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## SUMMER 2023 NEWSLETTER

# A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer in Arbor Hills is an exciting time. We're all emerging from our winter hibernation to see neighbors once again, commiserating about our lawns, and gathering in the park for neighborhood food truck nights (check out the full list of event dates at the end of this newsletter, and mark your calendars!).

This spring, we cast our votes in the election for candidates from the highest levels of state government to the local leaders who make our city run. The results brought many changes, so read further to see the updated list of the elected officials who represent Arbor Hills. One election that's important to our neighborhood is for the District 10 Alder. The role of our Alder is to advocate for our district, communicate with constituents, and serve on committees that make decisions affecting residents. They have an important and direct impact on what happens in our neighborhood.

Yannette Figueroa Cole was elected

as the District 10 Alder and has served in that role since the districts shifted last year. She has been an active advocate for our neighborhood and a friendly face at our events. On behalf of the AHNA Board, I'd like to congratulate Alder Figueroa Cole. We look forward to working together to serve the needs of our community!

The Board would also like to thank former Alder Sheri Carter for her many years of service to the neighborhood. Sheri has been a lifelong resident of Arbor Hills since her parents moved here in 1987. She served on the AHNA board for over a decade, from 2003-2014, including as President. During that time, she was instrumental in the redevelopment of the frontage road as the Arbor Gate complex was built, she collaborated on the creation of the first open school house program in the city at Leopold, and she advocated for the Cannonball bike path that many of us use today to stroll, run, or bike. Sheri went on to serve as an Alder starting in 2015, where she continued

to advocate for the expansion of Cannonball bike path. I asked her what she was most proud of during her tenure as Alder, and she said "Serving the district's residents in the manner they deserve, working on the Landmark Oaks development, seeing the creation of a new school in the district, and creating a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district that will total \$225 million in investments over the next 10 years." She also reassured me that she isn't done yet. She plans to continue her work as a public servant. Thank you, Sheri, for all that you've done for Arbor Hills!

Keep reading on in this newsletter for a letter from our Alder, gardening tips from a neighborhood expert, a look into the essentials pantry at Arbor Covenant Church, and more.

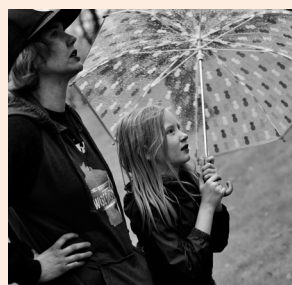
See you around the neighborhood,  
Ashley Gibson  
AHNA President

## ANNUAL EARTH DAY CLEANUP & MAY FOOD TRUCK NIGHT



Photos by George Roesch Photography

Neighbors gathered in April to collect around 25 bags of trash from the Cannonball path and the frontage road in honor of Earth Day. In May, at our first annual food truck night of the summer, the rain didn't keep neighbors from getting together to enjoy an evening in the park.



# SOME GARDENING THOUGHTS

By Janell Morehead, Master Gardener

Do you lose sleep worrying whether you are the best possible steward of Mother Earth? Or is your main concern growing a perfectly manicured grassy lawn with well placed ornamental flowers, shrubs and trees? Most of us fall somewhere in between, hoping our gardening choices benefit both nature and neighborhood beautification. And some of us just like being outdoors getting our hands dirty and cultivating neighborly friendships.

However, we are facing a worldwide habitat loss, a huge decline in insects and birds and a changing climate. Supporting wildlife is an urgent need as more and more land is taken for urban use, high production farming, solar and wind farms and energy transmission infrastructure. What can we do? Here are a few strategies to consider:

1. Learn as much as you can about your own micro-climate, your soil, your sunny and shady areas and plants that will grow best.

2. Choose native trees like oaks which sustain several hundred species rather than, for example, my personal favorite, a ginkgo, which though hardy, benefits very few.

3. Plant native shrubs such as dogwood, hazelnut and serviceberry, and native perennials such as bee balm, aster, goldenrod, and milkweed, etc.

4. Provide nesting materials for birds, bird feeders and birdbaths and leave fallen leaves and debris for overwintering insects.

5. Install bat houses and bee nesting boxes.

6. Limit or discontinue the use of pesticides.

7. Cut back on lawn maintenance or reestablish some or all of it as close as possible to native prairie with pollinator plants for every season.

8. Accept minor insect damage on your veggies and ornamentals.

9. Keep lighting to a minimum. Our birds and beasts are already disoriented and confused by city lights, and lights shining beyond your borders diminishes your neighbor's enjoyment of the night skies.

10. That rotten tree or trunk in your backyard? If it is not a safety hazard, keep it. It may be supporting an entire village of tiny critters – who in turn provide tasty protein for birds.

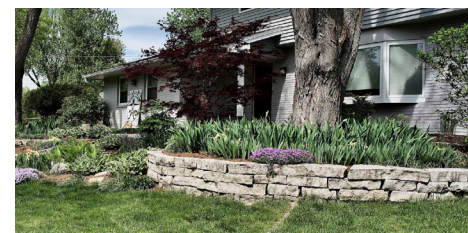
Let's do what we can to help our neighborhood to be a haven for wildlife!

Interested in beautifying your yard or Arbor Hills? Join the Arbor Hills Gardening Committee!

Contact **Linda Szabo at 615-500-2389** or **Janell Morehead at 608-278-7053, janell@rumtum.org**.



Handsome Homes From Around the Neighborhood



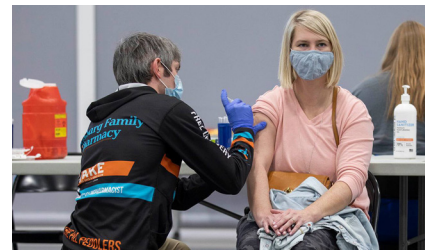
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## YOUR DISTRICT 10 ALDER: YANETTE FIGUEROA COLE

Hello!

Greetings! After multiple trip cancellations, I finally made it to Puerto Rico to spend a few weeks with family and friends, mainly to recharge. Self-care is always important but, at times, difficult to fit in. I stayed on top of emails and committee meetings. Still, I didn't miss the opportunities to connect with nature by going for walks, early morning trips to the beach, or enjoying freshly picked fruits and vegetables. Please enjoy Madison's beauty; self-care is imperative for our mental health and relaxation. See you at Saturday's Farmers Market!!

I am excited to get back into the swing of things. I will continue to serve on the Board of Parks and CCEC and the Board of Public Health, Room Tax, and Planned

Commission (PC).

PC staff and other commissioners have been very welcoming and responsive to all my questions. I enjoy working with Parks' staff and the Board on ideas to make services more inclusive and fun! The Board of Public Health & Room Tax; will soon discuss their budgets.

Transportation and Finance meetings are too important to ignore; engage with the city by watching meetings on topics that interest you. May's Transportation meeting had an excellent discussion about the Metro redesign. You can see the clip here: [shorturl.at/DET29](http://shorturl.at/DET29). The budget season started in April and will continue over several months.

In April, I went to Captain Zanders's open house; he is welcoming and eager to immerse himself in the

community as the new lead for the South district. Captain Beckett at West, Captain Freedman at Midtown, and Captain Zanders at South districts cover the District 10 area. I attend regular meetings at each district; together, we look for solutions to streamline processes and improve participation from community members that don't usually connect or have their voices heard.

Join me this busy term! Register for my blog, email me, or call. Please don't hesitate to reach out. Have a wonderful summer!

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## CALL FOR NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT IDEAS!

We need your ideas! The board is considering applying for a neighborhood grant next year.

The city prioritizes ideas which:

- Engage new and diverse communities
- Create and build community
- Increase community and neighborhood impact on public decisions and community life
- Are free and open to the public, on public land and within Madison City Limits

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## THE LEOPOLD SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

On the Tuesday, November 7th Election Day, the Leopold Social Justice Fund would like to host a bake sale at the Leopold Elementary Polling Station, but needs a few volunteers to sit with the baked goods! This is a high impact, small commitment event for anyone that has weekday availability. If you'd like to donate baked goods or sit at the bake sale, contact Erica at [erica.lee.fletcher@gmail.com](mailto:erica.lee.fletcher@gmail.com) or 515-657-0199.



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# GOOD NEIGHBORS ARE ESSENTIAL

By Lisa Fernandez

Great things are happening right under our noses in Arbor Hills! I just had the good fortune of visiting the Good Neighbors Personal Essentials Pantry, operating out of the Arbor Covenant Church building at 2509 McDivitt Road. The pantry, sponsored by a coalition of three churches, provides essential items that are not covered by food stamps to people in need in the Arbor Hills/ Leopold area and beyond. Essential items include toiletry and household items like diapers, deodorant, laundry soap, etc.

The pantry takes place every Friday from 10am to 12 noon, and the 3rd Thursday of the month from 5:30 to 7pm. It serves 30 to 40 families at a session. With no overhead and an all volunteer staff, it is able to operate on a budget of \$28,000 to \$30,000 a year. Most products are bought from Certco, a local grocery supplier.

Some are donated by individuals and groups. Want to know how you can help? The pantry is in need of donations, with money being the biggest need, as staff can buy about 3 times as much from Certco as can be bought for the same amount of money retail. They are also in need of volunteers; to welcome guests, to fill orders, and to provide computer assistance. **You can go to their website at [GNPEP.net](http://GNPEP.net) to read more about what they do and how they do it, and to sign up for volunteer shifts and/or make a donation.** The pantry has been operating for about 10 years, and is a prime example of what being good neighbors is all about!! Check it out! If you have questions or want to arrange a visit you can contact Nancy Baumgardner at [nancybaumgardner@gmail.com](mailto:nancybaumgardner@gmail.com).



Goods to be Distributed at the Essentials Pantry



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## DID YOU KNOW?

By Jim Cortada

That Motown music legend Otis Redding sang at a bar on Frontage Road and Todd Drive called the Whiskey A-Go-Go in 1966 and that he recorded an album of that event?

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# NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

This list is subject to change, so make sure to check out [arborhills.org](http://arborhills.org) to stay up-to-date on all the latest info related to events!

Our neighborhood events are only as amazing as the volunteers who help run them. We'd love your help! If you'd like to get involved as an event volunteer, please reach out to Nanci Horn at [nanci.horn@wsdevelopment.com](mailto:nanci.horn@wsdevelopment.com)

## PARTY IN THE PARK FOOD TRUCK NIGHT

August 18th & September 21st  
5-7 PM at Arbor Hills Park!

## INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Sunday, July 2nd  
4 PM at Arbor Hills Park!

## AHNA ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday October 10th  
6:30 - 8pm at Arbor Covenant Church

## HALLOWEEN PARTY/TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 29th

## HOLIDAY LIGHTS COMPETITION

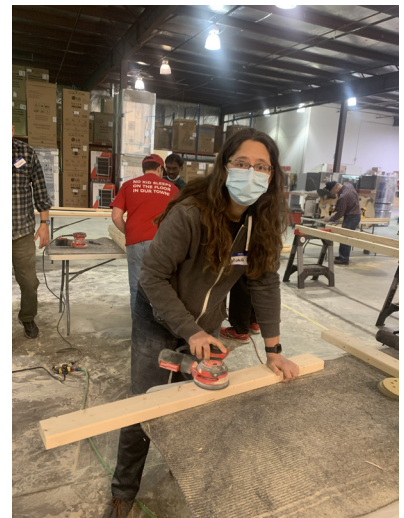
Last weeks of December

# SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

Neighbors have been volunteering their time with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, most recently helping to build 50 beds to distribute to local children. Volunteers are always needed! The next community build will be in September, if interested in joining please email [casey.klock@shpbs.org](mailto:casey.klock@shpbs.org)



Earth Day Cleanup Fun!  
From left to right, Ashley Gibson, Chuck Friedrichs, Charlie Horn, Katie & Kevin Ingalls, Augie, George, Jim Cortada, Lisa Fernandez and Susan Uranek.



Michelle Szabo, Todd Drive

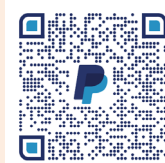
# HELP US REACH OUR MEMBERSHIP GOAL - BECOME A MEMBER FOR 2023!

Membership year is October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023

Our membership goal is 185 households - we are over 75% of the way there with only a few months remaining to reach our goal. Membership dues are used to pay for this printed newsletter, lighting of the neighborhood sign, insurance, neighborhood events, and more!. The 2023 Budget can be found on our website ([arborhills.org](http://arborhills.org)), under **Resources**.

Wondering if you have paid your membership dues? Please send an email to [Treasurer@arborhills.org](mailto:Treasurer@arborhills.org).

**Membership Levels: Seed - \$20, Sapling - \$30, Tree - \$50:** To become a member, pay online at [arborhills.org](http://arborhills.org), use the PayPal App (just scan the QR code), or pay by cash or check (print form on the website and mail with payment to: Mary Sara, AHNA, 3125 Ashford Lane, Madison, 53713). Thank you for supporting our neighborhood!



Richard Wyman, Ashford Lane

