

Spring Harbor News

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Fall Membership Meeting

Tuesday, October 25th, 2011, 7:00 PM
Spring Harbor Middle School
Spring Membership Meeting

Topic: University Crossing

It has been an exciting summer for the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association. A lot is happening in our neighborhood and city. This year's fall membership meeting is a "can't miss". Mayor Paul Soglin will be our special guest speaker. Other agenda items will include updates from Alder Mark Clear, and Supervisor Brett Hulseby which will include information on the new University Crossing Development at the corner of University and Whitney Way (see UCrossing article). SHNA has played an active role in identifying neighborhood and west side interests and concerns and in collaborating with Krupp Construction, city staff, alders, and adjoining neighborhoods to make this a high quality, neighborhood-friendly, development. Special thanks to Herman Felstehausen and our University Crossing committee members for all of their hard work. Elections are slated to be held for the Secretary and Area Six Director. A new SHNA Safety Committee has been formed and is already quite active. If you are interested in participating in any of our neighborhood committees, please contact SHNA President Greg Hull at (608)443-9169 or greg@gmhull.com.

BOARD POSITION OPENINGS

The Secretary and Trillium Area Representative positions are both currently open. We have a volunteer who has been appointed to the Secretary position in the interim, until elections are held at the next general membership meeting.



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Neighborhood Halloween Party

is on Sunday, October 30, from 2 PM to 3:30 PM in the Spring Harbor Middle School gym. The party provides fun Halloween activities, such as a beanbag toss, sucker pull, arts and crafts, pin-the-spider-on-the-web, cakewalk, and a spooky tunnel for children (ages 1 to 8). This is also a great opportunity for older children (ages 9 through high school) to organize and supervise the activities for the younger children. Folks of all ages, come to socialize and enjoy the potluck of goodies donated by neighbors and local businesses.

There are several ways that you can help. The easiest is to simply come to the party with some treats to share, bring your kids and help them to participate in a neighborly way. Another way to help, is to come early around 1:30 p.m. to set up or stay later, after the party at 3:30 PM to clean up.

Help is also welcome in the planning, set-up, and supervision of the games. If you know a child or teenager who could help, please have them contact Lori Peppard at lori.peppard@gmail.com or 233-7110. Lori will provide signed volunteer forms at the party for students who want to get credit for the time they donate to the neighborhood party. There will be a pre-party pizza gathering for those volunteers who come early to help set up the games and decorations.

So come, all you Halloween enthusiasts to supervise, set-up, plan for small prizes, or a special activity (like running a door prize raffle or face painting). We would love to have your help!

Thank you, and we hope to see you there.

Your Neighborhood

Join the Indian Hills Garden

If you enjoy gardening, consider joining the Indian Hills Garden Club to meet and enjoy other neighborhood gardeners. The garden club is open to everyone in the neighborhood. Our activities include presentations by gardening experts, field trips, neighborhood planting projects, the annual plant sale, a spring garlic mustard pull, April potluck and a winter holiday party. Our fund raising efforts benefit our local neighborhood parks. If you would like to join us, please call Kim McBride at 238-8819 or Shary Bisgard at 233-1238.

To join the garden club and/or attend one of the above sessions, please contact Kim McBride at 238-8819 for place and time.



Our Public Spaces

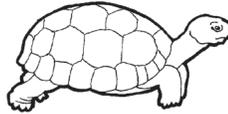
Be sure to take advantage of the wonderful weather by enjoying our neighborhood parks and right of way areas:

- Spring Harbor Park
- Boat Launch and Beach
- Kettle Pond Conservation Park
- Indian Hills Park
- Merrill Springs Park
- Lakeshore Courts

Neighborhood Turtle Garden

This summer, a stone turtle was donated to the Spring Harbor neighborhood by local Girl Scout Troop 2498, led by Carol Quintana, and the Indian Hills Garden Club, with Faith Fitzpatrick leading the effort.

The girl scouts earned \$500 from the last two years of cookie sales and that money, combined with \$42 they raised selling sweets at the May garden club sale, was donated to buy the 500 pound 32 inch stone turtle. The garden club donated the remaining funds needed. Herman Landscaping is also thanked for delivering the turtle and charging less than their normal fee because it was a joint girl scout and garden club project.



The turtle has been placed near the turtle rain garden on the corner of Minocqua Crescent and Lake Mendota Drive. It's a wonderful addition to our neighborhood, and children of all ages will delight in finding it nestled there.

Natural Resources Update Park Vegetation Restoration

With the ravine at Spring Harbor Park cleared of invasive buckthorn, many people can enjoy the views from the new nature path. We hoped to plant some new trees and shrubs and selectively remove some of the overgrown boxelder, but this was put on hold, as the committee members were busy with University Avenue reconstruction and University Crossing meetings.

Plans will be finalized this winter for spring planting. In addition, we will be moving forward with City Parks on getting buckthorn removed from the hillside next to the dog park. The restoration committee is in need of able-bodied volunteers for trail maintenance, spot-removal of invasives, planning, and planting. Please contact Faith Fitzpatrick

(faithfitz@sbcglobal.net) if interested in helping.

Two New Bio-retention Basins

City Engineering received two grants for installing bio-retention basins this fall. These are large rain gardens that will help filter stormwater runoff from streets and paths before it enters the lakes. One basin is currently being installed at Indian Hills Park and the other will be located in the green space by Spring Harbor Beach parking lot. If you are interested in helping to select the plants and keep an eye on how the plants are doing over time, please contact Faith Fitzpatrick (faithfitz@sbcglobal.net).

Volunteer Activities

Please get involved and volunteer! We are in desperate need of more help in keeping our green spaces enjoyable for all. We ask parents to use this opportunity to get your kids involved and help you. It is a great way to have them take ownership of their surroundings.

Get InVolved

Find Information—To get neighborhood news and event reminders, sign up for email at <http://www.springharboronline.com> (This list is not used for discussion.)

Join a Committee—To join, contact the individuals below: **Transportation:** Shary Bisgard (233-1238; sharybisgard@charter.net) **Natural Resources:** Faith Fitzpatrick (233-3584; faithfitz@sbcglobal.net) **Zoning and Redevelopment:** Un-assigned, **History:** Ann Sowaske (238-7903)



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Donations to SHNA in 2011!

Below is a listing of those who have generously contributed extra funds to help support our work this year. SHNA keeps our annual membership dues low (\$10) to encourage all households in our neighborhood to join & participate. Donations are our principal source of funds to support our association. Thank you for supporting your neighborhood and our many projects and activities. Please consider making an extra contribution to SHNA when you send in your annual dues. Of course, thanks are due to the many volunteers who also help with our activities throughout the year.

Ron & Vaira Akselis
Ron Aschenbrenner
Ben & Marie Barwick
Fran Beach
Tracey & Karl Bietz
Gerald & Shary Bisgard
Mark Clear
Catharine Conley & Bob Elkins
Jackie Csedo
Geke DeVries/Herman Felstehausen
Chuck & Mary Beth Dunning
Jerry & Joyce Ensign
Bill & Faith Fitzpatrick
Shirley Funk
Chuck Gates & Candy Schrank
James & Yvonne Gern
Scott Greene & Mary Thompson
Jenny & Carol Glaser Gumperz
Ken & Delores Haak
John & Elizabeth Haase
Mike & Marge Hallenbeck
Wayne Harris
Milan & Magdalena Hauner

Terry & Diana Hollenback
Chris & Debra Houden
Greg Hull
Michael & Beverly Kienitz
Ron Klaila
Delbert Kolman
Rudy Korte
Emil & Bernadine Lauber
Karen & Don LaValley
Don & Alayne Macaulay
Jay & Joan Martin
Audrey Martino
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Nan Sievert
Patricia Smith
Elizabeth Stager & David Koehler
Matt Sykes & Beth Niblack
Ed Tallard
Robert & Judith Taylor
John Thompson
Jackson & Virginia Tiffany
Nick & Judy Topitzes
Herman & Una Torosian
Jeffery Turner
Kae Walker & Richard Dewitt
Joseph & Louise Wiesenfarth

Our July 4th Volunteers

Once again weather on July 4th was Spring Harbor perfect as dozens of neighbors and friends attended the annual parade and picnic.

The many neighbors and friends who volunteer to help out each year ensure that our summer celebration is such a success. Our thanks go to Parade Head Honcho Mary Beth Dunning, Game Director Joe House, as well as game leaders Brooke and Kara Mortensen, and prize distributors Calder, Rafael and Brendon. Park decorators included Glenis Benson, Sally Miley, Mary Dwyer and Jeanette Tierney. Sue Coppersmith, Mary Dwyer, Catherine Martin, Shary Bisgard, Glenis Benson and Jeanette Tierney picked up food and other supplies. Kyle Metzloff grilled over 200 perfect hotdogs and brats, retaining his Master Griller credentials.



Other volunteers were Dick and Noel Pearson, Susanna Daniel, Bill Fitzpatrick, Fran Beach who helped direct traffic, and Jackson Tiffany. If your name was accidentally omitted, we apologize and thank you too! Glass Nickel donated their popular pizzas, Brennan's provided watermelons, McDonald's contributed the orange drink, and Taco Bell provided the napkins. Please thank these local businesses and thank the neighbors listed above who helped with the event.

Alder Report

Hello Neighbors,

Here's an update on neighborhood and city issues.

University Avenue Reconstruction: The final plans for University Avenue have been approved, the budget is set, and funding is all but secured. The final hurdle is to ensure funding stays in the 2012 city and county budgets. Construction staging is currently being planned; please watch my city blog (see below) for a public meeting once those plans are complete so we can know what to expect next year. A big thank you to SHNA transportation committee who have worked on this project and advocated for the neighborhood for more than two years. You'll find a link to the final plans on my city Web site.

- **University Crossing:** As of this writing, the redevelopment project at the corner of University and Whitney Way has been approved by the city Plan Commission and is headed for a final vote at the Common Council on October 4. SHNA and other neighbors have been very involved in the review of this project and have influenced the project significantly. Updated plans, meeting schedules and other information about the project is on (you guessed it) my city Web site.
- **Merrill Spring Park Expansion:** The city is negotiating to buy the lot east of the park to expand and preserve the lake shore for the public. The cost would be covered by the parks acquisition fund. I should have more details soon and will share them with the neighborhood. What are your ideas for the park?
- **City Budget:** The city has begun work on our 2012 capital budget, and by the time you read this, the Mayor's proposed operating budget will be released. Due to state aid cuts and the poor economy, the city has no choice but to both raise taxes and reduce services. If that sounds like a lousy deal, it's because it is. One of my spending priorities is economic development activities that are an investment, rather than just an expense. Building our tax base and creating jobs is the only way out of our fiscal troubles. What are your priorities?
- **New Web Tools:** The city has rolled out a new council Web site that is better organized and easier for me to update. I also have a new blog that I'm using as a communication tool to replace my e-mail updates list. You can read the blog on the web site, and also subscribe to get e-mail notifications of new postings. <http://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district19>

Thanks as always, and please keep in touch!

Ald. Mark Clear, district19@cityofmadison.com, 608-695-5709



**Dale Heights Presbyterian Church &
Korean Madison Sah-lang Church**
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Madison, WI 53705

<p><u>Dale Heights</u> Pastor Marilyn Gamm Phone: 608-233-0134 e-mail: dalehghts@sbcglobal.net www.daleheightspc.org</p>	<p><u>Sah-lang</u> Pastor Ki Tak Gam Phone: 608-395-4205 e-mail: madison.sarang@gmail.com www.madisonsarang.org</p>
<p>Sunday Children-Friendly Worship 10 a.m. Sunday Church School 9 a.m.— September-May Wednesday Lunch Studies— for more information see website</p>	<p>Sunday Worship 12:10 & 1:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship 7 p.m. Morning Prayer 6 a.m. Mon.-Fri. College Group 6 p.m. Fridays For more information see website or contact Pastor Gam</p>

University Crossing Development Moving Towards Final Approval

University Crossing on 14 acres of former Erdman property was approved for development by the Madison Plan Commission September 19, 2011. The plan now goes to the City Council on October 4 where final approval is expected. PUD and GDP approvals were granted including clinic building #1 on University Ave and 225 stalls of surface parking. The Plan Commission also approved demolition of all structures on the site—expected to begin this fall—plus construction of an L-shaped street through the property, and a new half-signal intersection on University Ave. The half-signal intersection will be similar to the one at the back of the Target store where Frey St meets Segoe Rd. The Lenhart Company with Krupp Construction is the overall developer.

When University Crossing is completed in 6 to 8 years, it will include three clinic buildings for UW Hospital & Clinics, a retail-office building on the corner of University Ave and Whitney Way, a 6-story hotel on Whitney Way, 3-story hospitality house, and three parking structures, one of which will be 4-stories high and wrapped with 65 apartment units fronting on interior streets. Two of the clinic buildings will be 3-stories, one will be 4-stories tall. The development will generate an estimated 7000 additional trips per day and will be served by the addition of 1300 to 1400 stalls of new parking, mostly in three ramps.

The Spring Harbor development review team with neighborhood support was successful in getting major improvements incorporated into the project.

- Demolition and land grading monitoring were added because of the proximity of the development to city well #14. Requirements will include monitoring for soil contaminants, placement of three ground water test wells, and a public reporting process to make findings available to the city, DNR and neighborhood.
- Siltation basins were called for to limit soil and sediment loss from flowing into Spring Harbor. Steep slopes are to be terraced and planted with deep-rooted long-stem grasses. Existing trees and shrubs on the periphery will be preserved until final construction phases are complete and permanent landscapes are in place.
- Bio-filtration swales were added to help filter parking lot runoff. Plans include the discharge of clean roof water onto tall-grass landscapes beyond the 400 foot wellhead protected area. Grit chambers for street runoff were added. Effective stormwater management calls for keeping contaminated street and parking lot runoff to a minimum. The neighborhood asked for roofs on ramps to increase the amount of clean runoff but the idea was rejected.
- Specific details such as noise control, dark-sky lighting, limits to building heights, unobstructed viewsheds, finished walls on parking ramps, pocket parks, tree buffers along Trillium, and bike/ped connections with Trillium were all discussed and requested, but in most cases, deferred until specific implementation plans (SIPs) are prepared. They are not assured.
- Traffic concerns related to the half-signal intersection, metro stops, pedestrian crossings, and bike connections remain under discussion.
- Submitted by: Herman Felstehausen

SHNA Board of Directors' Meetings

You are welcome to attend the monthly SHNA Board of Directors' meeting, currently held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending a meeting, be sure to check the SHNA website at www.SpringHarborOnline.com to confirm the date, time and place. If you would like to have an issue considered by the board, please contact your area director or the SHNA president to have it added to the agenda for that meeting.

SHNA Board of Directors

President	Greg Hull	443-9169
President Elect	Vacant	
Treasurer	Bill Fitzpatrick	233-3584
Secretary-elect	Jeanette Tierney	238-9084
Past President	Sally Miley	233-2976

Area Directors

Area 1	Shary Bisgard	233-1238
Area 2	Jeff Schneider	238-7465
Area 3	Amy Nickles	231-3391
Area 4	Kim McBride	238-8819
Area 5	Stanley Fuka	236-4229
Area 6	Vacant	

Fall Leaf Reminder

Decaying leaves provide nutrients for the algae in our lakes (algae are the green, stinky aquatic plants that start to plague our lakes in early summer). When placed in the street, nutrients from the leaves can be leached out by rain or snowmelt, wash down the storm sewers and into the lake, "feeding" the algae and causing them to grow rapidly. The leaves themselves don't have to go anywhere. Leaf pickup is one of the City's largest and most costly projects of the entire year.

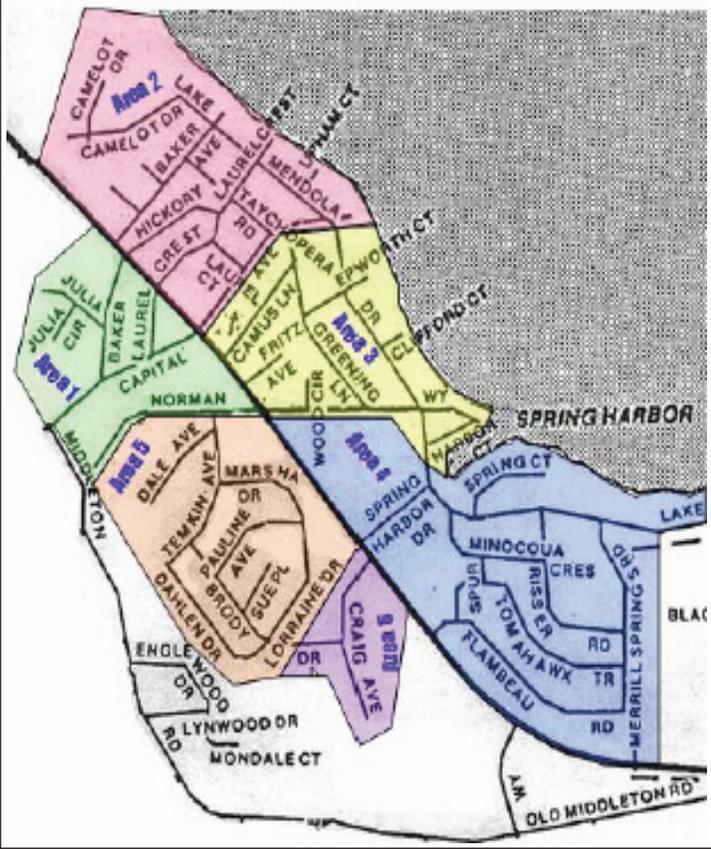


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The best way to handle leaves is to simply mulch them into your yard with the mower. The nutrients will ultimately soak into the lawn and give a little free fertilizer to the grass. Raked leaves should be placed on the terrace above the curb and NOT in the street. It is illegal to do so, and is punishable by a stiff fine! Complaints may be forwarded to Al Schumacher, Madison Streets Superintendent at 266-4681 or e-mail at aschumacher@cityofmadison.com. If you must bag your leaves, leave the bag tops open so collection crews can determine what's inside. Leaves also make a wonderful compost for gardening. Do not mix leaves or yard waste with brush as neither will be picked up if mixed. You may place a tarp over your leaves to keep them from blowing around. Pickup crews will leave the tarps. You can check a recorded announcement (267-2088), or visit www.cityofmadison.com/streets to find out when leaf pickup crews will be in your neighborhood. Lots more info is available at www.myfairlakes.com.



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 \$5.00 per household; please consider a donation as well.

Please make checks out to SHNA

Membership Dues \$ _____
 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 _____
 - Zoning and Redevelopment _____