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WINTER 2019 NEWSLETTER

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Winter in the neighborhood has started slowly, the weather has been mild, and the city was still picking up leaves in mid-December. Yet it seems that many of our neighbors, including those new to Arbor Hills, found the time and energy to get in the festive spirit and put up holiday decorations in their yards and on their homes.

I want to report that financially your association ended the year with a surplus, thanks to sound financial management and our push to recruit dues-paying members. You gave strength to our voice when we worked with the city on safety, lights, and other improvements. It is so important to be able to tell a public official how many members we have, how much you pay in property taxes, and about the professions you represent. I want again to thank the several dozen volunteers who have helped with events, fixing welcome sign lights entering our neighborhood, fighting weeds, and picking up trash. I also want to thank those companies that have supported your newsletter with ads and contributions in kind and money.

During the winter months your association board will begin planning the spring and summer events: Earth Day cleanup, a garage sale weekend, the summer picnic, and more fun outdoor activities. For more event info, turn to page four and check out arborhills.org. We can always use volunteers to help, so reach out to any board member and especially to our wonderful event planner, Samantha Castro (scastro817@yahoo.com) if you'd like to volunteer.

With so many new neighbors in houses and apartments, I would like to remind everyone to do several things. Keep your outside lights on every night. Lock your car doors, garages and home doors, and don't be shy about calling 911 or the Police Department if you see something going on that does not seem right.

Your board will be working with police, the streets division, parks, schools, and city and town government officials to keep Arbor Hills clean, safe, and prosperous. As always, consider ways that you can help to make Arbor Hills a better place to live, and send your ideas my way!

James W. Cortada,
President
Arbor Hills Neighborhood Association



AHNA BOARD MEETINGS

The Arbor Hills Neighborhood Association Board meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6:30 - 8:00 PM.

Every resident is welcome to attend.

Please contact a board member if you plan on attending the meeting. See page 7 for the list of Board Members.

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AND REMINDERS!

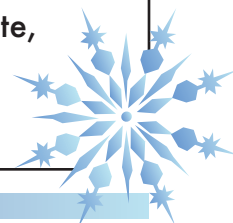
GREAT NEWS!

We have a new website!

We admit, the old site was a bit dusty, so we started fresh and now have an up-to-date, one-stop-shop to check out upcoming events and information about Arbor Hills.

Please take a moment to check it out!

www.arborhills.org



KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR: Janell Morehead

By Ashley Gibson,
newsletter editor



Janell Morehead, a long-time resident of Arbor Hills and member of the neighborhood gardening club, stands in her greenhouse

It may be the middle of winter, but it's still growing season at the Moreheads' home on Leyton Circle. Janell Morehead, a lifelong gardener, tends to the hydrangeas, bougainvillea, and geraniums in her greenhouse, which remains around a comfortable 38 degrees throughout the colder months.

Janell has had her hands in the dirt for nearly as long as she can remember. Growing up in Black Creek, Wisconsin, she followed in her grandfather's footsteps - literally - dropping seeds into the holes he dug in his garden.

"Gardening is kind of a passion," Janell says. "It's in my blood."

Which is why her first home, in Denver, Colorado, had to have a garden. While working as a librarian, she read extensively about conservation and sustainable environmental practices, which led her to begin organic gardening and composting.

"It's critical that we do whatever we can to conserve resources so future generations can enjoy the outdoors," Janell says.

Janell and her husband, Bill, moved from Denver to Madison in 1971 with their three young children. A few years later, they built a house in the Arbor Hills neighborhood on Essex Court. In 1989, their home was featured in the Olbrich Garden Tour.

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GARDEN CLUB!

Janell Morehead,
Arbor Hills Garden Club Treasurer

There are a lot of outstanding gardeners in Arbor Hills. Is there interest in getting the Arbor Hills Garden Club active again? It is a wonderful chance for gardeners to share their talents and beautify the neighborhood with civic improvements. Though currently inactive, the club has a charter and some funds to help us get started. All we need is a few interested neighbors who are ready to dig in.

If you have interest, there will be a 7:00 p.m. meeting on Thursday, February 21st at the former club treasurer's home at 9 Leyton Circle. Please reach out to Janell Morehead at janell@rumtum.org or 608-278-7053 indicating your interest, name, and phone number. Should it be necessary to change the location or date you will be contacted.

Janell joined the Arbor Hills Garden Club and can remember planting some of the greenery on Grandview Boulevard. Her kids helped plant the spruce that line the street today. The experience must have made a lasting impression, as they all chose to major in related fields in college: horticulture, botany, and environmental studies.

Bill's job at IBM led the family to spend two years living in Germany, where their backyard was lined with azaleas and apple trees. The Moreheads also spent a number of years living in Rochester, Minnesota, where Janell worked for Sargent's Greenhouse while taking Master Gardener and Tree Care Advisor courses. As a Master Gardener she spent time teaching 3rd graders hands-on vegetable gardening. Their home was featured in the Rochester Garden Tour in 1993.

When they moved back to Madison in 1999, the trees are what led them to buy another home in Arbor Hills.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

"I walked through the neighborhood in November," says Janell. "I saw the brilliant red, yellow, and orange leaves lighting up the backyard of a house for sale. I just knew that was the one."

Now, the Moreheads' lawn features winding paths through a variety of plants and trees and a pond full of water lilies. Janell would like to help bring the neighborhood garden club back to life. Her vision is to get younger families involved with the group.

"It's such a great way to teach kids about the outdoors," Janell says. "It's part of our civic responsibility to take care of the green spaces in our neighborhood, and it's important for sustainability. It's also a great way to get to know your neighbors."

The 'Know Your Neighbor' series features stories about the residents of Arbor Hills and their remarkable hobbies, careers, and life in the neighborhood. Know someone who would be a great candidate for a story? Reach out to the newsletter editor, Ashley Gibson, at akgibson17@gmail.com.

Arbor Hills Neighborhood Association Holds Annual Meeting

Your association held its annual meeting on October 10th. We held board association elections and heard presentations by your Madison Alder and City Council Vice President, Sheri Carter, and South Madison Police Captain Paige Valenta. Again this year the Arbor Covenant Church made available its sanctuary for the event.

Members of the Association elected new members to its board: long-time resident Phyllis Fuller as member-at-large, Sue Talarczyk as the new block captain coordinator, Ashley Gibson as editor of this newsletter, member-at-large Josh Grotheer, who brings strong financial skills, and Steve Pschorr, an experienced realtor. Jodi Wabiszewski changed her role and is now the recording secretary, and your events coordinator, Samantha Castro, was reelected. We said thanks to folks rolling off the board for their service: former block captain coordinator Crystal Daley, long-time recording secretary Cavendra Calderas, former member-at-large Janet Johnson who retired and moved to Tennessee, and former member-at-large Jim Campbell who retired from the board.

Madison Alder Sheri Carter brought everyone up-to-date on a lot of things going on with the city,

especially about the Madison College campus being built in South Madison. When it opens, around 1,000 students will attend, promising to bring changes to the area. There was a brief discussion about the repaving of Fish Hatchery that begins next fall. Police Captain Paige Valenta complimented our neighborhood for taking preventive measures to keep crime low in Arbor Hills, now one of the safest neighborhoods in the city. 7-11 has stopped being a center of concern, thanks to the new management now running the gas station/store.

Association President Jim Cortada reported that over a dozen new families moved into Arbor Hills this year, bringing more pets and kids into the community. Representatives from the AHNA Board met with Peg Keeler, the new principal at Aldo Leopold Elementary, promising that 2019 will be a year of much activity with our neighborhood school. The Association has the highest number of dues-paying members ever, a testament to the neighborhood's support of building community. There were more events in the park than ever, and Samantha reports there will be more next year.

Thank you to all AHNA members and those who were able to join for our 2018 Annual Meeting!



NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

Winner of the Holiday Lights Contest

CONGRATULATIONS

to the winners of the
third annual Arbor Hills
Holiday Lights Contest,
**Grant and Courtney
Roeming of
2914 Grandview.**



The judges were impressed by the Roemings' creative use of lights and decorations, theme, and placement of decorations. They will have their December MG&E bill paid as their prize.

Many neighbors upped their game this year. Judging became more difficult because of the increased creativity all over the neighborhood. Your Association

Board applauds everyone, including many of our new neighbors, for making our community so festive.

Honorable mentions go out to 3110 Grandview, the duplex at 2712 Ardsley, and 3314 Westview. The most creative street this year seemed to be Irvington Way, with all its new residents lighting up their homes.

A GRAND ENTRANCE

A wreath adorned the Arbor Hills Neighborhood sign to add a festive air as residents and visitors turn onto Grandview. Thank you to the neighbors who put up the wreath and fixed the lighting on this sign, and to all AHNA members whose dues contribute to small touches like this that make our community a great place to live.





NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

HALLOWEEN PARTY FUN!



The annual Arbor Hills Halloween party was a spook-tacular success! Ghouls and ghosts of all ages joined for treats, games, and a costume contest.

Welcome to
Arbor Hills!

Charlie and Nanci moved from Boston this summer and now live on Sandwood Way with their daughter, Jordan, and dog, Sawyer.

Get out your calendars and save these dates!

We hope you'll join us for these fun neighborhood events, which are made possible by your membership dues and the generous contributions of businesses in our community. More information will be available at arborhills.org.

Saturday, April 20 - Kids' Easter Egg Hunt
& Neighborhood Earth Day Clean Up

Thursday, May 16 - Food Truck Night in the Park

Saturday, June 8 - Neighborhood Garage Sale

Thursday, June 13 - Food Truck Night in the Park

Saturday, July 6 - Arbor Hills 4th of July Party

Thursday, August 8 - Food Truck Night in the Park

Thursday, September 5 - Food Truck Night in the Park
Early October - Arbor Hills Neighborhood Association
Annual Meeting

Thursday, October 31 - Neighborhood Halloween Event



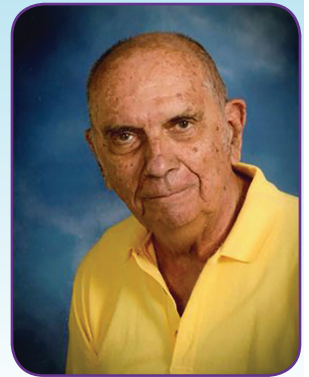
ANNOUNCEMENTS...



Megan and Josh Grotheer welcomed a daughter, Elliott Reese, on October 13.


In Memory...

Donald Henry "Don" Huebner passed away on November 29 after a 7-month battle with cancer. A long-time resident of Arbor Hills, Don lived on Leyton Lane with his wife of 60 years, Lorna May.



Have news you'd like to share with your neighbors?
Email Ashley Gibson at akgibson17@gmail.com
so it can be included in the next edition!

Dues are due!

A small illustration of a bird perched on a branch with pine needles and blue berries.

Members of the Arbor Hills Neighborhood Association help fund community events, such as our spring cleanup and July picnic in the park. Your dollars support local organizations, including Leopold Elementary. Your membership increases your voice when the board works with local elected officials on issues including public safety, street lights, and economic development. Together we can preserve home values, minimize crime, fund school improvements, and lobby for green spaces and improved transportation. Membership in an active, vibrant association such as ours improves the citywide positive perception of Arbor Hills as a desirable place to live and to raise our children. The AHNA has been active—and effective—for over 60 years! So, be part of the action, get your say, and shape your quality of life in Arbor Hills.

2019 annual dues are \$20 per household. Please send cash or check using the enclosed envelope or directly to our Treasurer, Neil Dinndorf, at 3314 Westview Lane or pay online at arborhills.org by February 28th.

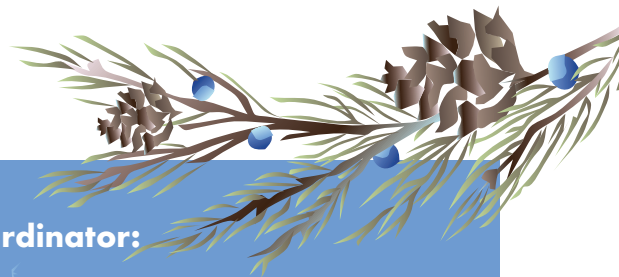
Block Captain Needed

Block captains play an important and fun role by bringing neighbors together and helping to keep everyone in the loop about important events. And we need your help! We need two new block captains for 2900-3109 Nottingham Way and 2917-3028 Todd Drive.

Interested?

Reach out to Sue Talarczyk
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for more information!

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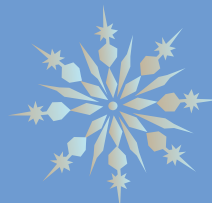
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