomahawk Trail and Merrill Springs Road. The parade begins at 11:00 and heads toward the park for games and prizes for everyone. A potluck picnic begins at noon. SHNA provides pop-sicles, pizza, brats, hot dogs, and orange drink. Neighbors are asked to bring a dish to pass and your own plates, drinks, utensils, and blankets or chairs.

This year some of our long time volunteers will be out of town so we need a few more people to help. Please help with a small task like picking up donated food, decorating in the park, or helping with the games. Please contact Sally Miley at 233-6219 or ssmiley1@charter.net. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on the 4th!

Your Neighborhood

Indian Hills Garden Club Plant Sale Success

The sixth annual Indian Hills Garden Club plant sale on May 8 was a grand success despite chilly and windy weather conditions. The sale netted more than \$2,300, more than we've ever before earned. With this amount, we can do a lot to help restore our parks: Spring Harbor, Kettle Pond, Merrill Springs, Indian Hills, the Turtle Triangle, and other projects that enhance and beautify our neighborhood and city.

The plant sale takes a great deal of work which couldn't be done without the effort of our garden club members and others who helped make our sale this year such a success. Thanks also to all of you who came to the sale and supported us by purchasing our home-grown plants for your gardens.

Borrow A Weed Wrench

The Indian Hills Garden Club has purchased two Weed Wrenches for neighborhood residents to use to remove invasive trees and shrubs from their property. The smaller Wrench will remove plants with main stems up to one inch diameter. The other will pull stems up to two inches. Both are easy to use and very effective. Directions for use are included. If you'd like to borrow one of these tools, please contact Rita Harris at 238-9169 or rharris9169@charter.net

Our Public Spaces

Be sure to take advantage of the wonderful weather by enjoying our neighborhood parks and right of way areas:

- Spring Harbor Park
- Boat Launch and Beach
- Kettle Pond Conservation Park
- Indian Hills Park
- Merrill Springs Park
- Lakeshore Courts



LIFE'S A BEACH!

Enjoy our neighborhood beach (1918 Norman Way) with the added safety of a lifeguard daily from

12:30 pm until 4:30 pm starting June 12. It's a great benefit to the neighborhood to have this safe way to enjoy the lakes' sun and sand.

Transportation Committee

The SHNA Transportation Committee is engaged in the public process leading to the reconstruction of University Avenue scheduled for 2011 by working with our elected representatives, city staff and the consultants to ensure the new roadway will meet our needs. Past experience has shown the greater the number of residents who come out to support or oppose measures for any redevelopment, the more likely the outcome will be in the residents' favor. Thus, the committee highly encourages you to attend the future public meetings regarding University Avenue; sign up for email notification on our neighborhood website: www.springharboronline.com By signing up you will be automatically notified of future SHNA Transportation Committee meetings as we review the consultants' recommendations for the reconstruction project.

Finally, the committee is always looking for members to help address all transportation needs and issues in the neighborhood. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact the chair, Shary Bisgard, at 233-1238 or via email at sharybisgard@charter.net



Please Drive Slowly

Earlier this spring, one of our neighbors was crossing the street with her child in a stroller at the intersection of Spring Harbor Drive and University Avenue. She was forced to dodge a speeding car making a left turn onto University Avenue. It was a very frightening experience for her, as it would be for anyone.

Obviously, we can't reach people who don't live in our neighborhood with this newsletter message. However, for those of us who live here, please remember to drive cautiously through our neighborhood streets. It matters; our quality of life is diminished when a speeding driver ignores safety and courtesy to others. Please check your speedometer regularly on neighborhood streets to ensure you are traveling near the speed limit and remember that in racing to make a green light, you may be endangering pedestrians or bikers using the same roadway.

Art Cart at Spring Harbor Park



Monday, June 21 from
5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Thursday, July 29 from
9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

The Art Cart is a free traveling art program that provides creative, outdoor art-making experiences to children ages 3+ and their families. It's co-sponsored by the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art (MMoCA) and MSCR. Groups larger than 8 are limited to one visit per summer, and MUST pre-register by calling 608-204-3021. For questions regarding weather, please call 204-3021.

The Art Cart's complete schedule can be found at: <http://www.mmoca.org/events/eventdetails/artcart/documents/09ArtCartschedul.pdf>

Many Thanks To...

.....Spring Harbor Middle School Students

Much activity happened at the Spring Harbor Park this spring, mostly due to a massive undertaking by Spring Harbor Middle School science teacher David Ropa and the entire student body to pull buckthorn and garlic mustard. We are finally putting a dent in the problem. Much thanks to those efforts, combined with volunteers from Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association and Indian Hills Garden Club. Our next steps are to continue with the invasive removal and replant with native understory plants, shrubs, and trees. The restoration committee is working with the SHNA Transportation Committee to make sure that any re-vegetative plans include changes that might come from the University Avenue planned road reconstruction activities.

City Parks would also like to remind individual volunteers that come in to pull buckthorn or garlic mustard to abide by the local rules for curbside brush pickup-4 ft lengths max with trunks pointing toward the curb, and for the garlic mustard put in bags marked clearly as garlic mustard. Please haul what you pull to curbside, preferably along Spring Harbor Drive.



buckthorn

If you'd like to become part of the vegetation restoration neighborhood committee for this project, please contact Faith Fitzpatrick at 233-3584 or faithfitz@sbcglobal.net.

....Those Making our Neighborhood Better

The 2010 SHNA spring neighborhood clean-up resulted in lots of trash removed from our streets and green spaces. Volunteers on two successive Saturdays uprooted hundreds of garlic mustard plants and deposited them in bags in Spring Harbor Park and Kettle Pond Conservation Park. Jeanette Tierney and Kim McBride each worked more than 3 hours cleaning up the winter debris from the gardens at Spring Harbor.

Other volunteers who deserve our thanks, some of whom volunteered on more than one day: Bill and Faith Fitzpatrick, Peter Shaheen, Kathy Anderson, Kim McBride, Liz Freitick, Darin Burleigh, Carrie Dellinger and her two children, Mary Thompson, Tracy Williams, Mark Miller, Shary Bisgard, Candy Schrank, David Anderson, Mary Beth Dunning, Frederick Hanson, Tamara England, Bernie Tennis and Sally and Charles Miley. Alice and Dave Erickson mulched the Merrill Springs path.

Also a big thank you to all of you unrecognized volunteers who have picked up trash and pulled up garlic mustard plants whenever you've had a few minutes to spare for the task!

Volunteers definitely make our neighborhood a better place. Thanks so much for your help.

.....Dale Heights

Presbyterian Church

Thanks to Dale Heights Church on University Avenue for its ongoing welcome to members of the SHNA, for meetings and other community activities held at the church. We're very fortunate to have the church in our neighborhood helping to provide a sense of community.

(Welcome cont'd from page 1) ahead this year with more aggressive removal of invasive plants in the wooded area of Spring Harbor Park. When the woods are opened up, we will be able to enjoy native woodland plants again.

This year we have two other issues of great importance that require our attention. The reconstruction of University Avenue from Segoe Road to Allen Boulevard in 2011 and the proposed redevelopment of the Erdman property at Whitney Way and University Avenue will both impact our neighborhood for years to come. The SHNA Transportation Committee, led by Chair Shary Bisgard and Vice-Chair Jackie Csedo, developed a set of recommendations for the neighborhood to present to the city on the University Avenue reconstruction and continues to monitor the city's plans to make sure our voice is heard. We have an ad-hoc committee to frame our response to the Erdman proposal. This committee is chaired by Janet Loewi and Shary Bisgard. These committees will be busy throughout the summer.

Get involved with these committees, our parks projects, one of our other neighborhood committees, or the neighborhood association board, we welcome your help! There are also opportunities to help out with an event or project. Right now, we need help with the neighborhood Fourth of July picnic. Find more information about volunteering and membership in SHNA in this newsletter. Thank you!

Get Involved!

Find Information—To get neighborhood news and event reminders, sign up for email at <http://www.springharboronline.com> (This list is not used for discussion.)

University Ave—Reconstruction is scheduled for 2011 and planning is ongoing NOW. To get in your 2 cents, contact the transportation committee: Shary Bisgard (233-1238; sharybisgard@charter.net)

Halloween Party at Spring Harbor—if you are a Halloween enthusiast, we need your help to be coordinator. If you can donate some adult supervision for, set-up, planning, or a special activity (like running a door prize raffle or face painting), we would love to have you involved. Contact Sally Miley (ssmiley1@charter.net)

4th of July—To volunteer for the Fourth of July party, contact Sally Miley (ssmiley1@charter.net)

Join a Committee—To join, contact the individuals below: Transportation: Shary Bisgard (233-1238; sharybisgard@charter.net) Natural Resources: Faith Fitzpatrick (233-3584; faithfitz@sbcglobal.net) Zoning and Redevelopment: Kim McBride (238-8819) History: Ann Sowaske (238-7903)

Free Roaming and Lost Cat Resources

Freely roaming cats face hazards such as being hit by cars, fights with strays, dogs, other wild animals (coyotes and foxes), exposure to diseases and parasites. Cats also are a nuisance in neighborhood gardens, sandboxes, and are a factor in the decline of native songbirds. Additionally, a free roaming cat with no tag or microchip can be picked up as a stray by Madison Animal Control. Animal Control/Humane Society only holds a cat for 7 days. After that period, in the best case the cat can be placed for adoption, and in the worst case, euthanized (1 pet every 8 seconds according to the Humane Society of the US).



If you see an unfamiliar animal that is skittish and afraid, it may be a stray or a feral cat. It is imperative to get this animal off the street. You can work with animal control or contact me, Inna Larsen, ivlarsen@wisc.edu, 236-0468. I can connect you with people who can help you live trap the cat. There are several programs in the Dane County area that will trap, sterilize/vaccinate and adopt stray/feral cats. Over 85% of the stray/feral cats that come to Friends of Ferals are adopted into indoor homes. Once these cats are rescued from the harsh life of the streets, they become friendly and loving companions. The truly unsocialized ferals, are sterilized vaccinated and rehomed to be barn mousers, with the landowner guaranteeing them food and shelter for life.

For more information on feral cats, including informational links, please check out springharboronline.com, "Newsletters and Other Articles".



Dale Heights Presbyterian Church & Korean Madison Sah-lang Church 5501 University Avenue (next to Brennans) Madison, WI 53705

<p><u>Dale Heights</u> Pastor Marilyn Gamm Phone: 608-233-0134 e-mail: dalehghts@sbcglobal.net www.daleheightspc.org</p>	<p><u>Sah-lang</u> Pastor Hong Lim Phone: 608-395-4205 e-mail: madison.sarang@gmail.com www.madisonsarang.org</p>
<p>Sunday Children-Friendly Worship 10 a.m. Sunday Church School 9 a.m. Wednesday Lunch Studies— Thrs Knitting/Crocheting Group— for more information see website</p>	<p>Sunday Worship 12:10 & 1:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship 7 p.m. Morning Prayer 6 a.m. Mon.-Fri. College Group 6 p.m. Fridays For more information see website or contact Pastor Lim</p>

Dane County Supervisor Report

Dear Friends,
Hope you are ready for summer. On the County Board, I represent you and your interests. Here's a quick update on what we have been working on together.



University Avenue

Thanks to all who attended the University Avenue meeting. We had great comments and staff is working to incorporate as many comments as possible. We also worked to get \$3.2 million in stimulus money to make the upgrades that are going on now, creating at least 32 jobs.

Creating Jobs with Clean Energy

With the shape of the economy, we need to do all we can to save money and jobs. Dane County, farmers and Clear Horizons are moving forward on a manure treatment facility to clean up 2500 cows and make energy for 2500 homes, creating 25 jobs.

Cleaning up our Lakes

Thanks for all your comments on the Yahara CLEAN lakes cleanup plan. We are working to finalize the plan by late June. In the meantime, we are testing beach cleanup booms to see if they will keep algae off our beaches. You can do your part by planting a raingarden to soak up rainwater. Let me know if you need help with this.

Great Raingarden!

Great job on the Turtle rain garden, Faith and everyone. The Girl Scout troop will win a Youth Water Champion Award for their help. Way to go!

I hope you have a good spring. Give me a call at 238-6070 or email Brett@Brett4us.org if I can serve you.

Brett

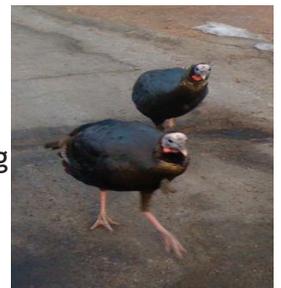
NEIGHBORHOOD WILD TURKEYS

Many of you may have seen the wild turkeys in our neighborhood. Unfortunately, as more houses are being built their natural habitat is disappearing. Urban parks and wooded neighborhoods such as ours also supply everything wild turkeys need. Wild turkeys scratch on the ground looking for insects and greens. They also love birdseed, especially sunflower seeds. They are drawn to neighborhoods with large mature trees, where they roost at night.

Turkeys are fun to watch and are not dangerous, but they do have occasional negative interactions with humans. Many have become acclimated to humans, which can create problems. Property owners often regrettably feed the birds to encourage them to stay. It is only after property is damaged, droppings accumulate, or residents are chased by aggressive males that they are considered a nuisance.

AVOID COMMON PROBLEMS

- Don't feed the turkeys. Feeding can cause turkeys to act tame and may lead to bold or aggressive behavior, especially in the breeding season.
- Keep bird feeder areas clean. Remove feeders in the spring, as there is plenty of natural food available for all birds.
- Don't let turkeys intimidate you. Don't hesitate to scare or threaten a bold, aggressive turkey with loud noises, swatting with a broom or water sprayed from a hose.
- A dog on a leash is also an effective deterrent. Physically harming a bird is not necessary and against the law.
- Cover windows or other reflective objects that turkeys may peck at.
- Protect your garden. Dogs tethered in a yard can be effective. Netting is another option to employ.
- Educate your neighbors. Pass this information along. It requires the efforts of the entire neighborhood to help keep wild turkeys wild.



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 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	Sally Miley	233-2976
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Area 4	Kim McBride	238-8819
Area 5	Greg Hull	443-9169
Area 6	Mary Beth Dunning	238-4598



University Avenue Reconstruction Planning for 2010

We've all been anxiously waiting for it: it's almost here! While the rebuilding of our section of University Avenue is planned for next summer, planning is under way now. The City and their consultants hosted an informational session on May 27 at which they outlined the current plans. Major changes include the rebuilding of all intersections, installing a median the length of the corridor, and limiting left turns as indicated on the map on the city's web site:

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/universityAvenue/segoeAllen.cfm>

Traffic exiting onto University Avenue at a spot not allowing left turns would need to turn right, then make a u-turn at the nearest opening.

City of Madison website: Proposed Improvements

The proposed project will reconstruct University Avenue from Allen Blvd. to Segoe Road to a 4-lane urban roadway with curb and gutter and raised medians. Sidewalk will be added on the south side of University Avenue and a multi-use path on the north side. On-street bike lanes will also be added. Improvements will be made at intersections for pedestrian access and safety. The water main, storm sewer and sanitary sewer systems will be upgraded as needed. Construction is planned for 2011.



Please contact our Alderperson, Mark Clear (district19@cityofmadison.com) along with our Transportation Committee Chair, Shary Bisgard (sharybisgard@charter.net) with comments and/or suggestions, which will be forwarded on to the traffic engineers and consultants.



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 \$5.00 per household; please consider a donation as well.

Please make checks out to SHNA

Membership Dues \$ _____
 Donation, unrestricted \$ _____
 Donation, neighborhood parks \$ _____
 Merrill Springs/Rain Garden \$ _____
 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 _____
 - Zoning and Redevelopment _____