



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, President

Hi neighbors! I hope you all are doing well, staying safe and healthy. We all got through the summer months of 2020, and this was far from a normal summer. Due to the pandemic, our usual summertime neighborhood events were all cancelled, along with most of the other events many of us enjoy all around Madison. On the bright side, my family and I were able to explore many outdoor areas in and around Madison that we had never visited, and really enjoyed all the great outdoor spaces we have around!

Now that we are into fall, and by the time this newsletter reaches you, I hope you were able to enjoy some of the fall coloration, especially around our neighborhood. Also, it is time for our usual fall all-neighbor meeting, which normally would be an in-person meeting with a potluck event, and of course this year we will not be doing an in-person meeting. Instead, we will be doing a virtual meeting over Zoom, hearing about the Lussier

Community Education Center and also getting updates from your neighborhood board and others.

Please use the link below to signup to attend, or visit our neighborhood's webpage at www.springharboronline.com and find the link there, and we will send the Zoom meeting information to all who registered closer to the date of the meeting. Our guest speaker from the Lussier Center will start closer to 7 pm, giving us some time towards the beginning for socializing and catching up. I hope you can join us on Thursday, November 19!

Well, I hope you had a good Halloween and were able to VOTE, preferably absentee in advance, and if you are unable to make our upcoming meeting, I wish you a safe and happy Thanksgiving and holiday season! I am very optimistic that 2021 will be a much better year, and hopefully more normal, and since this will be our last newsletter of 2020, I am lastly wishing you a happy 2021!



Zoom Fall All-Neighbor Meeting
Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association
Thursday, November 19, 2020
6:45 pm



Signup: <https://forms.gle/wBrF7uvD56wHjyVr7>

Your Neighborhood

Indian Hills Garden Club

While the Indian Hills Garden Club has been physically inactive as a group this pandemic year, with members focusing on their own gardens, we have continued some projects:

- Many members participated in the annual mustard pulls as well as compulsively weeding plants whenever they spotted one on public lands.
- Members care for the gardens at Spring Harbor Park, boat ramp, Capital Avenue triangle, Indian Hills sign garden and the turtle rain garden at Spring Harbor Court and Lake Mendota Drive.
- Members continue to help with the community gardens at Spring Harbor Middle School.
- The garden club provides a flow of information to members about gardening resources and tours available in the Madison area.
- The club will continue its annual financial support to these organizations this year, drawing on our reserves to do so after electing not to charge dues this year:

Allen Centennial Gardens

Spring Harbor Middle School greenhouse and gardens

Friends of Merrill Spring Park

Olbrich Botanical Garden

Friends of Pheasant Branch

Friends of the Arboretum

Friends of the Lakeshore Preserve

Ice Age Trail

We have high hopes for a Covid-19 vaccine and resumption of our normal activities in 2021! Anyone interested is welcome to join us by contacting Susan Lauffer, President, at lauffers497@gmail.com or lauffer@cableone.net.



Things have been pretty quiet with the Friends group this summer and will probably continue so into 2021. In September, the cistern and streambed were cleaned which spruced up the park. The park had amazing amounts of traffic this summer. It became quite a Covid destination spot. Unfortunately, we had to take away the log book, so we don't have a record of all the visits. However, we've taken some of the best entries from the past and are making a new poster for the kiosk, so take a look when you visit the park. And, as always, feel free to send remarks and pictures to our facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Merrill-Spring-366885473435529>

There has been some vandalism two weeks in a row with someone(s) dislodging the large rocks in the streambed wall and pushing them into the stream. Madison Parks has been notified and will be working on repairs. It's fun to play with rocks, but it is causing real damage to this historic structure. So, visitors and neighbors please keep a watchful eye on the park .

District 19 Update

Keith Furman district19@cityofmadison.com

2020 has been an incredibly challenging year. As we grapple with a pandemic which is causing great upheaval to everyone's lives, Alders are challenged with doing our part to help with recovery, an extremely difficult financial situation for 2021, and an important and powerful call by residents to better address systemic inequalities and racism. I have spent the last six months doing my best to listen, learn, and react accordingly.

George Floyd's murder elevated a discussion on what policing should look like in our country. The big phrase being used is 'defund the police'. That phrase means a lot of different things to different people. To be clear, I'm not in favor of abolishing the police department. I don't believe that would lead to good outcomes for anyone.

I am for proper funding of the police, where the police focus on crime. I don't believe the police should be responsible for everything they are responsible for now. Based on my discussions with the department, they don't believe that either. They shouldn't be mental health counselors, they shouldn't be social workers, they shouldn't be medical professionals, and they shouldn't be education specialists.

I support the continued reform efforts taking place when it comes to our police department, and I'm proud that we have established a Civilian Oversight Board and Independent Monitor position as first steps toward giving the community a greater voice. But that is only one piece of a greater need and I'm also supportive of more significant re-structuring and re-imagining of public safety. I'm very excited about funding in the 2021 budget to pilot a mental health first responder program, similar to Eugene, Oregon's CAHOOTS initiative and Denver Support Team Assistance Response program. Not every situation requires a uniformed officer and a gun. Unfortunately, many situations get escalated due to such a response.

As I write this update, we're in the process of discussing the 2021 Budget. I will post updates on my City Blog: <https://keith.li/19blog>

I will continue to do my best to make decisions that consider both intended and unintended consequences of Council legislation. I encourage you to reach out and share your opinions with me, as we continue to work toward efforts that can make a great city even better.

I hope this edition of the SHNA Newsletter finds you and your family safe and healthy. The Dane County Board continues to meet virtually, since fall is when the County starts its annual budgeting process. Multiple budget hearings have been conducted this September.

As Dane County experiences community spread of COVID-19, the County received funds through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Dane County was provided with a \$95 million payment from the United States Treasury as part of the \$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund to governmental entities. The Board previously approved food insecurity as a top priority to address in the current crisis and reaffirmed its commitment, by adding \$2 million to the previously approved food program to supplement the resources available to supply food pantries.

On the budget front, Dane County Executive Joe Parisi has made some early announcements to his 2021 Budget:

- \$2 million to help the Urban League purchase a site for an economic

development hub along the South Park Street corridor dedicated to supporting minority-owned businesses. The project will be modeled after the Sherman Phoenix project in Milwaukee, an entrepreneurial hub in the Sherman Park neighborhood providing high-quality commercial space and support for small businesses.

- \$300,000 to plan a mental health triage and restoration center. A triage and restoration center (also known as a crisis center or a stabilization center) provides services to address mental health challenges both inside and outside the criminal justice system. It is generally grounded in the concept of “no wrong door” and individuals can access services by walking in, a referral from a community partner, or be brought by law enforcement.
- \$1.75 million to expand the Continuous Cover Program, where interest by farmers and rural property owners continues to outpace available funding. The popular program helps to preserve lands from the ongoing pressures of development,

reduce run-off, and mitigate the effects of climate change. To date, Dane County has protected close to 700 acres of land in 22 townships. Converting to grasses and pollinator habitat has reduced phosphorus run-off into local waters by over 1,700 pounds a year.

- More than \$6 million in the budget, including \$2.5 million in new money, to continue the Yahara Chain of Lakes Sediment Removal Project, which started this summer and is designed to improve flow—moving rainwater that currently sits in the lakes for weeks through at a steadier clip.
- More than \$9.1 million to keep the “Suck the Muck” program going, which continues to remove phosphorus from river and stream beds that feed into area lakes.

The Board committees will hold committee hearings in October to hear from the public and finalized the 2021 budget in November. Should you or your family have an interest in specific Dane County projects or initiatives, please contact me at 608.577.9335 or levin.jeremy@co.dane.wi.us.

Area 6 Needs You!

We will need help distributing newsletters along Craig Avenue, in our Area 6. If you live along Craig or in the area, and can volunteer some time, please contact Aaron Crandall at aaron.crandall@yahoo.com.

Leave the Leaf

Fall leaves contribute a large volume of material that we have to collect and haul to the compost sites. The same leaves that add color to neighborhoods in fall also add color to our lakes in the summer - and that's a problem.

When you pile your leaves at the curb for City collection each fall, those leaf piles are exposed to rain which seeps through the piles, making a rich nutrient tea that flows along the curb into storm drains and then to the lakes. Those nutrients are a significant contributor to the algae that turns our lakes into a green smelly mess in the summer.

It is time to view leaves as an asset that can be used to improve your lawn and reduce the use of chemical fertilizers. Leaves also make great mulch, garden cover or rich compost.

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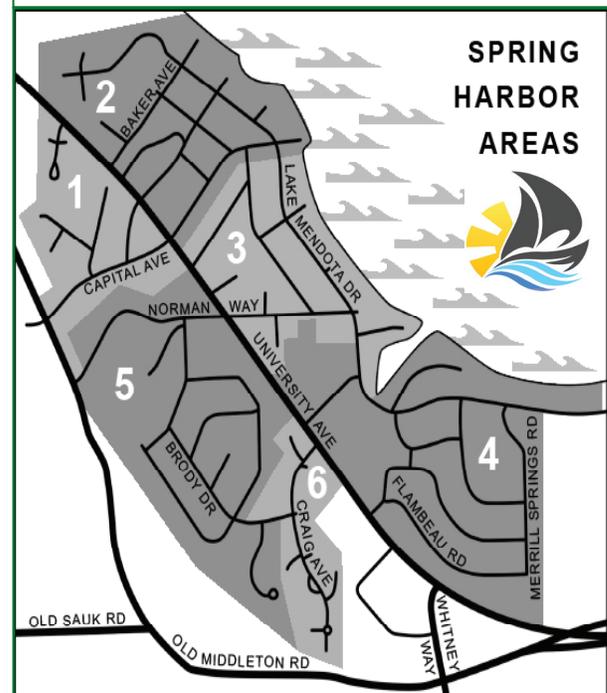
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Join or renew your membership in **Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association**. Please fill out the form below to join SHNA or renew your membership and mail it to SHNA Treasurer, Joan Martin, 1701 Camelot Dr., Madison, 53705. Dues are \$10 per household per calendar year; donations are welcome.

Please make checks out to SHNA

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

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