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SUMMER 2016 NEWSLETTER

NEIGHBORS WITH NATURE

We have the best of both worlds in Arbor Hills. We are residents of the great City of Madison, but we also share our neighborhood with red fox, wild turkeys, century-old oaks, natural prairie, migrating songbirds, geese, milkweed complete with monarch caterpillars, extraordinary wild flowers, the occasional crane, and countless other flora and fauna.

In the summer we fill the streets, trails, and yards of Arbor Hills as we get outside to soak up the warm weather and make the most of the longest days of the year. It is expected that we will cross paths with our natural neighbors as we enjoy the season. What a great way to live!

Here's to lightning bugs, ferns, frogs and the other neighbors that remind us summer has finally arrived!

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Find us on Facebook! There are several Arbor Hills groups from all over the country on Facebook. Be sure to look for our logo (above) in the profile picture!



AHNA BOARD MEETINGS

The Arbor Hills Neighborhood Association Board meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 7:00 - 9:00 PM.

Every resident is welcome to attend.

Please contact a board member if you plan on attending the meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

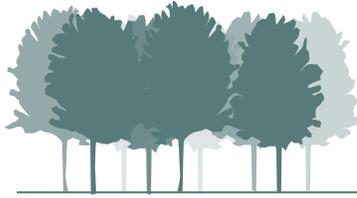
4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Parade starts at 10:00 am followed by a party in the park!

ANNUAL BIKE RIDE

Will be on August 6th!

MORE EVENT INFO INSIDE!
CHECK OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE FOR DETAILS AND REMINDERS!



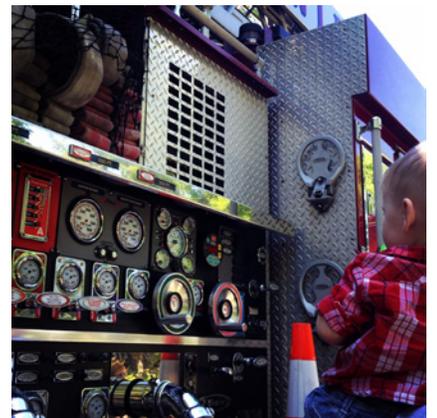
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4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION!

Our 4th of July festivities kick off on Monday, July 4th, at 10:00 am with the beginning of the bicycle parade!

Please join us to cheer on the little ones as they ride their decorated bikes down Grandview Boulevard. Line-up will be at the corner of Nottingham and the east side of Grandview. Follow the short but sweet parade up the hill to Arbor Hills Park where we will have games, a cook-out, and a City of Madison fire truck to climb on and explore!

Food, drinks, and lawn games are provided for Arbor Hills residents of all ages! This is always our biggest event of the year, so come ready to meet your neighbors and enjoy the holiday together.



FUN FOR EVERYONE! Photos from last year's celebration, from left; kids riding in the bike parade, fun games for all ages, and a little one admires a Madison fire truck. Not pictured: great food and company!

ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD BIKE RIDE

This year's annual neighborhood bike ride will be on August 6th! The ride is leisurely; it begins at Arbor Hills Park and winds through the neighborhood and nearby paths and ends back at the park. Riders of all abilities are welcome! We'll be biking about 6 miles over the course of about 45 minutes. Join us and take advantage of the great bicycle trails that Arbor Hills offers!

For more information, please contact Dave Kreling: david.kreling@wisc.edu

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Marian Farrow of the UW Arboretum presented a hands-on lesson on local invasive species. Here she is with her honeysuckle! Thanks, Marian!

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

Our semi-annual meeting was held on May 15th.

AHNA members approved new association bylaws. We also enjoyed hearing from our neighborhood law enforcement officers regarding current safety measures, Marian Farrow of the UW Arboretum who discussed invasive species, and Brandi Zander of MIG updating us on new real estate developments along the beltline frontage road.

Thanks for joining us! See you in November for our big annual meeting!

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hey Neighbor,

The summer is finally here and all the plants and gardens are looking beautiful. People are spending more time outside and with their neighbors. It's truly a time of community outreach. Our neighborhood is like a garden – it's growing with long-time residents downsizing and new families moving in. More and more children are moving into the neighborhood giving the association opportunities to offer more family events. Our neighborhood looks great because of some amazing volunteers in this neighborhood who have been taking care of the plants and the medians on Grandview Blvd. and at the Arbor Hills signs. I want to thank Larry Kruger, Robert Alt, Bill and Janell Morehead, Dr. Pam Duszynski and the many other volunteers who have been volunteering and taking care of the flower gardens and helping with the neighborhood's events.

This summer the association is busy planning new projects. We would like to start a once a week storybook reading at the park for all the neighborhood families. Bring your blankets and chairs to the park to listen to wonderful stories read by volunteers from the neighborhood for a variety of ages. We hope to have an Art in the Park Family Fun Afternoon with fun art projects for all residents later this summer. I am looking for retired teachers and/or artists in the neighborhood to work with me in putting together this wonderful fun event. Josh Miller of Bridges Church is putting together a big Community Block Party at Leopold School in the later part of July that will be a collaboration of a number of south side neighborhoods and our wonderful neighborhood police officer Scott Beckfield. On Saturday, August 6th, we will have our traditional Annual Bike Ride and potluck. I look forward to seeing you attend and participate in the fun. We will continue to announce events on our Facebook page and our website, www.arborhills.org, so please check back to see what we have planned!

It takes a lot of love for the community to do these things and to put events together, so I am calling out to our residents to contact me to assist in a number of areas to help these events be successful – from making phone calls, recruiting volunteers, setup and take down, and other duties. Please email me at president@arborhills.org.

*Carol K. Harrison
AHNA Board President*



We are still looking for people to join the AHNA Board or to volunteer for upcoming events. Please email president@arborhills.org if you are interested in learning more or lending a hand!

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BIKE ROUTE: Arbor Hills to Verona and the EPIC Campus

By way of the Cannonball and Military Ridge Bike trails

Submitted by Robert Alt

Remarks: Ride at your own risk. This route is 95% on dedicated bike paths which are mostly flat. For about 2/3rds of the route the path is asphalt and the remainder is crushed limestone. The limestone surface may be less acceptable for skinny tires. The Military Ridge Trail is a state bike path for which a fee is required. Passes are available at numerous locations along the path. Downtown Verona offers many amenities near the trail including coffee spots, restaurants, bars and grocery stores. EPIC'S campus is fascinating and visitors are welcome. Call ahead if a tour is desired. En route, a number of roads carrying motorized vehicles do cross the paths. Proceed with caution. Residents of Arbor Hills who work at EPIC could frequently bike to and from work.

START: Arbor Hills Park (Pelham and Derby Down) heading west on Pelham.

30 yards: Left on Grandview (toward Leopold School).

0.1 mi: Right on Sandwood Way which becomes Westview as it curves down and to the left.

0.47 mi: Right on the Knollwood Conservancy path.

0.5 mi: Right on the Cannonball Trail.

1.8 mi: Continue straight (actually very slightly to left) at the bike roundabout.

2.6 mi: Cross bike bridge over highway PD. South of the bridge the Military Ridge Trail begins.

5.5 mi: After crossing highway PB, the surface of the Military Ridge Trail is crushed limestone.

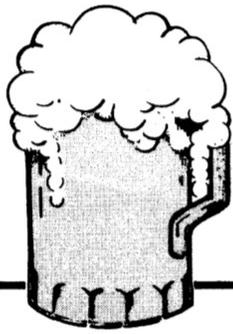
6.0 mi: bathrooms are to left off of trail.

6.6 mi: Highway 69=Main street Verona. Adjacent to the trail is a building called "Hometown Junction" which contains bathrooms, water fountains and sheltered picnic tables.

8.7 mi: just past the 2nd tunnel under highway 18-151 take first right on a steeply uphill path.

Alternate: Go just a bit further and take the 2nd right after the 2nd tunnel. After a short distance take a right at the highway (caution: high speed traffic) and then an almost immediate left at a road called Milky Way. This alternate route is a bit longer but much less steep.

9.0 mi: EPIC campus



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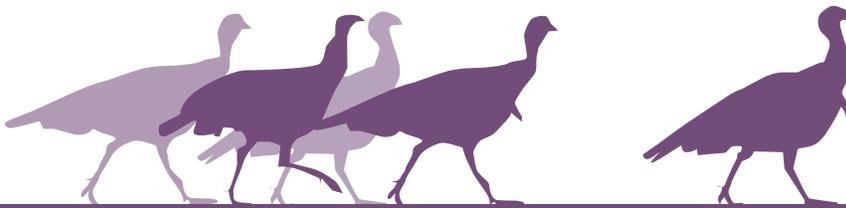
DID YOU KNOW?

Although wild turkeys are native to parts of Wisconsin, by 1881 they had disappeared completely from the state. Settlement brought an increase in farming and logging which led to clearing of the state's oak forests. Domestic birds spread disease to turkeys and unregulated hunting took its toll.

In 1976, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources traded ruffed grouse with the state of Missouri in return for wild turkeys. Twenty-nine wild turkeys were released in Vernon County. As those turkeys thrived and the population grew, the DNR trapped and released some from areas with healthy populations to areas that would be good turkey habitat. Over 3000 turkeys were trapped and relocated to 49 counties. The turkeys have since moved into other counties on their own.

As anyone in Arbor Hills could tell you, they've done very well. There are an estimated 400,000 wild turkeys in the state of Wisconsin today.

I'm sure that the last time I waited for them to cross Post Road I counted at least that many!



THE ARBOR HILLS FOX

Have you seen the Arbor Hills fox? He's around!

The UW Urban Canid Project (UWUCP) was started in 2014 in response to a family of foxes living on the UW Madison campus. Dr. David Drake and his team have been investigating the lives and habits of coyotes and red foxes living in urban areas.

Through the UWUCP, animals are trapped, radio-collared, monitored, and studied. Dr. Drake and his team want to know what they eat, where they go, who they interact with.

This is where YOU come in! Citizen involvement is crucial to the success of the UWUCP. The team is looking for Madison residents to help with everything from trapping to data collection.

Visit their website to report a sighting, get answers to any questions you may have, help with tracking, or donate to the team's efforts.

If you're interested, please visit the UWUCP website: <http://uwurbancanidproject.weebly.com>



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