



# 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

## Don't Miss the 4th of July Picnic and Parade!

Bikes, Banners, Brats & Hot Dogs are some of the favorite things that make a special 4th of July in Spring Harbor Neighborhood. Join your neighbors at Spring Harbor Park for the traditional neighborhood parade and picnic. Kids with decorated bikes, trikes, strollers and wagons should gather on Monday, July 4th, near the corner of Tomahawk Trail and Merrill Springs Road. The parade begins at 11:00 and heads toward Spring Harbor Park for fun games and prizes for everyone. We hope to enjoy beautiful weather on the 4th, as we have for many recent years. There is no rain date.

A potluck picnic begins at noon. SHNA and generous local businesses provide popsicles, 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. Some of our long time volunteers are not able to attend this year so we need a few more people

to help. Please volunteer to assist with a small task like picking up donated food, decorating the park, or helping with the games.

For many years the historic Shorewood Hills Fire Truck has led the parade, and fireworks provide entertainment at dusk over Blackhawk Golf Course. Your contributions are welcome and can be given at the picnic for donations to the Shorewood Hills EMS and Fire Association who provide for these activities.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Jeanette Tierney at 608-354-5336 or [Jeanette.tierney@gmail.com](mailto:Jeanette.tierney@gmail.com). Thank you and we look forward to seeing you

**on the 4th!**



## Thank You Volunteers

Thank you to all who showed up to help in the annual neighborhood clean-up and garlic mustard pull! The weather was wonderful for both events and the participation was high! We concentrated the clean-up in our parks and along University Ave, along with the underpass and bike path. Other volunteers cleaned up under the Spring Harbor Park sign. We even had a gentleman outside the neighborhood clean up around the boat landing where he fishes!

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*From SHNA President*  
**Aaron Crandall**

Hello Spring Harbor neighbors, and let us all welcome summer! I love our neighborhood for how green everything is, and how beautiful so many of your yards are, with wonderful flowers and other plantings. We have a wonderful neighborhood, and summer is our time to shine. With the warmer weather now here, the neighborhood will be hosting several events coming up in the near future, so stay tuned and see other articles in this newsletter for more details on some of our upcoming events. A great way to stay up-to-date on events and



activities in our neighborhood is to "like" our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/spring-harborneighborhood](http://www.facebook.com/spring-harborneighborhood).

We had a good turnout at our general membership meeting back in April, saying farewell to our longtime neighbor Sherry Bisgard, and hearing about volunteer opportunities in our parks. At that meeting, we also elected a few new members to the Spring Harbor board, so welcome Liz Freitick as our new Area 1 Director, and Jussi Snellman as our new Area 2 Director. Since our membership meeting in April, the board has met several times and we have mostly discussed and heard presentations

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### **Thank you Volunteers cont'd**

Work also took place in the Kettle Pond area. We also had a young couple from outside our neighborhood volunteer to pull as they missed there neighborhood garlic mustard pull! The garlic mustard pull work centered around the eastern and southern dog park sides of Spring Harbor Park. That area was recently rid of other invasives so garlic mustard concentration was high. A special thanks goes out to all those individuals who participated as well as all those who were accidentally omitted or worked on their own!

### **Neighborhood Clean-Up:**

Doug Pahl	James Kmet
Karen La Valley	Joanne Rowe
Sarah Congdon	Barry Rowe
Mary Beth Dunning	Nancy Ellison
Kim McBride	Silke Schmidt
Jerry Nickles	Tammo Phaneuf
Bill Fitzpatrick	Finja Phaneuf
Mark D. Miller	

### **Garlic Mustard Pull:**

Kim McBride	Tamara England
Richard Rehm	Geke de Vries
Kem Highfill	Lillian Tong
Linda Layman	Bernie Tennis
Mary Beth Dunning	Jennifer Steurer
Kathy Anderson	Joseph Lirer
Faith Fitzpatrick	Kathy Schlimgen

### **New Bicycle Advocacy Group Launches**

If you didn't see the Capital Times article in early June, a new bicycle advocacy group recently started in Madison, called Madison Bikes. The group is made up of local bicycle "heavyweights," and they are all committed to making Madison even a better, and safer, place to bike. See [www.madisonbikes.org](http://www.madisonbikes.org) for their website, and be sure to signup/join today. You can also find them on Facebook and Twitter.

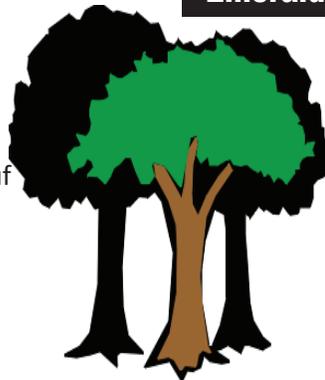
"Madison Bikes envisions a city where anyone can ride a bicycle conveniently and comfortably to any place in the city and neighboring communities year round."

### **From the SHNA President cont'd**

on planned development in our neighborhood, on a couple projects on or near the lake. Thank you to Herman Felstehausen for all his efforts on staying on top of the developments in and around our neighborhood, and I'd encourage you to read his article on the Hill Farms development.

Please feel free to contact me at [aaron.crandall@yahoo.com](mailto:aaron.crandall@yahoo.com) or 608-294-9505 if you have issues, concerns, or ideas for the neighborhood. Well, happy gardening, weeding, and other fun outdoor adventures this summer, and enjoy your newsletter!

### **Emerald Ash Borer and Spring Harbor Parks**



Last winter the Forestry Section of the City of Madison began marking ash trees in our neighborhood parks and terraces with a yellow dot to signify that the trees will be pre-emptively removed due to the emerald ash borer infestation that is hitting our area. If an ash tree is located in a City Park, is more than 10 inches in diameter, and still in good condition, it is potentially adoptable. Local residents

that are interested in protecting the trees can work with City officials and licensed contractors to chemically treat selected trees.

We've requested adopting several trees in Spring Harbor Park and boat ramp, one tree in Merrill Spring Park, and up to three trees in Indian Hills Park. These trees are key shade trees that we'd hate to lose. Trees already marked with a yellow dot, and also have a blue dot at their bottom means that they are under review by City Parks.

There are neighbors that have expressed interest in adopting a tree or two for chemical treatment. Please read the City Parks web site for more details: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/forestry/EAB/Adopta-ParkTree.cfm>. If interested in adoption, please contact Faith Fitzpatrick ([faithfitz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:faithfitz@sbcglobal.net)), as she is keeping a list for Spring Harbor Park, Indian Hills Park, and Merrill Spring Park.

## Labor Day Jazz at Spring Harbor

The Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association is proud to sponsor our end of summer jazz concert on Labor Day (September 5) from 4 to 6 p. m. Plan to bring a lawn chair or blanket and your family to relax and enjoy the music. The show will be a family friendly event with selections for all ages and even magic tricks. Neighborhood residents, John Becker and Jon Vriesacker with friends Laurie Lang and Chris Sandoval will perform.

We hope to use the Spring Harbor Middle School Greenhouse space—outdoors, weather permitting, indoors if the weather does not cooperate. Please check the SHNA website prior to the concert to confirm the performance venue.



The following are short bios of each of the musicians. We look forward to seeing you at the Labor Day jazz concert.

- John Becker is a songwriter, pianist, percussionist, recording artist, vocalist and educator. He works as an elementary music teacher for the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District. His recordings are Time Stands Still and Are You in a Band?
- Laurie Lang, bassist, is an advocate for jazz music through the Madison Music Collective and the Improvisational Music Workshop. Laurie has recorded Beautiful Friendship and Winter: A Joyful Peace and is on Becker's Time Stands Still.
- Jon Vriesacker, violinist, is a member of the Madison Symphony Orchestra and also plays jazz, bluegrass and other improvised styles. Jon played on Academy Award winning Best Song "Al Otro Lado del Rio" from the movie The Motorcycle Diaries and can be heard on recordings with Willy Porter, Freddy Johnston, and Garbage.
- Chris Sandoval, percussionist, is originally from San Francisco and currently resides in Middleton. He has toured with internationally known performing acts and has played with Jorge Santana and Huey Lewis.



### **Friends of Merrill Spring (FMS) Summer Solstice Celebration**

Monday June 20 from 7 to 8 pm at Merrill Springs Park – NO RAIN DATE - (street parking is limited). Come join the Friends of Merrill Spring at their kickoff event to celebrate the arrival of summer. Around the world, since ancient times, people have marked the longest day of the year with a variety of celebrations and for different reasons. Some historians believe Stonehenge may have been built to establish this longest day for use in organizing their calendars. In ancient China, summer ceremonies to celebrate the Earth, femininity and 'yin' complemented the winter solstice celebrations of the heavens, masculinity and 'yang'. In current times celebrations have varied from Iceland's three day Secret Solstice Midnight Sun Music Festival to New York City's day long yoga event.

Summer Solstice is a time to revel in the warmth of the sun after a long Wisconsin winter, a time to celebrate the beauty of Merrill Springs Park, and a time to enjoy the company of neighbors in Spring Harbor. The Friends will be providing cake and lemonade to mark this event. Stop by for refreshments and enjoy the lakeside view. As a special treat, a sun related singalong led by musician Nancy Vedder-Shults will begin at 7:20 followed by the Madison Cashel Dennehy Irish Dancers performing a Ceili dance at 7:30. We hope to see you there!



# Your Neighborhood

## 3rd Indian Hills Gathering

We held our 3rd annual Indian Hills Gathering on Sunday, June 12, 2016, and had a good turnout with over 30 people in attendance. Thank you to all the neighbors and friends who took time out of their Sunday to both stop by and also contribute food and/or drink to the event. A BIG thank you goes out to our neighbor Stacy Littrell for the canopy and all the help printing and distributing the flyer for the event. Another thank you goes out to EVP Coffee for donating coffee!

Despite the stormy morning, the day actually turned out perfect, with a cooler but comfortable temperature, and eventually the sun came out. This year we decided to grill up hot dogs, which seemed to compliment all the many dishes people contributed to the potluck, so we will plan to do that again in future years.

Well, thank you again to all the neighbors and friends who attended, and please send any comments and feedback to Aaron at [aaron.crandall@yahoo.com](mailto:aaron.crandall@yahoo.com).

## Weed Wrench and Dandelion Pullers

The Indian Hills Garden Club has 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](mailto:rharris9169@charter.net). Contact Jeanette Tierney at 608-354-5336 or [jeanette.tierney@gmail.com](mailto:jeanette.tierney@gmail.com) to borrow a Dandelion Puller.

## SHNA Board of Directors' Meetings

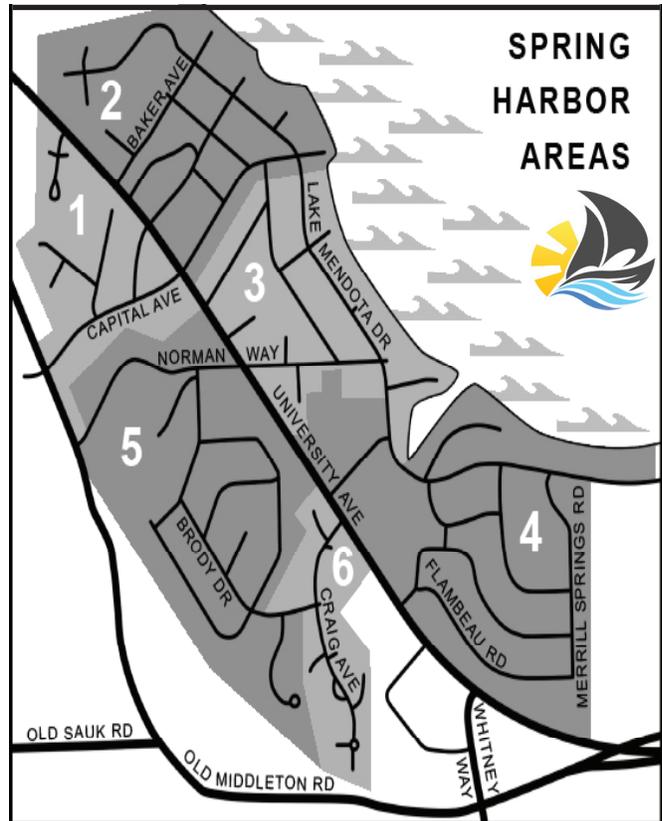
You are welcome to attend the monthly SHNA Board of Directors' meeting, held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Dale Heights Presbyterian Church. If attending, be sure to check our website at [www.SpringHarborOnline.com](http://www.SpringHarborOnline.com) to confirm the date, time and 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
President Elect	Vacant	
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	Jeanette Tierney	238-9084
Area 4	Kim McBride	238-8819
Area 5	Barbara Schultz-Becker	232-1810
Area 6	Stan Fuka	236-4229



## Hill Farms New Super-Sized Office Building

The **new Hill Farms State Office Building** will create a noticeable presence on the neighborhood's south border. When completed, it will stand nine stories tall as a big-box, mostly glass wall on the edge of University Ave. The new structure will be the largest state office building in Wisconsin with one football field of office space on each floor; 600,000 sq.ft. total. View photo rendering at: <http://hill-farms.org/documents/Hill-farms-10-2015.pdf>.

An adjoining 8-level parking ramp on Sheboygan Ave is also under construction. It will provide 1,500 parking spaces replacing current surface parking surrounding the DOT building. Future commercial and residential development extending toward Segoe Rd is expected to add an additional 1,000 parking spaces. Neighbors are expressing concerns about traffic congestion in and out of the neighborhood and added buildup of all-day parking on residential streets. That is also expected to spill over into Indian Hills.

The new state office building will house six departments in addition to Transportation—Employee Trust Funds, Dept of Financial Institutions, Commissioner of Insurance, Wis Economic Development Corp, Div of Hearings & Appeals, and Public Service Commission. The PSC building on Whitney Way will be vacated.

**Cost of Construction.** The new office building, parking ramp and new driveway connection to east-bound Old Middleton Rd will cost approximately \$200 million. The state retains ownership of 7.1 acres of land, about one-third of the current 21 acres of DOT property. The 13.9 acre eastern portion to Segoe Rd, plus 4.4 acres of state property on Badger Rd, were sold to SmithGroupJJR and Gilbane Development, both national companies, for \$13 million to be developed as a private venture called Smith-Gilbane development.

It is anticipated that the Smith-Gilbane project will include a mix of residential, commercial and hotel construction with some high-rise (10 floors max). With the land privately held, it will now be subject to city zoning and planning review. The old transportation building will be torn down and the space used for new development. The farmer's market plans to continue. Community gardens were moved to a small parcel in Rennebohm Park.

**Neighborhood Impacts.** When Hill Farms construction began, SHNA planners raised immediate questions about possible increases in stormwater drainage into Spring Harbor. The neighborhood was pleased to learn that because University Ave at Midvale is continually subjected to flooding by runoff coming from Hill Farms, a joint flood management agreement was established several years ago involving Madison, Shorewood, and DNR. In the interest of flood control and lake protection, all large scale projects are required to provide surface and underground water infiltration.

Most Hill Farms drainage is east entering Lake Mendota at University Bay on the UW campus. Approximately one acre of the Hill Farms site will drain into Spring Harbor. Part of that drainage will be captured in an underground infiltration tube, plus bio-swales in the loading dock area. The new state office building and parking complex will include underground infiltration systems, silva-cells (special water cells surrounding trees), and biofiltration areas around buildings and plazas. Missing from this project, however, are set-backs for trees and shade, green spaces, and pedestrian-friendly walkways and corridors. Two-thirds of the space is brick and mortar, no provision for pedestrian corridors connecting office workers to the larger community.

For further project details and concepts, contact - Herman Felstehausen, SHNA Planning and Development: [hhfelste@wisc.edu](mailto:hhfelste@wisc.edu).

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

