

Spring Harbor News

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Fall Membership Meeting

Tuesday, October 23rd, 2012, 7:00 PM
Spring Harbor Middle School Library

Another exciting summer for Spring Harbor and we have a fantastic fall meeting planned to wrap it all up. Don Sanford, currently authoring a book on the history of Lake Mendota, has agreed to come fill us in on the history of our own piece of shoreline. Other agenda items will include updates from Alder Mark Clear and Supervisor Jeremy Levin. The purchase of the Merrill Spring Park expansion has closed. The SHNA Watch committee is continuing to do great work and was just awarded a grant from the City of Madison. Learn about what this grant will be used for. 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.



Halloween

Our neighborhood Halloween party will be on Sunday, October 28th, 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 p.m. 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. We 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 or plan for small prizes or a special activity (like running a door prize raffle or face painting).

We are looking for a new Halloween Party Coordinator or Co-Coordinator to take over for or help Lori. If you can fill this very important role, please contact Lori ASAP.



**Thank you, and we hope
to see you there.**



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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 or washed 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.

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. Leaves also make a wonderful compost for gardening. Raked leaves should be placed on the terrace above the curb and NOT in the street. It is illegal to put the leaves in the street 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. 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.

SHNA Board of Directors’ Meetings

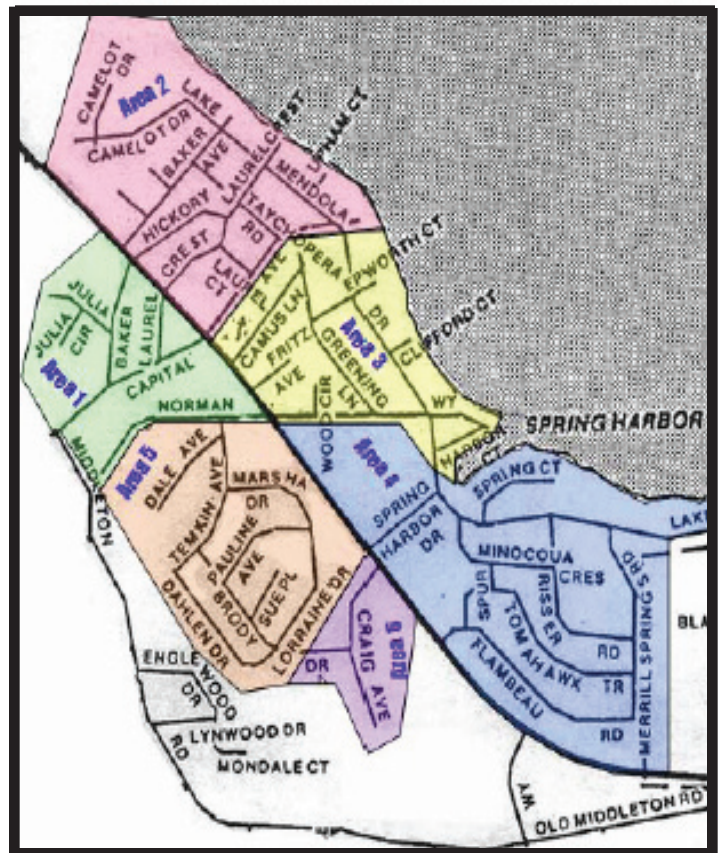
You are welcome to attend the monthly SHNA Board of Directors’ meeting, currently held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending a meeting, be sure to check the SHNA website at www.SpringHarborOnline.com to confirm the date, time and place. If you would like to 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

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Area 4	Kim McBride	238-8819
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Area 6	Stan Fuka	236-4229



Your Neighborhood

Join the Indian Hills Garden Club



Despite its historical name, the garden club is open to everyone in the neighborhood. You don't have to be a "good" gardener to join. In fact, you may not garden at all but want to learn how or just have an interest in plants. It's also a good way to meet others in the neighborhood with a common interest and be enriched by attending our educational programs and tours. Our activities include presentations by gardening experts, field trips, neighborhood planting projects, the annual plant sale, a spring garlic mustard pull, an April potluck at Dale Heights Church, and a winter holiday auction party. Our fund raising efforts benefit our neighborhood parks and annual contributions to garden and conservation groups. If you're interested in joining us, contact Kim McBride at 238-8819 or Shary Bisgard at 233-1238.

Natural Resources Update

Faith Fitzpatrick

Spring Harbor Park Tree Planting on Hold

We had hoped to get new trees and shrubs planted this spring in the ravine woods with funding allocated previously from SHNA and Indian Hills Garden Club and cost-shared with City Parks. However, the weather was just too dry, and at the current time we are looking to postpone planting til the spring. We will look to removing buckthorn in the woods between the dog walking area and Indian Hills subdivision this fall and winter.

We continue to work with DOT to preserve and protect the area around the springhead in the park during construction. Stormwater from the road construction and staging area has increased gullying in the park and sediment is clogging the spring channel, even with numerous silt fences. For construction, the dry year has been good for limiting the number of erosion-prone runoff events.

Thanks to so many neighbors who pulled garlic mustard over the spring and summer and hauled loads and loads of shredded bark for the trails in the scorching summer heat. The restoration committee is in need of able-bodied volunteers for trail maintenance, spot-removal of invasive plants, planning, and planting. Please contact Faith Fitzpatrick (faithfitz@sbcglobal.net) if interested in helping.

Bioretention Basins--Planting Postponed

City Engineering installed two bioretention basins last fall but due to the drought has been waiting to plant. These are large rain gardens that will help filter stormwater runoff from streets and paths before it enters the lakes. One basin is at Indian Hills Park and the other is next to the Spring Harbor Beach parking lot. The Indian Hills Garden Club worked with City Engineering staff on selecting plants for the basins.

Turtle Rain Garden Survives Drought Well

The rain garden at the intersection of Spring Court and Lake Mendota Drive survived the drought better than expected. Thanks to those neighbors who helped spread shredded bark this summer!

Stormwater

The dry summer has been good for one thing - limiting erosion issues from construction along University Avenue and in the University Crossing development. The lack of rain this summer reduced the number of runoff events that usually happen. However, even the few rain events have had erosion control issues associated with them, causing excessive siltation and turbidity in Spring Harbor and Lake Mendota. For University Avenue, erosion control has been challenging. Extra-vigilant neighbors have helped to report incidents and fix problems. Erosion will continue to be a problem until the construction is finished and vegetation is established.

Alder Report

Hello Neighbors, here's an update on neighborhood and city issues.

University Avenue Update

What a long summer it's been for Spring Harbor! The good news is that the new boulevard is really taking shape and we are still anticipating an on-time completion on October 26. The project is currently in Stage 4 and should be moving to Stage 5 (traffic on outside lanes) around the first of October. The Indian Hills ped/bike path should re-open about that same time. Also in October, the Old Middleton off-ramp will be closed for about three weeks (detour Whitney Way). Watch my blog and the SHNA mailing list for the latest updates.

University Crossing Phase 2

Construction of phase 2 is underway. This phase includes two buildings: a multi-tenant commercial building along University Avenue close to Whitney Way and a green-roofed parking structure wrapped by 110 apartments. Both buildings will be completed in mid- to late-summer of 2013. Construction on the phase 1 clinic will be complete in early 2013.

City Budget Update

The Mayor's proposed capital budget for 2013 was released this month. The capital budget is "big ticket," durable items like buildings, vehicles and road construction. We don't pay cash for these items; we borrow the money and repay it over ten years. That way the cost is spread out over more of the lifetime of the item, and we don't have huge spikes in taxes when we do something big like a new library.

The 2013 capital budget is not particularly remarkable for our area; there are no big projects planned for our immediate vicinity. Most of it is a continuation of projects already underway (e.g., Central Library) or long planned (road construction projects). The proposed operating budget will be released the first week of October; watch my blog for updates.

Project H2O Open House

Madison Water Utility is holding public events to present information about Project H2O. This City-wide meter project, which will be coming to the Spring Harbor area early next year, will automate water meter reading to increase accuracy and provide customers with the timely information they need to better manage their water usage.

Thursday, September 27, 6-8 p.m. Alicia Ashman Public Library, 733 N. High Point Road

For more up to date information, please check my city blog at
<http://cityofmadison.com/council/district19/blog/>

Have a great autumn!

Alderman Mark Clear



**Spring Harbor-Safe Harbor:
Making a Great Neighborhood Even Better!**

The Spring Harbor Neighborhood Watch Committee invites you to participate in our neighborhood survey. With your help we can identify what is good about the Spring Harbor Neighborhood and what needs improvement. The survey is part of the Spring Harbor--Safe Harbor Project, funded through a city grant. It will identify and prioritize the activities, events, programs, and services that will bring neighbors together to build a stronger, healthier community. The results of the survey will be presented and discussed at a neighborhood meeting on November 15, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Dale Heights Church. At that point, an action plan will be developed to guide the neighborhood with the help of our facilitator, Melissa Huggins, from Urban Assets, LLC.

Here is the link to the survey: www.surveymonkey.com/s/SHNASURVEY. Thank you, in advance, for your participation in the survey. In addition to the on-line survey, we plan to do some face-to-face surveying for select areas of the neighborhood. We would love for you to help with this important piece to give voice to neighbors who otherwise would not be inclined to answer the on-line survey. If you have questions or would like to get involved, please contact Barb Schultz-Becker, SHNA watch committee chair and area 5 director at jhbbsb@gmail.com.



**Dale Heights Presbyterian Church &
Korean Madison Sah-lang Church
5501 University Avenue at Norman Way
(next to Brennans)**

<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: takgam@yahoo.com www.madisonsahlang.org</p>
<p>Sunday Children-Friendly Worship 10 a.m. Sunday Church School 9 a.m. Wednesday Lunch Studies— for more information see website or contact Pastor Gamm</p>	<p>Sunday Worship 12:10 & 1:30 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>

Dane County Board Report—District 10

I hope this edition of the SHNA newsletter finds you well. The fall is when the County starts its annual budgeting process, and this year looks to be as tough as the last few. The State's imposed levy limit, which allows a levy increase equal to the greater of zero percent or the increase in equalized value due to net new construction, will likely mean cuts across many departments. The Dane County Department of Human Services presented its budget to the Health and Human Needs (HHN) committee on August 29th and, fortunately, with the help of outside revenue, was able to propose an increase of more than \$6.2 million for critical programs and services. The increase will enhance the access to, and the quality of, our human services safety net. It includes a funding increase of \$3 million for persons with developmental disabilities and a \$400,000 increase in mental health services. The HHN committee will spend much of September and October working through the budget and passing it on to the full Board to vote on in November.

In other news, a joint Dane County, UW, and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) study will investigate carp removal options from Lake Kegonsa and other Dane County Lakes. This is another initiative resulting from the county board's Clear Lakes Initiative, which began in February 2012 and will utilize funding from a State DNR grant that will allow the county to invest more than \$200,000 in resources to help boaters curb the growth and transfer of aquatic invasive species at boat launches on Lakes Waubesa and Kegonsa. It is my hope that in the near future the County will be able to expand its pilot project stations to boat landings at Lakes Mendota and Monona.

Finally, the Board is also creating a county-wide education task force to explore, review and develop strategies for the county and its various school districts to collaborate on ways to streamline services that would benefit Dane County families and taxpayers. It is expected that this facilitated collaboration will lead to better communication and utilization of county programs that can benefit at-risk and disadvantaged student populations.

As always, please feel free to contact me at levin.jeremy@co.dane.wi.us or call me at 608.577.9335 with specific questions and concerns.

Supervisor Jeremy Levin

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Take the survey at

www.surveymonkey.com/s/SHNASURVEY

It will be available beginning October 1 until October 28.

Come to the November 15 meeting, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Dale Heights Church to get the results of the survey and to participate in the Spring Harbor Neighborhood action plan.



July 4th-A Sweltering Success

Thank you to all who participated in the Fourth of July parade and picnic at Spring Harbor Park. In spite of the 100 degree temperatures, there was a good turnout. A special thanks to all the volunteers who made the many arrangements. We enjoyed having the Shorewood Hills fire truck to lead the parade, the local dignitaries who joined us, the food donations from Brennans, Jacobsen Meats and Glass Nickel, the orange drink from McDonald's and the napkins from Taco Bell. A special thanks to the neighborhood association for sponsoring the games, prizes, decorations and miscellaneous food items.

Thank You For Your Donations in 2012!

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 also due to the many volunteers who also help with our activities throughout the year.

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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, Bill Fitzpatrick, 5156 Spring Court, Madison, 53705. Dues are \$10.00 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 _____
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