



# 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

## All Neighbor Fall Meeting and Potluck

**Tuesday, October 23, 6:30 pm**

**Dale Heights Presbyterian Church**

### **President's Corner** Aaron Crandall

Hello Spring Harbor neighbors and friends! Where did the summer go? I am excited for all the wonderful fall colors along with the slightly cooler temperature outside.

I would like to thank all the people who helped with our neighborhood events over the summer, specifically Mary Beth Dunning for the 4th of July parade and picnic, and Barb Schultz-Becker for the Labor Day Jazz Concert. Also, thank you to the Friends of Merrill Spring who coordinated the summer solstice event back in June. Lastly, thank you to all the volunteers who helped throughout the spring and summer with different cleanup and beautification activities throughout the neighborhood.

Fall is time for our All Neighbor Fall Meeting and Potluck, which is scheduled for Tuesday, October 23, starting at 6:30 pm with a potluck followed by a brief meeting and possible presentation. The meeting and potluck will be in the basement of Dale Heights Presbyterian Church on University, not at the middle school. We hope that some of our new elected officials will be able to attend as a kind of "meet and greet," and we will keep you posted on who will be there and any plans for a topical presentation, so watch our Spring Harbor webpage for updates.

Speaking of our webpage, if you have not visited recently you might want to check it out at [SpringHarboronline.com](http://SpringHarboronline.com) for regular updates from your neighborhood. The main page is where we post all our Webpage updates. In addition to our Webpage, we also have a Nextdoor page and Facebook page, for the SHNA. Aaron Crandall, President, [aaron.crandall@yahoo.com](mailto:aaron.crandall@yahoo.com)

## *SHNA at the Chazen*

Spring Harbor neighborhood resident and photographer Michael Kienitz has an exhibit at the Chazen Museum on the UW-Madison campus. A description of the exhibit from the museum's Web page follows:

### *Iceland's Vanishing Beauty:*

Photography by Michael Kienitz  
September 14-February 3

Madison photographer Michael Kienitz created these images during five years of work in the region of Vatnajökull National Park in Iceland. A visually stunning area of extremely varied features, the park encompasses—and is named for—Europe's largest glacier.

The SHNA Board encourages you to attend a Tour with the Artist on October 21, 2 p.m., or on November 8, 12:30 p.m., to show our neighborhood's support for local artists and Michael's amazing photography. We've let Michael know that he may see more neighbors on these two dates—be sure to introduce yourself! Tours are limited to 25 people, so be sure to arrive early and check in with a Visitor Services Associate in the Mead Witter Lobby. Check the campus or city parking maps for near-by public parking. Entrance to the museum is free. Of course, you can attend the exhibit whenever you are able to.

Here is a link to more information about the exhibit: <https://www.chazen.wisc.edu/index.php?/events-calendar-demo/event/icelands-vanishing-beauty-photography-by-michael-kienitz/>

**Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association invites you  
to be active in your Community .....JOIN US, see page 8**

# Your Neighborhood

## July 4th Parade/Picnic Fun

We had a great turnout for the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association Fourth of July Parade and Picnic. Lots of families, kids, and good food and fun!



Thanks to the many volunteers who helped make these events a success, especially game masters Barb Schultz-Becker and John Becker; super grillers Ann Lambrecht, Ken Halfmann, and Raul Reyes; Sue and Don Lauffer who did too many things to name; excellent park decorators Eric Stewart and Stan Fuka, and Keri Shehan for leading the clean-up. Thanks to Joan Martin for donating the watermelons and brat buns, Sally Miley for

donating the hotdogs and buns and condiments, John Walsh and Lisa Steincamp for buying and distributing the popsicles, and Metcalfe's Market for donating the particularly tasty brats. And we truly appreciate the Shorewood Hills EMS and Fire Association volunteers for bringing the antique fire truck to our neighborhood to lead the parade. What a great holiday tradition!

## 5533 University Avenue (formerly Brennan's) Project Update

At the August 14th SHNA Board meeting, the developer of this proposed mixed-use apartment building presented revised plans. This project was originally approved by the Planning Commission on 1/8/2018 but the approved plan is now being revised. The SHNA Planning & Development Committee is

currently reviewing the changes requested and, we are hoping to meet with the architect and/or developer for further discussion. Demolition and construction on the former Brennan's site will not start until early 2019 or later in the Spring. As of this time no business tenants have been identified for the commercial spaces located on the ground floor of the new building.



## Indian Hills Park



Visit the newly renovated Indian Hills Park located at the corner of Flambeau Road and Merrill Springs Road in Indian Hills. All welcome to come play!

## Clean Streets Make Healthy Lakes

Leaves are part of nature. Why are they a problem? Leaves are one of the largest sources of urban phosphorus pollution. Without streets, parking lots, and storm sewers, leaves would fall on soil and phosphorus would soak into the soil instead of going straight into our lakes and streams. When left in the street gutters, leaves release phosphorus into stormwater that easily washes down storm drains and directly into our lakes.

### *Why are leaves a problem for the lakes?*

Leaves release phosphorus when they break down, representing one of the largest sources of urban phosphorus pollution. When left in the street, leaves make a phosphorus-rich tea that washes down storm drains and directly into our lakes. It only takes one pounds of phosphorus to produce 500 pounds of algae in our lakes!

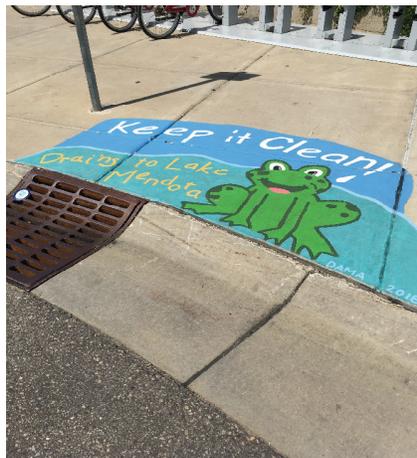
### *Rake leaves from the street*

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 open.

### **Quick Facts:**

- Over the course of the year, more than 50% of phosphorus in urban stormwater can come from leaves in the street.
- In the fall, removing leaves from the street before it rains can reduce the amount of phosphorus in urban stormwater by 80% compared to no leaf removal.



Storm drain art at Memorial Union

## Be Salt Wise! Best Practices

You can keep sidewalks and driveways safe this winter while protecting our waters:

### 1. Shovel

Clear walkways and other areas before the snow turns to ice. The more snow you remove manually, the less salt you will have to use and the more effective it will be.

### 2. Scatter

Scatter it so that there is space between the grains. Believe it or not, a coffee mug of salt is enough to treat an entire 20-foot driveway or 10 sidewalk squares.

### 3. Switch

Below 15 degrees, salt won't work. Switch to sand for traction or a different ice melter (PDF) that works at lower temperatures.



### 4. Select a Certified Contractor

Check to see if your contractor is certified through the Winter Salt Certification Program. If not, encourage them to become  
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## Dane County Board Report—District 10

### Supervisor Jeremy Levin

I hope this edition of the SHNA Newsletter finds you and your family well. The fall is when the County starts its annual budgeting process. 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, constrains the cost to continue for many departmental programs. The County Board held a public input sessions on September 12 and 13 to solicit public comment. During the hearing, which focused on the Human Services Department, speakers urged the county to be a community partner to keep the Kajsai House open, which serves the Hmong, Cambodian, and Laotian community. The facility was slated for closure at the end of September. On Thursday, the board heard from environmental leaders who urged the county to continue working on improving water quality. That includes implementing proposals from the Healthy Farms, Healthy Lakes Task Force (<https://board.countyofdane.com/Healthy-Farms-Healthy-Lakes-Task-Force>) designed to reduce the amount of nutri-

ents washing into the lakes. Since I have been appointed this term to the Environment, Agriculture and Natural Resources (EANR) Committee, lake levels and the health of the lakes are before my committee frequently, and very timely with emergency management concerns of the heavy rains this summer.

Over the next 25 years the region's population is expected to grow by another 150,000 people, almost twice the number of seats in Camp Randall Stadium. Greater Madison is asking for public input into future growth planning for Dane County. I encourage you to take this survey so that A Greater Madison Vision receives a robust response. The survey gathers public input for the next regional development plan, which will guide regional growth and development through 2040. The survey will be available until November 12 at [greatermadisonvision.com](http://greatermadisonvision.com).

Questions about county projects or initiatives, please contact me at [levin.jeremy@co.dane.wi.us](mailto:levin.jeremy@co.dane.wi.us) or call me at 608.577.9335.

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Hi Spring Harbor Neighbors! My name is Keith Furman and on August 7th, I was appointed by the Madison Common Council to fill the remainder of Alder Mark Clear's term which expires on April 16, 2019. After more than 11 years on the Council, Alder Clear resigned to focus on a new job. You can learn more about me here: <http://keith.li/intro>



In this edition of the SHNA newsletter, I want to talk about recent flooding and new stop signal technology coming to University Avenue.

The intensive rainfall on August 20th followed by higher than normal rain over the following 3 weeks brought widespread flooding to our area and raised our lake levels to near record levels. As we start to return to normal, the City is working on a roadmap to fix and improve infra-

structure. I've been told it will take 3-6 months to properly scope out necessary projects, but I know

the Engineering department is working hard to minimize damage from future storms. If you haven't done so already, please send any photos or videos of any property damage caused by the storm to Janet Schmidt (JSchmidt@cityofmadison.com). Janet is Principal Engineer - Stormwater in the City of Madison Engineering Division. Most specifically, the City is looking to see how high the water got, including water in basements and garages or other structural damage. Please include your address. This information will be used to help with planning and prioritizing. In the aftermath of the storm, I'm also hoping the City revisits its development

regulations in relation to stormwater (i.e. if possible, requiring rain gardens, retention tanks, etc).

Another issue that has been raised is the water level of Lake Mendota. Dane County and the State DNR oversees setting and maintaining the water level, but I know the City of Madison has been engaging both to see what can be done to be better prepared for future storms.



On a more positive note, the City will soon begin to install new traffic signal technology along University Avenue. The University Ave Adaptive Signal Project involves connecting the 11 traffic signals

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## Spring Harbor Beach Report

Nancy Ellison, Lake Steward for SHNA

Cheers neighborhood friends who have enjoyed Spring Harbor Beach this summer. What a wonderful public beach we have! The beach is a great place to drop a blanket, share a picnic, watch the evening sky and just hangout to feel the soft summer breezes. This year the beach was busy most weekends, even though the life-guards are only available Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Everyone should be proud of the fact that, as a neighborhood, we have marvelous people who lend a hand to make sure our public beach is a great neighborhood destination. Special thanks goes out to the Madison Parks Department for keeping the washrooms open daily throughout the summer.

The running water and toilet availability is great for beach goers. Also, thanks to other Parks department crews for mowing, trimming and general maintenance, raking the beach area and collecting the piles of aquatic weeds that accumulate along the shore. Thanks to Giovanna Jeffries and her grandson Danny who help keep the buoy lines clear of aquatic weeds. Enthusiastic kayakers have gotten in on the action— the Wingra Weed Wackers kayak class lent a hand collecting and piling up pounds of aquatic weeds so Parks could get it off the beach.



I am the volunteer monitor at Spring Harbor Beach. The data I collect is uploaded to the Clean Lakes Alliance Lake Forecast Web site via [lakeforecast.org](http://lakeforecast.org). I record visual and in-water observations of the water. Twice a week from May to September, I recorded wave intensity, waterfowl presence, algal surface bloom presence, algal bloom type, floating uprooted plant debris abundance, bather load, and water clarity (can you see your toes?). I also measured air and water temperature and turbidity.

TURBIDITY is the measurement of how cloudy water appears. Turbidity is also a measure of how much light passes through water, and is caused by suspended solid particles that scatter light. These particles may be microscopic plankton; stirred up sediment or organic materials; eroded soil, clay, silt, sand, mud, industrial waste; or chemical precipitates or urban runoff. Turbidity measurements at the beach this summer included eight readings above 100 centimeters in the secchi tube. Yahoo! Eighty-four centimeters was the average of twenty-four of the most recent turbidity readings. Love the science? Check out the Clean Lakes Alliance Lake forecast Web site at [lakeforecast.org](http://lakeforecast.org). Search for Spring Harbor Beach data under the name: Spring Harbor Pier #18 (that's where our data is collected and stored). Visit Spring Harbor Beach. Enjoy this beautiful public access beach welcoming everyone to Lake Mendota.

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## Friends of Merrill Spring

News From the Friends (FMS)....

**Summer Solstice Celebration:** We had a super evening for this year's Solstice Celebration. About 50 folks of all ages helped to make a fantastic drum circle led by Elmore Lawson. Beforehand there was time for cake and drinks and neighborhood camaraderie.



### Park Upgrades:

**Kiosk** – In one of our summer downpours, the Madison Parks west crew came out with their bobcat and auger and drilled the holes for the kiosk. Then early on the 4th of July, eleven Friends and friends of Friends came to help John (of Midwest Locust) and Danny (of Foggy Bottom Woodworks) install our new long awaited kiosk. Come take a look and don't forget to check out the logbook—we're getting some great entries!

**Glass/Dog Sign** – At our request, Parks has moved this sign from the boulder adjacent to the cistern to another location in order to provide a nicer sight line for the park entrance.

**Targeted Projects** – As many of our initial issues in forming the Friends group have been resolved, the Board decided to move from a Master Plan position to targeted projects. The categories are:

- Restoration and protection of the stonework
- Water quality protection
- Vegetation
- Monitoring the Merrill Spring well
- Beautifying the entrance to the park.

We've reached out to the Friend's membership for comments, but we would love to hear your comments too.

**Fall Cleanup** –Join us again for our fall cleanup to help tidy up before winter. We're waiting to see how long the leaves cling to the trees, so currently we are targeting the morning of either November 10th or 17th. We'll post more details on our Facebook page when we lock down the date.

Follow us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Merrill-Spring-366885473435529>

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To join or renew your membership for 2018 [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

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on University Ave from University Bay Dr to Allen Blvd to a high-speed fiber optic communication network, upgrading some aging traffic controllers as necessary, adding vehicle detection zones and setting up adaptive signal operation.

Adaptive signal technology will enable the signals to adjust the timing automatically in

real-time based on the changing traffic flow of the corridor, thus reducing travel time, delay and emission. This project received federal funding which covers the majority of the construction cost. The system was designed by City of Madison Engineers and has received all the necessary approvals. The City is hoping to finish

the project and have all the technology up and running by Thanksgiving.

If there is anything I can do to help, feel free to reach out: [district19@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district19@cityofmadison.com) or 608-352-3502. You can also stay up to date via my City blog: <http://keith.li/19blog> (which includes a link to sign up for e-mail updates.)



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
at Dale Heights Presbyterian Church  
5501 University Avenue, Madison  
Monday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m.  
Followed by Fellowship and singing.  
Mark you calendars. We hope you can come.  
Invite your family, friends and neighbors.

Our open-minded congregation celebrates God's gifts of love and grace.  
We seek to share God's love by inviting others to join us in  
following Jesus and by serving those in need in our community and world.

# Your Neighborhood

## Spring Harbor Board and 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 Web site at [www.SpringHarborOnline.com](http://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

#### President

Aaron Crandall 294-9505

#### Vice President

Giovanna Jeffries 238-1991

#### Treasurer

Bill Fitzpatrick 233-3584

#### Secretary

Mary Beth Dunning 238-4598

#### Past President

Janet Loewi 238-2626

### Area Directors

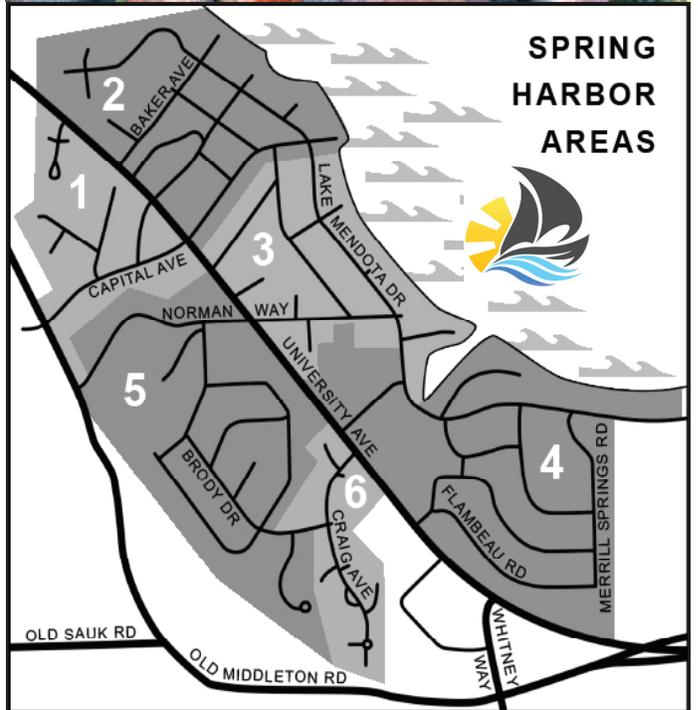
Area 1	Liz Freitick	238-2988
Area 2	Jussi Snellman	238-7022
Area 3	Joan Martin	239-8408
Area 4	Kim McBride	238-8819
Area 5	Barbara Schultz-Becker	232-1810
Area 6	Stan Fuka	236-4229

*Sign up for the SHNA listserv!*

Send an email to [springharborna@gmail.com](mailto:springharborna@gmail.com).

Put in the subject line: SHNA listserv.

If you want to give your name and the name of the street you live on that would be great but not required.



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 \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_
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  - School Gardens \_\_\_\_\_