



# 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*

Finally, welcome summer! The neighborhood looks so nice this time of year with all the flowers, greenery, and other plantings and gardens! I'll share some highlights from your neighborhood board since our last newsletter. First, the slate of candidates posted in our last newsletter were reelected, so thank you for choosing me again as y president, and thank you to all the others on the board for your continued involvement in our neighborhood.

At the recommendation of our guest speaker, the Director of Clean Lakes Alliance, at the spring meeting, the board recently created the new position of "Lake Advocate," and we approved Nancy Ellison to serve this new role. Nancy has been a strong proponent of our lakes, and will serve the neighborhood well in this role. Other business of the board has mostly been updates on local developments and working closely with our Planning and Development Committee.

Lastly, there are a few upcoming events including Friends of Merrill Spring Solstice Gathering on June 13th. (see page for details). And our annual 4th of July parade and picnic is coming up soon. Contact Mary Beth Dunning at [mbdunning53@gmail.com](mailto:mbdunning53@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping or would like more information.

Feel free to contact me at [aaron.crandall@yahoo.com](mailto:aaron.crandall@yahoo.com) or 608-294-9505 with concerns, ideas, or general comments concerning the neighborhood.

## ***Join Your Neighbors for the 4th of July Parade and Picnic***

Fourth of July fun begins at 11:00 with the parade, led by Parade Marshal State Senator Fred Risser and other elected officials in the

antique Shorewood Hills fire truck. Walkers, bikes, trikes and wagons should gather at the corner of Merrill Springs Road and Tomahawk Trail in Indian Hills. We route along Tomahawk Trail and Minocqua Crescent, and for a short distance along Lake Mendota Drive, to Spring Harbor Park. Then the games will be begin. The potluck begins at noon. SHNA will provide pizza and subs, and generous local businesses and neighbors are donating popsicles, brats, hotdogs, buns, condiments and beverages. Please bring a dish or two to share -the crowd is growing and the past couple of years we have been running out of food before everyone gets through the line. Also, please bring your own plates, eating utensils, and drinks. Seating at picnic tables is limited so we recommend that you bring a blanket or chair to sit on.



Please consider volunteering to help with a task like picking up donated food, set-up and decorating the park, helping with the games, or clean-up. Also, we lost Brennan's as the donor of the watermelons, so we are looking for a neighbor or two to be responsible for supplying the watermelons. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Mary Beth Dunning, [mbdunning53@gmail.com](mailto:mbdunning53@gmail.com).

A huge thank you to the 2017 volunteers... Sally Miley, John Becker and Barbara Schultz-Becker, Giovanna and Tom Jeffries and family, Stan Fuka, Bill Fitzpatrick, Mary Beth and Chuck Dunning, Noel Pearson, Keri Shehan, Ann Lambrecht and Ken Halfmann, Susan and Don Lauffer, Eric Stewart, Ann Sowaske--and everyone else who pitched in!

**Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association invites you to be active in your Community .....JOIN US, see page 8**



# Your Neighborhood



## Many Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to pick up garbage and work on the Spring Harbor Park sign garden and boat landing gardens!

Our April 14th date was cancelled due to poor weather so we were delighted to see so many faces on April 21st. Unfortunately due to the cooler spring weather and cancellation of the first date we were unable to pick garlic mustard. It takes active neighborhood participation to get these jobs done!

Thanks to all the individuals who participated as well as those who might have been omitted below or worked on their own.

- Faith Fitzpatrick
- Joan Martin
- Elizabeth Haase
- Kim Haupt
- Barbara Ryan
- Joanne Rowe
- Barry Rowe
- Jerry Nickles
- Pat McBride
- Kim McBride



## July 4th Parade Fun 2017



### SHNA and Lake Mendota's Lakeshore Courts

As summer approaches SHNA residents can look forward to seeing our beautiful Lake Mendota via the five Lakeshore Courts. The courts are formed by the street ends north of Lake Mendota Drive: Clifford Court, Epworth Court, Capital Avenue, Upham Court, Laurel Court, and Baker Avenue.

These courts are public property maintained by the City of Madison Parks Division and are open to the public for day time use.

The boundaries of these Lakeshore Courts are marked in most cases by yellow metal signs with "R/W" meaning Right of Way. When entering these Lakeshore Courts please respect adjacent land owners' property by staying within the R/W boundaries.

Your children and your pets must abide by the R/W boundaries, too. No parking is allowed in the courts, even for the adjacent property owners.

For more information on our Lakeshore Courts refer to Appendix C of our Spring Harbor Neighborhood Plan, specifically pages 121 through 123. Using the link listed below:

[https://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/documents/Spring\\_Harbor.pdf](https://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/documents/Spring_Harbor.pdf)

# Your Neighborhood

## 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

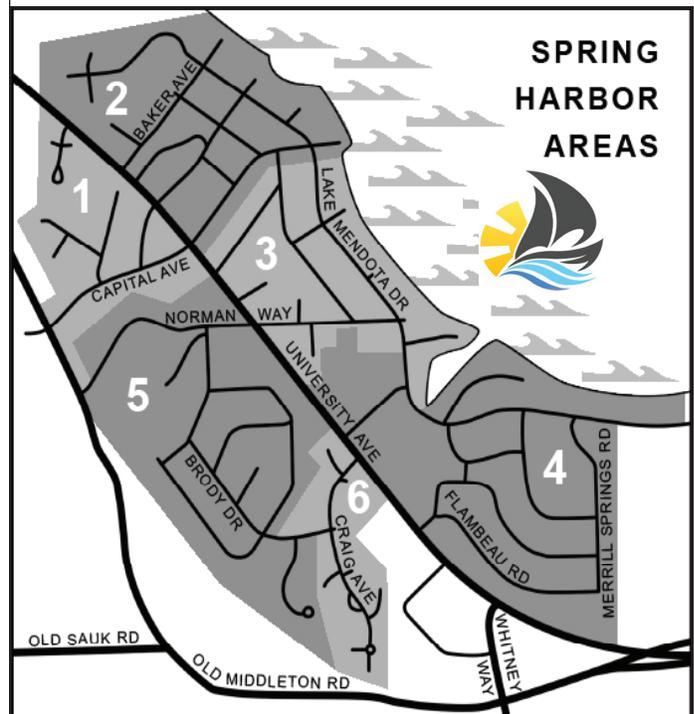
President		
Aaron Crandall		294-9505
Vice President		
Giovanna Jeffries		238-1991
Treasurer		
Bill Fitzpatrick		233-3584
Secretary		
Mary Beth Dunning		238-4598
Past President		
Janet Loewi		238-2626

### 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

## Keep Your Neighborhood and Friends Safe

Pets are wonderful companions and Spring Harbor with all its wonderful green space and walkable streets is a great place to walk them. Please remember animals that are unleashed can be dangerous to themselves and others. Keep your pets contained in your yard and when walking them to prevent them from getting hit by vehicles or jumping on pedestrians. We have a lot of small children and elderly in our neighborhood who can be frightened or injured by a jumping dog. Let's keep everyone including our furry friends happy and safe!





## Spring Harbor Beach Monitoring

The water monitor season has begun at Spring Harbor Beach! I'm Nancy Ellison, Camelot Court, and I monitor Spring Harbor Beach, under the auspices of the Clean Lakes Alliance.

<b>5.4.2018</b> air temperature 55.8 water temperature 49.6 turbidity 120 cm
<b>5.6.2018</b> air temperature 70.5 water temperature 56.3 turbidity 57.5 cm

I am one of more than 46 citizen monitors collecting lake water data at 58 lake sample sites and 25 beaches from May - September. I specifically monitor Spring Harbor Beach. That means, twice weekly: I collect, record and report the air temperature, water temperature, turbidity, wave intensity, waterfowl presence, and surface algal bloom presence, algal bloom type, floating plant debris, water clarity. This data is uploaded to the website lake-forecast.org. Faster than a speeding bullet, data posts online and is immediately available for anyone wanting information about beach water conditions. This simple to use website and app shows a map of all monitoring stations throughout Yahara Lakes.

FYI this is one of only two such data collection services like this in the United States. Not only does the public have access to the information, the information is shared with other research and public information forums in order for the public to best understand the health of the Yahara Lakes.

For conditions specific to Spring Harbor Beach please click on the Lake Forecast

site entitled: Mendota Pier #18. The website: lakeforecast.org reports up to the minute reporting of water conditions at Spring Harbor Beach. Check it out. Know before you go to the beach. Grab your sunscreen, a good book to read and a comfy beach chair. . .see you at the beach!

### Garlic Mustard Invasion



Spring Harbor Neighborhood lived through an extremely cold Spring this year. Because of the cold weather, garlic mustard remained dormant longer than usual. The best known way to rid your yard of garlic mustard is to pull them up by the roots. Grab deep down the stem until you fingers feel a knob-like protrusion. Gently lift the knob and you'll see how long the roots of this invader really are. Pulling these pesky plants is a little easier this May because the rain soaked soils are releasing the roots more easily. It's important to pull these invaders prior to their flowering. One garlic mustard plant can develop more than 100 seeds per flower head.

Think of this as a major invasion of aliens being diabolically released into the woods. Thanks to the absence of garlic mustard in those areas, wild woodland plants flourish. Enjoy the blooming bluebells and trillium throughout a garlic mustard-free woodland.

Together we can make a real dent in the garlic mustard invasion. Each one pull a bag. As my neighbor says, "It's good therapy!"

## Friends of Merrill Spring

News From the Friends (FMS)....

**Summer Solstice Celebration:** June 13 (rain date June 15) 6:45- 8:00 Merrill Spring Park. Come join the Friends for their brief annual meeting, cake, lemonade and once again the wonderful drum circle led by Elmore Lawson. Bring something to sit on. Parking is very limited on Spring Ct. More parking is available on Lake Mendota Drive and the Spring Harbor Middle School.



**Park Upgrades:** The bollards have arrived! Finally, the ugly barricade has been removed and Madison Parks has installed new attractive removable bollards. This was the end result after finding cars were driving into the park.

**Park Kiosk:** It is hoped by the time you read this newsletter, the kiosk will finally be installed in the park. We are working with Midwest Locust to provide the lumber and the carpentry skills. Construction is currently underway.

**Earth Day Cleanup:** With the crazy spring, it was touch and go. On Wednesday April 18th we had 6 inches of snow and the cistern and streambed were still frozen. But on Monday, April 23rd the sun came out and Ms. Vena Levesque (Spring Harbor Middle School) and her 90 Language Art's seventh graders came in shifts to give back to the park. They have spent the year visiting and writing while at the park. Now they raked, cleaned the streambed, mulched the path and left the park spic and span while also having a good time. Thank you Ms. Vena's class!

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) or 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



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## **Private Use of Public-Greenways**

The private use of City-owned greenways is regulated by ordinance. Generally speaking the private use of public greenways is limited to “temporary” uses - i.e. walking, playing Frisbee or catch, etc. City-owned greenways are not intended to be an extension of abutting private property owners’ yards.

Prohibited uses include, but are not limited to:

- Structures (i.e. fences, retaining walls, out-building sites, dog runs, play equipment, etc.)
- Gardens and plantings ((i.e. trees, shrubs, bushes, etc.)
- Storage of personal property (i.e. trailers, piers, boat hoists, building materials, etc.)
- Mowing of grass when posted for no mowing
- Disposal of any type of waste - (i.e. grass ctipings, yard waste, brush, compost, etc.)
- Chemical application (i.e. fertilizers, herbicides and/or pesticides)

These types of uses are not compatible with the purpose for which these lands are dedicated.

Furthermore, they make maintenance more difficult and can pose a safety hazard for our employees.

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

I hope this edition of the SHNA newsletter finds you and your family well. The Board of Supervisors is just beginning a new term. Following our recent election, women now hold 17 of 37 Dane County Board seats or 45.9%. That is the highest percentage in over a quarter century.

In 1990 women held 19 of 41 seats (46.3%) but that figure had been falling over the past quarter century to a low of 6 in 2002, before rebounding over the past several years. For some historic perspective in 1970, only 6% of board members were women. State-wide, women held 18 percent of the seats on county boards coming into the 2018 election cycle, according to the Wisconsin Counties Association. Only Eau Claire County, with 14 of 29 (48.2%) of supervisors being women, rivals Dane County on that measure.

As for me, a new term has come with a new committee assignment. I have been appointed this term to the Environment, Agriculture and Natural Resources (EANR)

Committee, the appointment also has me serving on the Land Conservation Committee (LCC). The EANR Committee is the legislative committee that oversees Dane County’s Land & Water Resources Department (LWRD), which ensures the protection and enhancement of Dane County’s natural, cultural, and historic resources; provides the County’s citizens with a broad array of accessible, high quality resource-based recreational services and facilities; and supports citizens, communities, local governments and other agencies and organizations in their resource management and protection activities. LWRD consists of five divisions: Administration, Land Conservation, Office of Lakes and Watersheds, Parks, and Water Resource Engineering. Additionally, my work on the LCC will approve county policy on land and water conservation issues and oversee county land conservation division staff in the appropriation of grant and conservation dollars.

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](mailto:levin.jeremy@co.dane.wi.us) or call me at 608.577.9335.

## The Spring Harbor Neighborhood Watch



- Teen tells Madison police she needs stolen cars 'to get around' (WSJ, 1/9/2018)
- Teens stealing cars having easy time as drivers leave keys inside (WSJ, 1/26/2018)
- Group of juveniles suspected in stealing 3 vehicles in one hour (WSJ, 4/8/2018)
- Teens steal car after waking up owner sleeping in back, police say (WSJ, 5/7/2018)

You may have seen some of these headlines in the Wisconsin State Journal. Car thefts have gone up with 14 being the average age of the teen perpetrators. What you may not realize, is that a group of children at Jefferson Middle School got together to steal cars, according to Michael Johnson, CEO of the Boys and Girls Club of Madison, from where the idea spread to other schools and areas. Police report that the majority of the cases involve vehicles left running with keys inside. The thefts have occurred outside of daycare centers, at gas stations in driveways and on the street.

Not surprisingly, at least one vehicle driven by an underage driver was spotted in our neighborhood; Jefferson Middle School is one of the school for our neighborhood students. Remember to take keys out of the ignition and to lock your vehicle, if it is to be unattended.

There have also been reports of homes and vehicles being checked every evening for opportunistic theft. Valuables should not be stored in vehicles. With the warm weather be careful to have locks on your windows and doors. Homes can be easily entered through a cut screen. Also report any suspicious activity by calling 911. Thanks for keeping Spring Harbor Neighborhood safe.



## SHNA Bulletin Board

This is a wonderful way for your child to meet neighbors and make a little money. Kim McBride is Bulletin Board coordinator, contact [kasmcbride@gmail.com](mailto:kasmcbride@gmail.com) or 628-8872 for questions. Parents: Please be sure you are comfortable with anyone you are permitting your child to work for in the neighborhood. Meet your child's potential employer and remind your child of smart safety practices.

### CHILD CARE/BABYSITTING

Paul Becker	Brody Dr.	232-1810
Meg Fitzpatrick	Spring Ct.	233-3584
Sylvia Greene	Camelot Dr.	233-3691

### PET SITTING

Paul Becker	Brody Dr.	232-1810
Meg Fitzpatrick	Spring Ct.	233-3584
Sylvia Greene	Camelot Dr.	233-3691

### MOTHER'S HELPER

Copper Daniel	Norman Way	284-7036
Meg Fitzpatrick	Spring Ct.	233-3584
Kari Larsen	Camus Lane	236-0468

### PET WALKING

Copper Daniel	Norman Way	284-7036
Meg Fitzpatrick	Spring Ct.	233-3584
Sylvia Greene	Camelot Dr.	233-3691

### YARDWORK OR HOUSEHOLD CHORES

Adam Becker	Brody Dr.	232-1810
Paul Becker	Brody Dr.	232-1810
Copper Daniel	Norman Way	284-7036

### COMPUTER HELP

Kari Larsen	Camus Ln.	236-0468
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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	\$ <b>10</b>
Donation, unrestricted	\$ _____
Donation, neighborhood parks	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>	\$ _____

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 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Neighborhood Watch Committee \_\_\_\_\_
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  - School Gardens \_\_\_\_\_