

# Spring Harbor News

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## Fall Membership Meeting

Tuesday, October 27, 2009, 7:00 PM  
Spring Harbor Middle School

We hope that you have enjoyed summer in the neighborhood. In spite of the somewhat cool weather, there were many residents and visitors taking advantage of Spring Harbor Beach and other park areas this year. The trees that were planted last year and this spring continue to flourish and two major park projects were completed! Dozens of volunteers planted the rain garden at the intersection of Spring Court and Lake Mendota Drive after the city installed the new and improved storm drain. Faith Fitzpatrick chaired this project, securing public funds in addition to money from SHNA and the Indian Hills Garden Club, ordering the plants, and coordinating the work with city parks and engineering. Also this summer, the stonework at Merrill Spring was extensively repaired. Janet Loewi and Faith Fitzpatrick obtained matching funds from the city's People for Parks program and worked with stonemason Jacob Arndt on this project. Mr. Arndt had previously repaired stonework at Hoyt Park.

### Fall Meeting

You will hear about these projects and more at our fall membership meeting. The agenda will include updates from our neighborhood committees on this year's accomplishments and future plans. Ald. Clear and Supervisor Hulsey will also join us and update us on city and county matters that affect our neighborhood.



Of special note will be the report of the SHNA Transportation Committee. As previously reported, the stretch of University Avenue from Segoe Road to Allen Blvd. will be reconstructed in 2011. The city has begun planning for this major project-you may have noticed the surveyors this summer. Our transportation committee, chaired by Shary Bisgard, has worked very hard to develop a set of recommenda-

tions for the city. The committee will present these recommendations at the membership meeting and ask for their adoption.

### Program

Our Parks and Open Spaces Committee, chaired by Suzanne Kercher, has worked for the past several months on a Master Plan for the wooded area of Spring Harbor Park (between the playground and the dog park). The plan calls for removing invasive species, adding native plants, and more. Dave Ropa, a science teacher at Spring Harbor Middle School, has been a valuable resource for the committee. Mr. Ropa and his students worked last spring to remove some of the buckthorn in the park. At our fall meeting, Mr. Ropa and some of this year's students will, with Suzanne and the committee, discuss the plan and the future of the woods. It is exciting to have this partnership with the school. We will ask for a vote on adoption of the plan so work can begin this fall.

## Thanks to our Fourth of July Volunteers!



Weather for this year's Fourth of July parade and picnic was not promising, but about 200 neighbors and friends turned out for a fun celebration. This annual neighborhood get-together is only possible with the many volunteers who make it happen. Big thanks goes to grillmeister Kyle Metzloff, who returned early from vacation to bring his grill to the park and grill roughly 100 hot dogs and brats.

Other volunteers were Parade Marshalls Shary and Jerry Bisgard and grandsons, Game Director Pat McBride, Glenis Benson, Carrie Dellinger, Chuck Dunning, Mary Dwyer, Bill Fitzpatrick, Carol Glaser, Diana Horton-Williams, Greg Hull, Catherine Martin, Kim McBride, Sally Miley, Amy Nickles, Noel and Dick Pearson, Cathy Pearson, Jackson Tiffany, and Jim Williams.

Once again, Glass Nickel donated the excellent and popular pizzas, Brennan's, the watermelons, McDonald's, the orange drink, and Taco Bell, napkins. Be sure to thank these local businesses.

# *Your Neighborhood*

## **Join the Indian Hills Garden Club**

If you enjoy gardening, you may enjoy belonging to the Indian Hills Garden Club. Our activities include presentations by experts, field trips, neighborhood planting projects, a spring garlic mustard pull, spring potluck and fall brunch and a holiday party with items auctioned off to raise money for local park projects, Olbrich Gardens and the UW-Madison Arboretum. If you would like to join us, please call Kim McBride at 238-8819 or email Shary Bisgard at sharybisgard@charter.com

## **History Walk**

If you were unable to attend the history walk on September 13, you missed an opportunity to get to know our neighborhood's historical places. Eleven homes were on the tour, including five in Indian Hills.

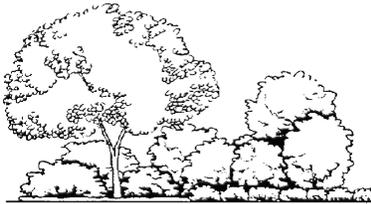
- The Warner/Pearson/Risser farm house at 5010 Risser Road
- 1110 Risser Road
- 5117 Minocqua Crescent
- 5126 Tomahawk Trail
- 5122 Tomahawk Trail
- 5101 Lake Mendota Drive
- 1779 Norman Way (carriage house)
- 1775 Norman Way
- 1645 Norman Way
- 5618 Lake Mendota Drive
- 1721 Hickory Drive (Hickory Hill)

Merrill Springs and the Indian mound were also on the tour. If you would like to see these locations, check with Ann Sowaske (238-7903) for any leftover guides to use. Many thanks go to the history committee for their work putting this all together. Special thanks to Mary Beth Dunning for producing the guide book.

## **Zoning and Development**

If you are interested or plan to build in the Spring Harbor Neighborhood please refer to our Residential Development Information Guide. This guide provides city and neighborhood information to aid in your building process. The guide can be found on the SHNA website: <http://www.springharboronline.com/> or at the Madison Zoning Office.

If you are interested in the Zoning and Development committee please call Kim McBride @ 238-8819 or e-mail at k2berly2@hotmail.com



## **Our Public Spaces**

Be sure to take advantage of the wonderful fall 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

## **Meet Officer at Blue Mountain Coffee Shop**

You're invited to meet with Officer Chad Josiak from the Madison Police Department at the Blue Mountain coffee shop at 5439 University Avenue on the following Saturdays: September 26 and October 24. Scott knows our area well since his current assignment is to patrol our neighborhood. He will be available to talk from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. on the days noted.

## **Stonework Repair at Merrill Spring Park**

Through generous contributions from neighbors and partnership of SHNA and City Parks, the stonework at Merrill Springs was repaired this summer by renowned



stone restoration artist Jacob Arndt of Northwestern Masonry and Stone Company. Jacob repaired the cistern, picnic benches, and outlet channel. This project was part of continuing restoration of the park including replacing the water source, cleaning the cistern, regrading the channel, removing invasive vegetation, and plantings. The heavy rains of the last couple of years have raised the groundwater levels and have returned the natural flow of Merrill Spring to the cistern (in spite of the heavy water utility pumping at the city well on University Ave). It's wonderful to see the natural spring flow in the park and as a result we haven't had to use the supplemental well source for water this summer.

Come down to see all the improvements at our beautiful neighborhood park on Lake Mendota at the end of Spring Court. Many thanks to all who have contributed time and money to help restore this historic park.

## Spring Harbor Park Plan

The Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association officially adopted Spring Harbor Park in 1999. Including the playground, restrooms and basketball courts, Spring Harbor Park is almost 10 acres in area, with wooded areas totaling about 6.5 acres. The City currently provides minimal effort to maintain the park area. Over the years, the wooded areas have become overgrown with invasive exotic plants. In large numbers, these species detract from the character of the woods and also make it difficult to walk through the woods. Garlic mustard removal work parties have taken place in the woodlands each spring since the 1990's. To date, however, there has been very little effort to remove buckthorn, honeysuckle, or deadfall from the site, although biology teacher Dave Ropa's class recently began to remove buckthorn shrubs along the periphery of the woods closest to the basketball courts. Neighbor Mark Miller (Hickory Drive) has also independently planted several native hardwood tree saplings throughout the site. The Spring Harbor Natural Resources Committee, interested neighbors, and Mr. Ropa began to meet in the fall of 2008 to draft a Spring Harbor Park Master Plan. After this plan is approved by the City, we intend to undertake the gradual restoration of our woods back to native floodplain forest and oak-hickory forest.

Our work will begin this fall with the removal of buckthorn shrubs and deadfall in the understory of the woodlands closest to the playground. After cutting the buckthorn, we will be treating

the stumps with herbicide to ensure that they do not re-sprout. All herbiciding will be publicized with well-marked signs and will take place, to the greatest extent possible, once the cold weather sets in to ensure the safety of children. If

you have any questions or concerns about what we are doing, or if you would like to help out (restoration is great exercise!), please contact the Natural Resources Committee chair, Suzanne Kercher, at [suzsophil@aol.com](mailto:suzsophil@aol.com).

### **Turtle Rain Garden is Working!**

We now have our first official neighborhood rain garden! Last June a group of about 20 neighbors planted over 750 native plants in a new rain garden at the intersection of Lake Mendota Drive, Minocqua Crescent, and Spring Court. SHNA and Indian Hills Garden Club partnered with City Engineering Stormwater Department and Dane County to get the project done. City Engineering did the initial earthmoving and construction of the rain garden and also helped with the vegetation plan. About 600 plants were ordered through the city and remaining 150 or so came from neighbor's yards and the boat ramp gardens. Our neighborhood girl scout troop is helping with planting and maintenance. The project could not have happened without your most generous donations of time, funding, and support. Thank you!

But, the area around the rain garden is not finished yet. A kid-friendly turtle shaped garden is planned for a large portion of the remaining open area. A detailed plan for the turtle was submitted to City Parks in July.

This has been a wonderful project for the neighborhood---not only do the planted flowers and grasses help beautify our neighborhood public spaces but we're also helping to slow street runoff and keep pollutants out of Spring Harbor. Please feel free to contact the coordinator, Faith Fitzpatrick (233-3584; [faithfitz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:faithfitz@sbcglobal.net)) for more information or to volunteer.



## Dane County Supervisor Report

Dear Friends,

Fall is on its way. That means the kids are back in school, UW is back, and we are heading into the county budget. On the County Board, I represent you and your interests. Here's a quick update on what I have been working on for you.

### University Avenue Progress

Alder Clear and I have secured reconstruction of University Ave. for 2011, and the planning is starting. We will work with the engineering firm to be sure they gather your ideas and thoughts about improving the road. Look for announcement of that meeting soon. We also got Stimulus funds to upgrade University Ave from Segoe to Shorewood Blvd. next year.

### Creating Jobs with Clean Energy

To create jobs, Dane County and Madison will get more than \$4.4 million in Energy Efficiency block grants. I am working with neighbors to get help to make our homes more comfortable, save energy, and money. If you are interested in participating, drop me a note at the email address below. You can do your part now by going to [www.FocusonEnergy.Com](http://www.FocusonEnergy.Com) for a home energy assessment.

### Keeping our Beach Open

I worked with neighborhood leaders, the city and health department to get better testing at Spring Harbor beach. They were able to get the testing needed to open the beach. We need to clean up pollution running into the lake. You can do your part this fall by keeping your leaves out of the street and planting a rain garden to soak up rainwater. Let me know if you need help with this.

I hope you have a good fall. Give me a call at 238-6070 or email [Brett@Brett4us.org](mailto:Brett@Brett4us.org) if I can serve you.  
*Supervisor Brett Hulse*

### Alderman Report

Hello Spring Harbor Neighbors,

Fall is here, the kids are back in school, and at city hall, that means two things: Construction season is wrapping up, and budget season is under way.

### Construction Updates

As I'm sure you've noticed, the big projects on University Avenue and Campus Drive are complete,

and what an improvement! We can look forward to more of the same next year when the segment of U-Ave from Shorewood Boulevard to Segoe Road will be reconstructed using ARRA (stimulus) funding.

Also scheduled for 2010 is reconstruction of Old Middleton Road. The engineers are currently revising the plans to include traffic controls, change where the sidewalk crosses, updated tree information, and several other design issues. When that process is completed, we'll hold another neighborhood meeting to present the revisions. If you'd like to be notified about that meeting and receive other OMR updates, please drop me an e-mail.

And don't forget the big project for reconstruction of "our" segment of U-Ave coming in 2011. See the article from your transportation committee elsewhere in this issue for more details. Public meetings with the consultants will kick off soon, but are not scheduled as of this writing. If you wish to be notified about public meetings, be sure to sign up for the SHNA e-mail list, or drop me an e-mail.

### City Budget Update

The Mayor has included several items of note in his capital budget, some of which you have read about in the media, such as the new central library and TIF financing for the Edgewater project. Also included is a long-term plan to open a police "substation" in 2012, to be likely located somewhere in the northwest area of the city between Hilldale and Middleton.

The operating budget will come out in October. The Mayor has asked all departments to provide contingency plans for cuts of up to 6%. For many departments, this would be devastating, and would result in many service reductions. But if we don't make significant cuts, all of us will be faced with large tax increases. It will be very difficult to find a balance between preserving vital services and keeping taxes reasonable. What are your priorities? If you've got questions or comments about the city budget, or would like to share your priorities, please don't hesitate to contact me.

### Target at Hilldale

You've probably read about Target's plans to build at Hilldale at the site of the ill-fated Whole Foods, between Frey Street and University Avenue. At this point they have presented only an informal  
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site concept plan; no formal applications or plans have been submitted to the city. If and when there is something specific, my colleague Ald. Chris Schmidt, who represents that area, will schedule a neighborhood meeting. I will ensure that SHNA is represented there as well.

Please contact me at district19@cityofmadison.com or call 608-695-5709 if you have questions or concerns I can help with. For more frequent updates, join my e-mail list for District 19 by sending a blank message to join-d19news@lists.markclear.com. Have a great autumn, and remember to help keep our lakes clean by putting your leaves on the terrace and not in the street!

**Alderman Mark Clear**

### University Avenue Reconstruction Update

Christy Bachman, the city engineer assigned to guide the University Ave. reconstruction project, attended the August SHNA board meeting to explain the process for the University Ave. reconstruction which will take place in 2011, likely from late March or early April through October. The total project will be 2 miles long and cost \$7.3 million dollars. 50% of the cost will be paid by the federal government, 25% by Dane County and 25% shared by the City of Madison, Village of Shorewood Hills and the City of Middleton.

KL Engineering Company has been hired by the city as the planning consultant; their staff is currently working on data collection, surveying the roadway and conducting traffic counts. The traffic count in August was 41,000 vehicles per day. The company will perform on-going traffic counts throughout the year and will also project a traffic count over the next 20 years.

University Ave. will keep its current four lanes. The corridor varies from 100 to 130 feet wide and will contain a 6 foot-wide median with turn bays installed where possible. There will be on-street bike lanes and a path/sidewalk on both sides of the street. Curb and gutters will be installed.

The city favors asphalt for the pavement surface but will compare the cost of concrete with that of asphalt before making a decision. The underpass at Spring Harbor is not currently funded because it would likely cost a million dollars to make it ADA compliant, but staff will ask the consultant about the feasibility of building a new overpass at less cost than originally estimated. During the construction period, one lane each way will be open with turn lanes at streets so traffic won't be held up by turning car Old Middleton Road is due to be reconstructed in 2010 and it will likely carry much of the traffic that would ordinarily travel on University Ave. in 2011.

The city will hold a public information meeting this fall and second public hearing is planned for next March. The SHNA Transportation Committee is developing recommendations to provide to our elected representatives, city engineering staff and the consultant. They include recommendations on safety issues, including keeping the Spring Harbor tunnel, road and intersection design, stormwater, Madison Metro stops, landscaping, and lighting. Once the recommendations have been reviewed and approved by the SHNA board, they will be posted on the SHNA webpage.

You are welcome to join the Transportation Committee if you are interested in working on issues surrounding the University Ave. reconstruction. Please call Shary Bisgard at 233-1238 to join or to obtain more information.



## Dale Heights Presbyterian Church & Korean Madison Sah-lang Church

**5501 University Avenue** (next to Brennans)  
**Madison, WI 53705**

<p align="center"><u>Dale Heights</u> Pastor Marilyn Gamm Phone: 608-233-0134 e-mail: daleheights@sbcglobal.net www.daleheightspc.org</p>	<p align="center"><u>Sah-lang</u> Pastor Hong Lim Phone: 608-395-4205 e-mail: madison.sarang@gmail.com www.madisonsarang.org</p>
<p align="center">Sunday Children-Friendly Worship 10 a.m. Sunday Church School 9 a.m. Wednesday Lunch Studies— Thrs Knitting/Crocheting Group— for more information see website</p>	<p align="center">Sunday Worship 12:10 &amp; 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 Lim</p>

## 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](http://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

<b>President</b>	Sally Miley	233-2976
<b>President Elect</b>	Vacant	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Bill Fitzpatrick	233-3584
<b>Secretary</b>	Diana Horton-Williams	233-6493
<b>Past President</b>	Janet Loewi	238-2626

### Area Directors

<b>Area 1</b>	Shary Bisgard	233-1238
<b>Area 2</b>	Carol Glaser	233-3725
<b>Area 3</b>	Amy Nickles	231-3391
<b>Area 4</b>	Kim McBride	238-8819
<b>Area 5</b>	Greg Hull	443-9169
<b>Area 6</b>	Chuck Dunning	238-4598

## 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 snow-melt, 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.



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 266-4680 or e-mail at [aschumacher@cityofmadison.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.myfairlakes.com).

### Want Neighborhood Information?

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





**Our Neighborhood Halloween Party** is on Sunday, October 25, 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 one to eight), and provides an opportunity for older children (ages nine through high school) to organize and supervise the activities for the younger children. Folks of all ages have the opportunity to socialize and enjoy the potluck of goodies donated by neighbors and local businesses.

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

Help is also welcome in the planning, set-up, and supervision of the games, and if you know a child or teenager who could help, please have them contact Suzanne Kercher at 608-238-4673 or email [suzophil@aol.com](mailto:suzophil@aol.com). Suzanne will provide signed volunteer forms at the party for students who want to get credit for the time they donated to the neighborhood party. Also, there will be a pre-party pizza gathering for those volunteers who come early to help set up the games and decorations.

Finally, if you are a Halloween enthusiast and can donate some adult supervision, set-up, planning, small prizes, or a special activity (like running a door prize raffle or face painting), we would love to have your help, too! Thank you, and we hope to see you there.



## *Thank You For Your Donations in 2009!*

Below is a listing of those who have generously contributed extra funds to help support our work this year. SHNA keeps our annual membership low to encourage all households in our neighborhood to join. 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.

Ron & Vaira Akselis  
 Ron Aschenbrenner  
 Fran Beach  
 Gerald & Sharon Bisgard  
 Walter & Sandra Borowski  
 Carl & Judy Bowser  
 David & Christine Cookson  
 Heather & Steven Crade  
 Jackie Csedo  
 Dick & Doris Dubielzig  
 Tamara England  
 Jerry & Joyce Ensign  
 Bob & Kathy Fillingame  
 Bill & Faith Fitzpatrick  
 Richard & Sharon Glasrud  
 Herbert Grimek  
 Wayne Harris  
 Terry & Diana Hollenback  
 Brett Hulsey  
 Leslie Dierauf & Jim Hurley  
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Ron Klaila  
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 John & Mary Kuypers  
 Dan Lauffer  
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 Don & Alayne Macaulay  
 Jay & Joan Martin  
 Pat & Kim McBride  
 Neal McGuffin & Liz Freitick  
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 Tim Schiffer  
 Nancy Graham & Bob Schmook  
 Garth & Karen Scott  
 Chuck Gates & Candy Shrank  
 Nan Sievert  
 Jussi & Rosey Snellman  
 Sara Kazmierczak & David Soka  
 Don & Doreen Stewart  
 Joann Kowalski & David Sumi  
 Tom Thousand  
 Joe & Kay Tisserand



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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
     Merrill Springs/Rain Garden \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 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 \_\_\_\_\_