



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

Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association invites you to be active in your Community (Please join us, see page 8)

President's Corner Aaron Crandall

Hello all Spring Harbor neighbors! It's that time again, for our annual Fall Neighborhood Meeting, open to all Spring Harbor residents, whether you're a member of the neighborhood association or not. At our Fall Meeting, we hold a neighborhood potluck before the meeting, to give neighbors a chance to socialize and meet other neighbors over food.

Spring Harbor Fall Neighborhood Meeting & Potluck

Dale Heights Presbyterian Church

5501 University Ave (Basement)

Thursday, November 2

6:30-8 pm

We do not have a confirmed speaker for our Fall Meeting, so the agenda will include an update on all the development in our neighborhood, information on the activities of your neighborhood association, and other general information and updates. Well, we hope you'll be able to join us at our Fall Meeting on Thursday, November 2, with the potluck starting at 6:30 pm, and you're encouraged to bring a dish to pass.

Contact Aaron Crandall at aaron.crandall@yahoo.com or 608-294-9505 if you have questions or need further information on the Fall Meeting.



Spring Harbor Halloween Event?

Now that we are in October, we again do not have anyone volunteering to host and coordinate a Halloween event for the neighborhood. We had previously held an annual Halloween party for the children in the neighborhood for several years, but have not had the party the past couple of years.

I write this to see if anyone has any ideas for a simple Halloween event we might want to plan, and the willingness to maybe help pull it off. Some initial thoughts for an event include: pumpkin carving, Halloween parade, or scavenger hunt. Please contact Aaron Crandall at aaron.crandall@yahoo.com or 608-294-9505 if you have ideas and/or would like to help.

Labor Day Jazz

Close to 150 neighbors came out to listen to Gerri Dimaggio and her band at Spring Harbor Park on September 4. The weather was pleasant with no rain disrupting the event. Thanks to Dale Heights Church for offering to be our rain location. 4.

Thanks to Gerri's band and all the neighbors, who came out for the event. Your contributions to the neighborhood association made this event possible.

Your Neighborhood

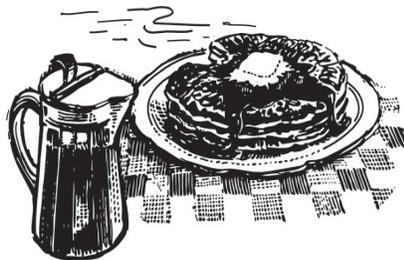
Memories of Perkins

Lately, the development taking place in our neighborhood brings about the retirement or demise of iconic businesses that have functioned as landmarks in our collective mental landscape. Spring Harbor Auto, Brennan, now Perkins. I cannot recount all the times that I have giving directions to my house by way of Perkins or Brennan! It was easy and rarely people could not find my house. Pretty soon, those spaces are going to change in look, height and our eyes are slowly going to adjust to new impressions and perceptions of space and light. Most changes are inevitable, but they also predict improvements, services and convenience, so I wish to look forward with a positive disposition.

But I feel their loss and absence, especially when these places connect to strong memories of my family's first arrival to Madison. In May 1979, we moved to Madison from New York City Upper Westside and bought our first house on Camus Lane. It was

more than what we really could afford at the time, but we made the leap because of the neighborhood, the nearby lake, the bus line on University ave, the proximity of a store like Brennan where could find milk, cheese and fruit (I don't remember if they carried also bread at that time).

When we looked where we could eat breakfast the morning after we arrived—the house filled with unopened boxes, a toddler and a 9-month baby, no food—we saw Perkins with its big flag almost saluting us. Entering in the spacious restaurant we felt warm and welcomed, seeing many family eating tasty pancakes at



nearby tables gave us a feeling of mingling with neighbors we were going to meet and know soon. We would treat ourselves to Perkins' breakfast on week-ends and special occasions and take our fam-

ily visitors there. We seldom went for lunch or dinner and as our daughters grew up and became adolescents, they and their friends kept frequenting Perkins at odd hours. Eventually, we didn't go for breakfast any longer, other venues had sprouted offering stronger coffees and more appealing choices.

Years went by, until last Christmas season, when my daughters decided to have breakfast at Perkins with their little families and all of us. We filled a long table with enthusiastic, hungry children and adults and spent a marvelous time enjoying our breakfast, the 'perky' gracious service of the waiters, recollecting memories and promising ourselves to return to Perkins. About a week ago, they learned from us of the demise of both Brennan and Perkins: their reactions were surprise and slowly sadness. I mailed the two of them who live in other states "the last cheese from Brennan," but could not the last pancakes from Perkins.

***Submitted by
Giovanna Jeffries***

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SHNA Board of Directors' Meetings

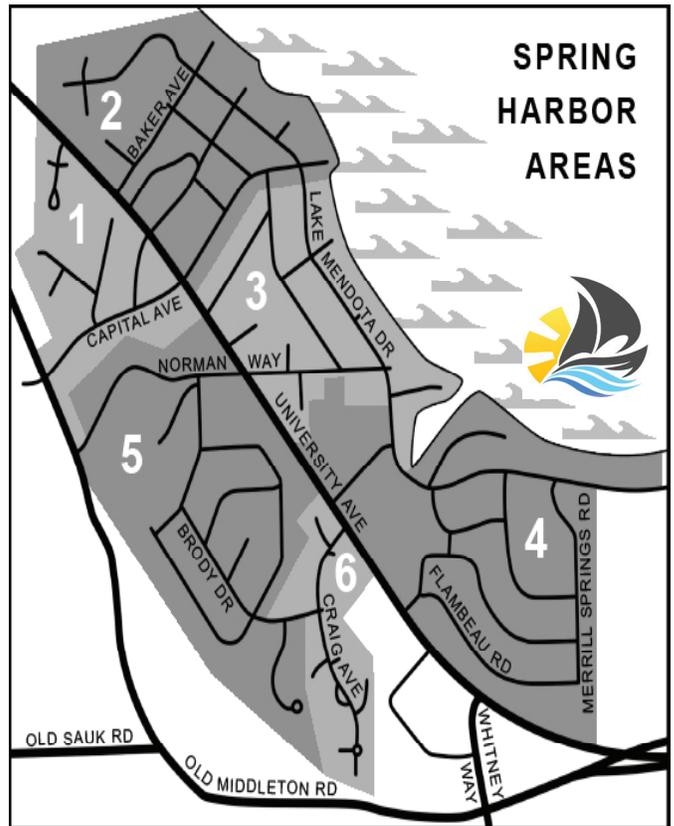
You are welcome to attend the monthly SHNA Board of Directors' meeting, held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Dale Heights Presbyterian Church. If attending, be sure to check our website at www.SpringHarborOnline.com to confirm the date, time and place. If you have an issue to be considered by the board, contact your area director or the SHNA president to place it on the agenda for that meeting.

SHNA Board of Directors

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Leave the Leaf

excerpted from <https://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/>



The City of Madison wants to encourage residents to manage leaves on their own property. The program, called Leave the Leaf, is designed to reduce phosphorus runoff from leaves, improve the quality of area soil and lawns, and reduce the need for more leaf collection trucks and staff.

The 20th century attitude towards leaves was that once they fell they created lawn litter and had to be removed. It's a new day, and time for some new thinking. 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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Why Leave the Leaf?

Fall leaves add great beauty to our surroundings in Madison. Unfortunately, they also 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.

How to Get Started

We know that many Madison homes produce too many leaves to be composted or mulched on site. But, any amount of leaves that you can handle at home will benefit the environment and help save tax dollars. Search for more ways you can handle leaves on your property on the City of Madison website: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/>

Remember, dead leaves (pure organic matter) only come around once a year and they're uber-beneficial for your yard and garden.

5 Ways to "Leave the Leaves" in your Neighborhood

(Excerpt from The Vegetable Gardener, Chris McLaughlin, contributor)

- 1 Collect all the leaves in a big pile**
Always pile them up as high as you can and jump into them before you do anything else. If jumping isn't your thing, look for a kid or a dog to do the honors. It's right-of-passage for all kids and dogs, by the way.

- 2 Shred and Spread**

This is the simplest thing you can do with your fall leaves. Go over a big pile of them with a mower or toss them into a shredder. The finer the cut, the faster they'll decompose. Now spread your leaf confetti all over the lawn, garden, or flower beds where they can rot and become part of the soil.

- 3 Mulch your Perennial Beds**

Shredded leaves make a wonderful protective cover for perennial plants that are wintering over in your yard. Once the ground is hard, use them to blanket the root zone around perennials being careful not to pile them up against the trunks of the plants. Your vegetable bed could probably use a bit of leaf mulch, too.

- 4 Add them to the Compost Pile**

This is my favorite use for dead fall leaves. My compost pile begs for them and I never resist. Dried leaves are a prime carbon source. You'll want to balance this addition to your pile with some nitrogen materials at the same time if possible. Plant clippings, grass clippings, alfalfa hay, and herbivore manure such as rabbit poop are all good nitrogen sources to blend in with the leaves.

- 5 Halloween Decorations**

Have you seen those orange bags that have Jack O'Lantern faces or other characters printed on them? They become instant Halloween decorations once they're stuffed and placed in the front yard for October. Use your leaves to fill the bags and create a spooky scene.

Help Raise Funds for Merrill Springs Kiosk



FMS (Friends of Merrill Spring) has sent a detailed proposal to Madison Parks for a small rustic informational kiosk (to be placed near the wooded hillside) which has been approved by the Planning and Development Office. We have a carpenter ready to go and a black locust supplier. At this point we've already acquired about half of the necessary money for this project, so we will be looking for donations to push us over the finish line. The kiosk will have a small plaque with a dedication to Jeanette Tierney (one of the founding members of the FMS). Jeanette was active member of the neighborhood, who made many contributions, and passed away last year. Information on how to donate is listed below.

Summer Solstice: It's been a busy summer for the Friends of Merrill Spring. We kicked it off with our annual Summer Solstice Celebration. While we had to resort to our rain date, we

had a good turnout to enjoy the evening. We began the evening with our 1st Annual Friends meeting which voted in our inaugural board. This was followed by cake, drinks, camaraderie and then an hour of amazing and fun drumming led by Elmore Lawson. 2017 FMS Board: Alice Erickson (President/Secretary), Faith Fitzpatrick (Vice President), Linda Layman (Treasurer), Candy Schrank, Dick Pearson and Kim McBride (members at large).

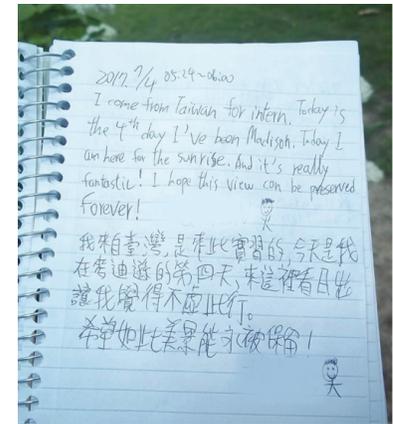
Park Upgrades: Planning with Madison Parks continues regarding upgrades to the park. They are planning to have attractive removable bollards to replace the barricade preventing cars from entering the park.

Help for Fall Cleanup: (November 4, 10:00am): We will once again have a FMS yearly cleanup of Merrill Spring Park. Stay dry on land and rake, or be a water rat and help clean the streambed. You can bring gloves, rakes, shovels, boots, wheelbarrows and elbow grease and we'll bring treats.

Path Mulching: Mulching was done in record time this

year – 25 minutes! Thanks to TEAM MULCH 2017! Deborah Hobbins, Kathy Anderson, Linda Lehman, Don Macaulay, Faith Fitzpatrick, Dave and Alice Erickson.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook. And check out the log book at the park. We had some great entries this summer.



To donate for the kiosk or pay your membership dues [join or renew as a Friend(\$10), Supporter(\$25) or Patron(\$50)], checks should be made out to "Friends of Merrill Spring" and can be sent to:

Friends of Merrill Spring
c/o Alice Erickson
5109 Spring Ct
Madison, WI 53705

Please note if your check is a donation for the kiosk honoring Jeanette.

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 _____

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 _____
 - Neighborhood Watch Committee _____
 - Planning and Development _____
 - School Gardens _____

