



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

Happy summer everyone! Looking back, where did spring go? These months and this time of year always seem to go by way too quickly. I hope you were all able to enjoy spring and are looking forward to summer as much as me and my family, especially as things are starting to return to “normal.”

Thank you to all of you who attended our annual spring all-neighbor meeting in April, and we had a good turnout of well over forty neighbors and friends in attendance. The meeting was held over Zoom and we heard from our central district police captain, Captain Jason Freedman, along with hearing updates of things happening around our neighborhood. In addition to the presentations, we also held our annual elections for your neighborhood board, and I would like to welcome Tanya Cunningham as your new Area 2 Director, and thank Jussi Snellman for all his many years he served on the board as Area 2 Director.

Speaking of neighborhood contacts, I would also like to welcome Tom Kneubuehl as our contact for Planning and Development. With Tom taking over Planning and Development, I would like to thank Stewart Ellison for his service on that committee.

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4th of July Parade and Picnic

We are happy to be able to gather again with neighbors, family and friends to commemorate Independence Day.



11:00: Parade starts at corner of Merrill Springs Rd. and Tomahawk Trail in Indian Hills

11:30-ish: BYOPB (Bring your own picnic basket) [No games or potluck this year]

Shortly before 11:00, walkers, bikes, trikes and wagons should gather at the corner of Merrill Springs Road and Tomahawk Trail in Indian Hills. Led by the Shorewood Hills antique firetruck, the parade will make its way down Tomahawk Trail and Minocqua Crescent, and go for a short distance along Lake Mendota Drive, to Spring Harbor Park.

There will not be games or a potluck following the parade—but there will be ice cream treats! We encourage you to bring a picnic for your family and spend time visiting with neighbors. There will be plenty of room for blankets, chairs and social distancing.

For more information, or to volunteer to help with organizing the parade or decorating the park, contact Mary Beth Dunning, mbdunning53@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you on July 4th (No rain date).

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We also welcome our newest addition, Aaron Collins, as our new Area 5 Director. With Aaron taking over Area 5, we thank Barb Schultz-Becker for her many years dedicated to being Area 5 Director. The rest of your neighborhood board and contacts remain unchanged, and you can always find our contact information on our website under "Contacts."

Beyond our website, which I hope you find useful and up-to-date, I want to also remind everyone that we also have a Facebook page and many neighbors are <https://www.facebook.com/SpringHarborNeighborhood/> on Nextdoor. We do our best to communicate with all of you, thus this newsletter, so please do not hesitate to contact me aaron.crandall@yahoo.com or contact SHNA secretary Mary Beth Dunning mbdunning53@gmail.com if you have any suggestions or recommendations on improving our communications. Lastly, feel free to contact Mary Beth if you have content you would like to be considered to be posted on our website or possibly sent out to our neighborhood email list.

Enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing many of you out and about the neighborhood. I hope you will be able to join us for some of our planned neighborhood events, including our upcoming wellness events, July 4, and Labor Day! Take care and be safe.

Labor Day Jazz

The Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association is proud to sponsor our end of summer jazz concert on September 6, Labor Day, from 4 to 6 p. m. at Spring Harbor Park. Please social distance and wear a mask, if you have not been vaccinated. There will be no rain location; in case of inclement weather, the event will be cancelled. If the weather looks dubious, check our website at <http://www.springharboronline.com/> for up-to-date concert information. We look forward to seeing you at the concert. Don't forget your blanket and/or lawn chairs and a picnic meal.

Musician Bios

John Becker on piano and percussion, is 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 on bass, is an advocate for jazz music through the Madison Music Collective and the Improvisational Music Workshop. Her recordings are *Beautiful Friendship* and *Winter: A Joyful Peace*.

Jon Vriesacker on violin, 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*. He can be heard on recordings with Willy Porter, Freddy Johnston and Garbage.

Your Neighborhood



Summer Solstice Celebration: As we awaken from the Pandemic we are pushing the celebration later into summer. We're "aiming" for a Sturgeon Moon (Aug 22) drumming celebration. Watch for notices in the park in August for exact date and time.

Kiosk: If you haven't been by the kiosk lately, information is changing. There is a wonderful new article discussing light pollution at night. AND after a year in quarantine, the log book is back. Please jot down your experiences or sightings at the park.

Board President Open: Alice is stepping down from this role as soon as we can find a replacement. She will remain on the board to assist whoever takes on the role. It's been great to see the changes FMS has made in the park - but there is still more work to do!
Contact: merrillsprings@gmail.com

2021 Goals: The Friends have drafted a list of next priorities and will be sharing their ideas with Madison Parks for future discussion. They include: Historic Designation, A better shoreline buffer, Review of the liner in the cistern, Thoughts on a 100th anniversary of the stonework and its needed repairs.

PR: Don't forget to follow us on Facebook.
<https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Merrill-Spring-366885473435529>

To join or renew your membership for 2021 [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

Indian Hills Garden Club

A great big thanks to all who helped pull garlic mustard this spring in Spring Harbor Park and in other public places. Our efforts to combat garlic mustard in the park are being rewarded—much less of it to pull this year compared to previous years. However, great swaths of garlic mustard were found growing at Kettle Pond and we hope that next year, volunteers can reduce it substantially there. If garlic mustard is not controlled, it takes over, eventually decimating the native plants.

If you are interested in gardening and socializing with your neighbors, you are welcome to join our Indian Hills Garden Club. Utilizing our dues and fund-raising efforts, the garden club makes monetary contributions to a number of conservation and garden groups each year, including partnering with the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association for park improvement projects within our neighborhood. After not meeting last year because of the pandemic, we are once again hosting various monthly activities for this summer and fall, ranging from field trips to a summertime brunch, beginning with a June mid-day club member gathering in Spring Harbor Park. If you are interested in joining our group, please contact Susan Lauffer at 630-9264 or Shary Bisgard at 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. 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.

MadiSUN



MadiSUN is a program sponsored by the City of Madison to make going solar easy and affordable. Since 2016, the MadiSUN Group Buy Program has helped homeowners across the area install solar-electric systems on their rooftops. Nearly 170 households have gone solar thanks to the program's simplicity, reduced price, financing options and customer service.

MadiSUN also offers incentives for business, nonprofits, and affordable housing providers. Check out madisunsolar.com to learn more about how to go solar! The MadiSUN Team

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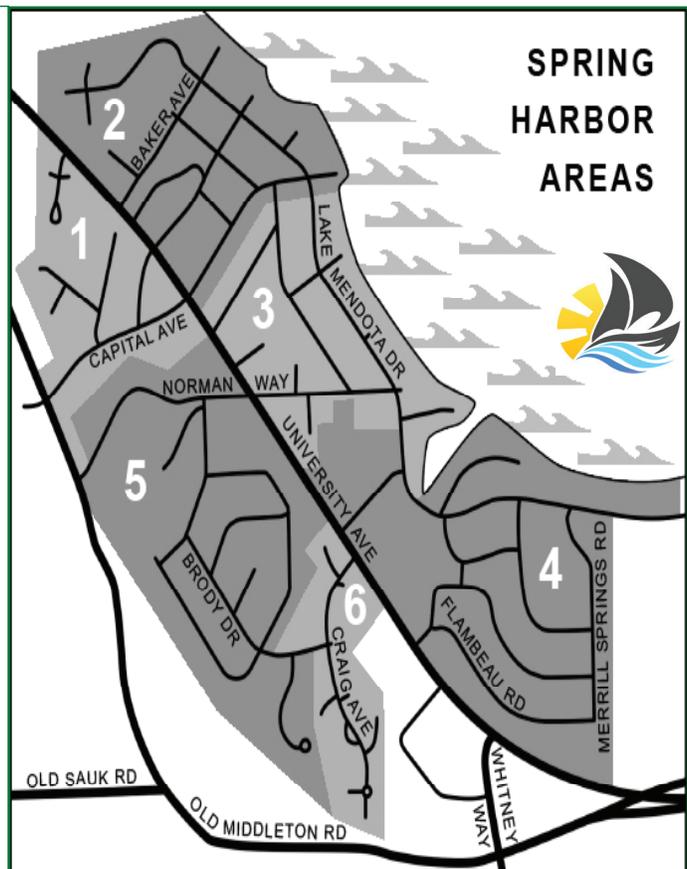
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Recycling in Dane County

From the Master Recycling Course given by Sustain Dane (Lorenza Zebell), the Carton Council, and Recycling Coordinator (Bryan Johnson). Here are some facts on recycling.

19% of items in our Dane County recycling bins is, TRASH.

13% of items in our Dane County trash bins could be Recycled.

Plastics

All plastic containers #1 through #7 are recyclable in Madison. Just because the plastic item has a triangle with a number in it, does not mean it's recyclable. A container is something like a milk jug, a laundry tub, or a plastic peanut butter jar. Not an item like plastic wrap or a chip bag. One exception to this rule is plastic cups, which are recyclable if they are #1, #2 and #5, but not #3, #4, #6 or #7.

Lids

Plastic containers with plastic lids, wash out, put lid back on, recycle ie, peanut butter jars, mayo jars, salad dressings.

For Glass

Take lids off, metal lids can be recycled, plastic go in the trash. Wash the glass containers and then recycle.

Plastic bags

No plastic bags. Grocery Stores like Metcalf's take newspaper bags, grocery bags and dry cleaner bags at this time. Some grocery stores take other flexible plastics that have the "How 2 Recycle" label on them (grocery bags, produce bags, newspaper bags, zipper sandwich bags, and some cereal bags, or the wrap around multi-packs of drink bottles, paper towels, etc). The label is pictured.



Aluminum

Aluminum gets recycled into aluminum. Do Not crush cans they get lost in the recycling machines, and flow into the paper stream. Wrap clean aluminum foil into a ball/wad and recycle. Other aluminum containers can go into your cart loose.

Metal Cans

Cans like soup, tuna, tomato need to be rinsed out, then put lid back in the can and squish the top. This way the lid won't fall out.

Carton Containers

Juice, soy milk, soup etc. can be simply emptied and recycled. Keep caps on and don't crush. Push straws back into juice boxes.

Paper

You can NOT recycle paper that is smaller than post-it notes (3 inch by 3 inch). Smaller pieces can be put in your clear bag of shredded paper.

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Other items

No light strands, dry cleaner sheets, hangers, hoses, they mess up the recycling machines.

5% of the landfill in Dane County is filled with textiles (clothing etc.)
It takes 17 trees and water to make one pound of paper
Most Importantly: when it comes to “should I recycle this item or not?” When in doubt, throw it out! We do not want to slow down the recycling machines and process.
Example Coffee to Go! Lids #6, NO, Cup #4 NO, cardboard liner for grasping, YES

Watch the 7 min. video about the Kipp Street Recycling Station: Youtube, Kipp street station MRF – a Division of Pelleteri Waste Systems. *Michelle Schumacher*

Summer Wellness Events Indian Hills Park, June through August

Plan for summer 2021 to join others in our Spring Harbor Neighborhood for a new wellness events in our park! All events will take place at Indian Hills Park on Flambeau Road, on the fourth Monday each month from June through August, 5:30-6:30 pm. The events/classes each month will be as follow:



June 28 - Tai Chi
July 26 - Zumba
August 23 - Yoga



All events will be at no cost to attendees and no prior experience required to participate. All classes are intended to be introductory. Rain dates and other changes will be announced on our Facebook page. We hope you will be able to join us for our planned wellness events this summer!



April Clean-up and Garlic Mustard Pull

We welcomed two cool, sunny days in April for our annual Spring Harbor Clean-up and Garlic Mustard Pull. The clean-up volunteers were few but energetic! We also cleaned up the Spring Harbor sign garden and Harbor gardens. A big thanks goes out to the volunteers and all the others who picked up garbage during their walks this spring.

The garlic mustard volunteers were plentiful this year! We concentrated our efforts on Spring Harbor Park, Kettle Pond and the bike path along University Ave. It is volunteers like all of you who make this such a special neighborhood! **Thank you!**

I hope this edition of the SHNA Newsletter finds you and your family safe and healthy. The Dane County Board continues to meet virtually, something that I hope may end this summer as Dane County leads the country for shots in arms.

Citing the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the local artist community, the Dane Arts Need Grant Program, which was established in 2020 with \$100,000 in CARES Act funds, offered grants of up to \$500 to support local artists. A resolution, recently passed, would add \$1 million to this program. These funds will come from Dane County's American Rescue Plan allocation. The program is administered by Dane Arts and will provide financial support for working artists in Dane County. The program will now award \$2,500 grants to eligible working artists. The application guidelines are available on the Dane Arts website. Applications will be reviewed by a five-member committee, including three members of the Cultural Affairs Commission and two community members.

Additionally, the Board provided \$15 million in support for local businesses through a contract with Dane Buy Local. The American Rescue Plan, approved by Congress and signed by President Biden earlier this year, provided \$106 million to Dane County for responding to the pandemic. The Board would authorized a contract with Dane Buy Local Foundation, Inc. for an emergency small business grant program. In 2020, Dane Buy Local Foundation, Inc. provided this service following Dane County's first federal CARES allocation, administering an over \$10.6 million emergency small business grant program that awarded funds to 2,692 local businesses.

Finally, County Executive Parisi is seeking to appoint me to the County's Airport Commission to an open Supervisor spot. Unfortunately this appointment has been blocked by a small minority of Supervisors on the Board, given my support for Dane County bedding-down the new F35A Squadron at Truax Air Field, and maintaining the 115th Fighter Wing of the Air National Guard. I actually believe that I am the only Supervisor that has been able to vote against 2019 Res. 548 (Opposing the Siting of F35A

Squadron at Truax Air Field) twice, as this resolution has come up before the Environment, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee two different times (also a very odd occurrence).

Not only do I support and appreciate the services the 115th Fighter Wing of the Air National Guard provides the Dane County Regional Airport, our residents and our country with their service. I also support these families and all the contributions they make to making Dane County a great place to live. For example, the support the Wisconsin National Guard gave to the Alliant Energy Center test site during the COVID pandemic.

Should you or your family have an interest in specific Dane County projects or initiatives, please contact me at levin.jeremy@countyofdane.com or call me at 608.577.9335.

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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, 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 \$ _____
 Donation, unrestricted \$ **10** _____
 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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