



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

Another summer has come and gone, and with that we must welcome the fall, and eventually the winter. Even though we all enjoy summer, there is much to enjoy about the changing seasons, except for raking and eventually shoveling. It is starting to look and feel like fall, and with that comes our annual All-Neighbor Fall Meeting and Potluck! This year, the meeting and potluck will again be in the basement of Dale Heights Presbyterian Church on University Avenue, on Thursday, October 24, starting at 6:30 pm. Our fall meeting will begin with the potluck, immediately followed by a presentation and brief meeting with mostly reports. We hope you will be able to join us for our All-Neighbor Fall Meeting and Potluck!

All-Neighbor Fall Meeting & Potluck

Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association

Thursday, October 24

6:30 PM

Dale Heights Presbyterian Church



In other news from your neighborhood board, we recently voted to change our monthly meeting day from the second Tuesday of each month, to the fourth Thursday

each month. This change will conflict with a couple upcoming holidays, so we will instead meet on the third Thursday for November (11/21) and December (12/19).

As always, all neighbors are welcome to all board meetings, which are held in the basement of Dale Heights Church on University, starting at 7 pm. Contact Aaron Crandall at aaron.crandall@yahoo.com if you have any neighborhood questions, suggestions, or concerns.

Enjoy the change in seasons and see you around the neighborhood!

New Polling Location for Spring Harbor (Ward 86)

The location of the polling site in the library of Spring Harbor Middle School has proved to be challenging for voters with mobility issues. As a result, the city clerk's office has designated Asbury Methodist Church at 6101 University Avenue as the new polling place for Ward 86. The church is located next to Cress Funeral Home, just East of the intersection of University Avenue and Allen Boulevard. Spring Harbor residents will receive a post card before the next election in 2020 informing them of the change. The church is easily accessible and there is plenty of parking. Any questions or concerns can be addressed to Alder Keith Furman: district19@cityofmadison.com.

Your Neighborhood

Thank You!

Thank you to all the individuals and families who have renewed memberships or have become new members of Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association this year. There are currently 99 memberships. Many members also additionally donated toward the general, neighborhood parks and greenspaces funds. The generosity of SHNA members has funded the tri-annual newsletters, the Easter Egg Hunt, the Fourth of July Parade and Picnic, the Labor Day Jazz Concert, plants for the gardens and greenspaces and preservation of trees in the parks. Many neighbors have also donated hours of their time and talents to make Spring Harbor a beautiful place to live. Thank you for your generosity!

Urban Forestry Task Force Report

This summer the City of Madison Urban Forestry Task Force (of which our Alder, Keith Furman, is a member) submitted its report, after almost two years of study and deliberation. One of the findings of the task force is that, in Madison, trees cover roughly 23% of the city's land area, while the national average is 27%. Threats to city owned trees, including the Emerald Ash Borer, affect over 40,000 street trees and trees in parks, in addition to ash trees on private property. Many other trees are lost to development. In our neighborhood, with its many oak trees, we have lost a number of those beautiful large trees to oak disease.

About 85% of Madison's tree canopy is on private property, including front and back yards of neighborhoods like ours, which represent 30% of the city's land area. The

task force's recommendations include some which would encourage more tree planting on private residential and commercial property under redevelopment.

At the time of this writing, the report is going through the city approval process, with final action by the Common Council in October. If it is approved, the city will establish a staff team early next year to review its recommendations and timelines for implementation of possible inclusion of first steps in the 2021 city budget.

This report presents an exciting opportunity for Spring Harbor Neighborhood to cooperate with the city in adding more trees to our corner of Madison. For example, can we help to identify locations for new trees on public land such as parks, greenways and terraces and use some of our budget to leverage city funds? How can we encourage preservation of existing mature trees on private property? The task force called for more public education around the importance of our urban forest. How can we help with that?

The SHNA board has been asked by interested neighbors to establish a new committee to work on recommendations and goals for our neighborhood in cooperation with our Natural Resources Committee, Planning Committee, and the Spring Harbor Watershed Work Group, as well as the city. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please contact Faith Fitzpatrick at fafitzpa@gmail.com or Sally Miley at ssmiley1@charter.net.



News From the Friends (FMS)....

Merrill Springs Stairs:

Thanks to Operation Fresh Start (OFS) and Madison Parks, the 30 year old steps have been replaced! The team of young folks and their crew leader worked hard and completed the project in a little over a week in June. Check out our Facebook page for pictures of the team at work!



Ash Tree:

This summer was time for the beautiful ash tree in the park to be treated again for protection against the Emerald Ash Borer. FMS arranged and funded the treatment.

Plaque:

At their July meeting, the Board of Parks Commissioners approved FMS's proposal to put a small brass plaque with the Native American name for the spring on the boulder next to the cistern. The side to be used was facing the ash tree, and at our request ,Madison Parks came out in late August to rotate the boulder for us. FMS is now working to get the plaque designed and installed. Hopefully this can still happen this fall.

Fall Clean-Up:

As the weather cools and the trees finish dropping their leaves, we'll have one final cleanup for the year at the park. This is usually the first or second weekend in November. We'll post more details on our Facebook page and at the kiosk as we get the date firmed up.

Clean-Up Info:

Just a reminder that Parks has asked us, when cleaning at the park, to have just two piles (brush and everything else) and to put these piles outside the bollards. Also a reminder that it is illegal to put any yard waste/brush/leaves on park property.

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 2019 [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**

Dane County Board Report—District 10 Jeremy Levin, Supervisor

I hope this edition of the SHNA Newsletter finds you and your family well. In May, the Board toured the Rodefild Landfill highlighting Dane County's work of converting trash and cow manure into renewable fuel and injecting it into the interstate transmission pipeline so it can be sold to fleets of vehicles locally and across the United States.

Dane County's landfill biogas facility will displace 3 million gallons of fossil fuels in the first year of operation, with this amount growing to 4 million gallons in future years. Due to renewable natural gas (RNG) having a lower carbon footprint that's the equivalent to taking 4,800 cars off the road.

In addition to the facility's environmental benefits, it's estimated that Dane County will generate enough revenue from the facility to pay back the \$28 million cost of the project in just a few years.

Earlier this year, Supervisors heard a presentation from engineering and architecture firm Mead and Hunt regarding the costs and benefits of alternative locations

and designs for a consolidated jail, a project initially approved as part of the County's 2018 capital budget.

The County has spent the last several years analyzing approaches to close the outdated and unsafe jail in the City County Building, consolidate the jail into one building with fewer total beds and space for medical and programming needs, while also investing in front-end justice programs to divert individuals from incarceration. In June, the Board will vote on architectural and engineering design work and proposing construction of the consolidated jail facility as a tower adjacent to the Public Safety Building.

Early in September the Board held two budget hearings to listen to department heads on their agency budgets. The Board committees will hold committee hearings in October to hear from the public and finalized the 2020 budget in November.

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 or call me at 608.577.9335.

Labor Day Jazz

Neighbors, families and friends were treated to a beautiful late summer afternoon of jazz at Spring Harbor Park. There were about 130 folks of all ages in attendance. After getting rained out four years ago, Sally DeBroux made her debut performance on vocals for the Spring Harbor Neighborhood with her smooth, bluesy inflections. Laurie Lang brought her passion, skill and intensity to the



acoustic bass, while John Becker seamlessly moved from keyboard to percussion and melodica. Some of the highlights of the performance included Rodgers and Hart's "My Romance," Lennon and McCartney's "Blackbird," and Jobim's and Moraes Brazilian samba "Chega de Saudade." Music from the group's recording, "The Way Love Can Be," including the original, "Goodbye" was also part of the repertoire. Thanks for coming out and being part of this great event.

Fall Leaves

Here are tips to manage leaves on your property from Clean Lakes Alliance.

1. Rake leaves from the street

The best thing you can do to help is to rake leaves from the street curb in front of your home. Every time you rake your yard, check if there are leaves on the street. Try raking three feet into the street from your curb to keep nearby street gutters and storm drains clear. Clean streets make for healthy lakes!

2. Start backyard composting

Why dump your leaves on the curb to have them hauled away like garbage? By doing so, you're creating a potential source of pollution and risk damage to your lawn. Instead, consider starting a compost pile:

- <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Recycling/compost.html>
- <https://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home>



3. Use leaves as garden mulch

Using leaves as garden mulch is easy and saves you money. You can mow leaves on your yard and leave them in place to provide nutrients that keep your yard healthy. Mowed leaves can also be used around plantings as mulch.

- <https://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/leavetheleaf/>

4. What is my local government doing to manage leaves?

Partners in Dane County are working together to keep our waters clean. Many communities offer curbside leaf pick up or free access to yard waste drop-off sites. However, keeping our streets leaf-free will require a shared effort. Each municipality has a different approach to leaf management and streets crews may not always be able to respond in time to remove leaves prior to each rainfall. You can help by removing leaves from the street before it rains.

5. Leaves are part of nature. Why are they a problem?

Leaves are one of the largest sources of urban phosphorus pollution. Left in the street, leaves release phosphorus into stormwater that washes down storm drains and directly into our lakes. When leaves can fall on soil, instead of streets, parking lots, and storm sewers, the phosphorus can soak into the soil instead of going straight into our lakes and streams.

6. Aren't leaves just a small part of the problem compared to agriculture?

Leaves are a significant source of urban phosphorus. Timely removal of street leaf litter reduces the amount of phosphorus in urban stormwater by 80% compared to no leaf removal. We can all do our part to address water quality by managing phosphorus runoff.

Check out this short YouTube video about Leaf Management
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AJpK52dnIEQ>

Nancy Ellison, Spring Harbor Beach Steward

MadiSUN Solar Program

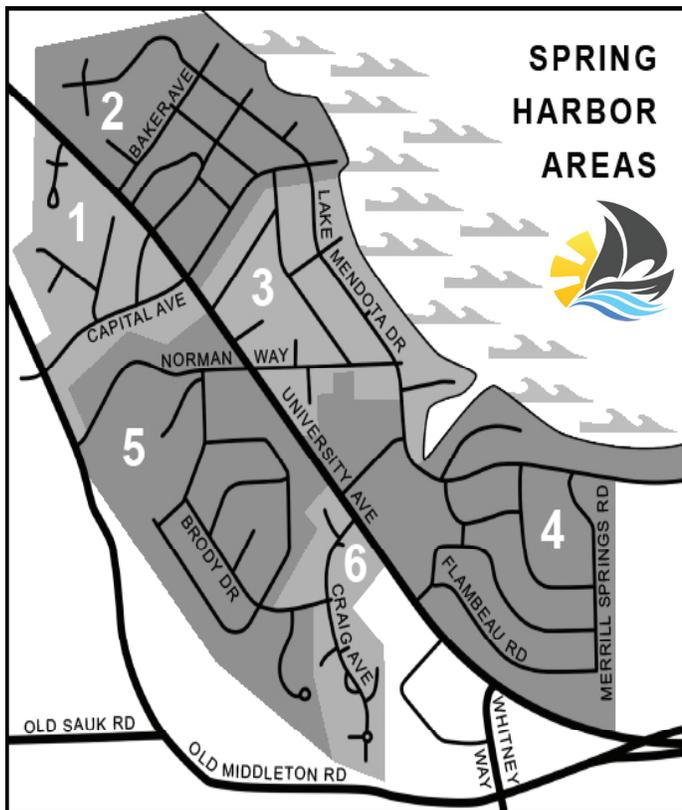
Hello Spring Harbor Neighbors, MadiSUN is a program sponsored by the City of Madison to make going solar easy and affordable. **This is the last year to take advantage of a full 30% Federal Tax Credit, which makes 2019 a great time to explore solar!**



Since 2016, the MadiSUN Solar Program has helped homeowners across the area install solar-electric systems on their homes. Over 100 households have “gone solar” thanks to the program’s simplicity, reduced price, 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 with us!

The MadiSUN Team



Spring Harbor Board and Meetings

You are welcome to attend the monthly SHNA Board of Directors’ meeting held on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Dale Heights Presbyterian Church. If attending, be sure to check our Web site 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.

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Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association

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Toilet Rebate Program Hits 1 billion Gallons of Water Saved

A cornerstone of Madison's water conservation initiative reaches a major milestone - one flush at a time. There's nothing all that exciting about a toilet. But 17,126 toilets? That's another story.

In 2009, Madison Water Utility began offering customers \$100 rebates to replace old, water-wasting toilets with high-efficiency EPA WaterSense models. Since then, thousands of Madison home and business owners have taken advantage of the Toilet Rebate Program, replacing more than 17,000 old toilets and saving an estimated 1,088,847,183 gallons of water.

"That is a big number," says Madison Water Utility customer service supervisor Marie Van Aartsen, who oversees the program. "We're excited to save such a large amount of such a precious resource."

Van Aartsen says old toilets are notorious water wasters. That vintage 1950s pink toilet sitting in the downstairs half bath? It likely uses 5 gallons of treated drinking water with every flush.

"That was just the norm. You really didn't think about it," Van Aartsen says. "But we want people to think about it. The Toilet Rebate Program has a dual function - besides saving water, it's also a way for us to get the conservation message out."

It's not just homeowners the utility is trying to reach. Old water-wasting toilets can be seen in businesses, restaurants and bars across Madison. That's why Madison Water Utility recently expanded its rebate program to include all buildings - from schools to apartments to restaurants and shopping centers. The Toilet Rebate Program's \$100 bill credits are first-come, first-served until funding is exhausted. Non-residential customers can apply for up to twenty \$100 bill credits per address.

"If you haven't replaced a toilet, definitely look at our program," says Van Aartsen, noting that the Toilet Rebate Program has saved participants \$5.7 million in water and sewer costs over the last decade. She also points out that replacing old toilets is about more than conserving water.

"It's not just the water, but the energy it takes to get the water out of the ground and pumped out to all the homes and businesses in our community. It's a second resource that we're also saving," she says.

The program has saved about 2.2 million kilowatt hours of electricity so far, equivalent to the amount of electricity needed to power 276 Madison homes for a year.

Madison Water Utility customers can find more information about the program at MadisonWater.org or by calling (608) 266-4651.

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 \$ _____
 Donation, 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 _____
- 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 _____
 - Planning and Development _____
 - School Gardens _____

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