



ARBOR HILLS  
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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ARBOR HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD  
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## WINTER 2016 NEWSLETTER

### CONNECTIONS MAKE THE NEIGHBORHOOD

**"Well, see you in the spring!"**

It's the refrain heard between neighbors once the cold sets in and the snow starts to fly. The time we spend outdoors dwindles with the daylight and it's too cold to stop and chat at the mailbox. Once spring comes and we start the yardwork, the evening walks, and the cookouts, we will be able to catch up again.

It is our connections to each other and to this place that make us a neighborhood. Those connections are challenging to maintain during the winter, but AHNA wants to help the dialogue and the social interaction between us all continue until spring.

This newsletter features information on how we can all stay connected year-round. We have launched a new AHNA website. We're preparing to reach more people through social media. We're asking for more photo and story submissions from members. We'll be planning new events and reinvigorating existing favorites. We're here to make and maintain connections!

### BECOME A MEMBER

We are so excited about our brand new AHNA events, new website, and new Facebook page. We are excited most, though, to welcome new members to AHNA! Please find a membership form on the back of this newsletter and connect with your neighbors and your neighborhood! We look forward to meeting you!

#### 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.

#### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HAVING A BLOCK PARTY THIS YEAR?

Our new AHNA Events Coordinator, Kay Parma, is happy to guide you through the permits and process of organization your event.

Please email:  
arborhillsassociation@gmail.com  
with your contact information  
and a request for help from Kay  
and she will be in touch to help  
you get things underway!

# CONNECT WITH US AND EACH OTHER

## AHNA WEBSITE

We have just launched our brand new website!

Please visit [www.arborhills.org](http://www.arborhills.org) for the latest news from the neighborhood, photos and stories from Arbor Hills, a calendar of events, contact information, notices and links to municipal services, membership materials, and more!

## SOCIAL MEDIA

LOOK FOR  
OUR LOGO!



### FACEBOOK

Too busy to surf on over to our website? Make us a seamless part of your social life by following us on Facebook. Search for Arbor Hills, look for our logo, and click "like". When it snows, we'd love you to submit a photo of your kids with their snowman. This spring, let's share which birds are already visiting our feeders. Let's see how beautiful your bike to work is during the summer. And we'd love to see that tree in your front yard that turns such a spectacular color every fall. Email submissions to [arborhillsassociation@gmail.com](mailto:arborhillsassociation@gmail.com) and let us know it's ok for us to post your images and news on our Facebook page!

### INSTAGRAM

Are you on Instagram? Use the hashtag [#arborhills](https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/arborhills) to share images of your life and experiences here. Also consider [#arborhillspark](https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/arborhillspark) or [#knollwoodconservancy](https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/knollwoodconservancy)!

## E-MAIL

Our feedback from you indicates that you like to get your newsletters and current news electronically. We have an e-mail list to keep members apprised of upcoming events and news of critical importance. If you'd like to be on our list, please send us your preferred email address to [arborhillsassociation@gmail.com](mailto:arborhillsassociation@gmail.com). AHNA never shares or sells your personal information, including email addresses, with other parties.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS



# Join us for our NEW event! **BEAT THE WINTER BLUES**

**Winter got you down?** Call a sitter for the kids and come have a great time with your Arbor Hills neighbors on a mini vacation south of the border!

Our first ever adults-only Beat the Winter Blues event will be on Saturday, March 5th, from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. Join us in the Fairways Apartments community room at 2301 Traceway Drive for food, music and dancing, games, and a drawing for **great** prizes! AHNA members receive one ticket for the drawing, and an additional ticket for every non-member Arbor Hills resident that they bring along to join AHNA at the event. Door prizes include a hand knotted rug from Sergenians, gift cards to neighborhood restaurants, and a grand prize of a weekend away at a bed and breakfast! Can't wait to see you there!

**An enormous THANK YOU to our generous  
sponsor for Beat the Blues,  
MEMBERS FIRST CREDIT UNION**

## **NEIGHBORHOOD LAW ENFORCEMENT CELEBRATION**

Come thank recently retired Madison Police Department South District Commanding Officer Captain Joe Balles for his extraordinary work keeping Arbor Hills and the south district safe! We will also be saying goodbye to Mike Richardson, the Arbor Hills Neighborhood Police Officer and congratulating him on his recent promotion to sergeant and welcoming our new neighborhood officer, Scott Beckfield.

The law enforcement celebration will be held on March 3rd in the Fairways Apartments community room from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **JOIN US!**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT  
CELEBRATION**

**MARCH 3RD, 6:30 PM  
FAIRWAYS APARTMENTS  
COMMUNITY ROOM  
2301 TRACEWAY**

## **BEAT THE WINTER BLUES!**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 5  
5 - 8 PM  
FAIRWAYS APARTMENTS  
COMMUNITY ROOM  
2301 TRACEWAY  
ADULTS ONLY  
FUN AND GAMES  
GREAT PRIZES!**

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



## 2016 TREE REMOVAL PLAN FOR ARBOR HILLS



*by John Strasser*

The Emerald Ash Borer Beetle (EAB) reached Dane County in 2013 prompting the City of Madison Forestry Department to create a plan to address this threat. The plan calls for the treatment of all healthy mature Ash trees on the street terraces of the city and a preemptive removal of all untreated trees. Trees designated for removal have been marked with a yellow paint dot. EAB is 100% fatal to untreated trees. There are two recent confirmed cases of EAB in our area. The estimated cost to the city to treat/remove the city's ash trees is over \$5 million.



The forestry district in which Arbor Hills resides stretches from the western edge of Arbor Hills to Park Street including the area just north of the beltline. 2016 is a designated pruning year for our forestry district. In 2015 city foresters inventoried the terrace trees in our district and marked 210 trees for removal in 2016. These trees are not limited to at risk Ash trees but to any tree the department determined is in need of removal.

According to Dean Kahl of the Forestry Department, 80% or more of these trees will be replaced. The species of the replacement trees will be determined later based on nursery availability and appropriateness to the existing canopy. The policy of the department, said Mr. Kahl, is 'to create a diversity of trees on each street by planting up to three different species per block.' In the past there was a trial program that allowed homeowners to choose which species of tree the city planted on the terrace. However, this program was not successful for several reasons. With the increased number of trees to replace, the city will be unable to consult each homeowner on species of the replacement trees. The city will be making the decision of which trees to replant and which species.

Mr. Kahl had no firm timeline on removal of trees in Arbor Hills but thought it would not begin until later in 2016. Once a tree is removed, the city 'grubs' the stump and returns the following year to replant the tree. The size of the replacement tree will be determined by available inventory, cost and rate of growth.



***More information can be found on the City of Madison Forestry Department website at:  
<https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/services/forestry/>***

# A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

Winter weather makes some animals go into hibernation, but it does the opposite for the AHNA Board! We have been very busy planning new projects and events for the coming year.

Board members went through a half day planning retreat to define and create new goals based on your feedback. We will be streamlining our online communication and planning new events, some of which will be for AHNA members only. We are planning more family events utilizing the park, collaborating with other neighborhood associations, and working more closely with nearby businesses. We have formed subcommittees recruiting more neighborhood residents to help in working on projects. **I can't tell you how grateful and inspiring it is to have more residents get involved in the building of our neighborhood!**

We are so excited for our new Beat the Winter Blues event in early March! It's a members only event, but guests may join AHNA upon arrival. It will be a fun evening for adults and is designed for members to bring along a neighborhood friend to check out what AHNA is all about. See more information in the events section of this newsletter.

Madison Police Department South District Captain Balles retired at the end of 2015 and our neighborhood police officer, Mike Richardson has received a promotion and is no longer in Arbor Hills. While we are sad to see them go, we are happy to welcome MPD Officer Scott Beckfield as our new Arbor Hills officer. Scott has helped organize many community building events. He is perfect for our neighborhood. Please join us at our event on March 3rd to give a warm send off to Captain Balles and Officer Richardson and give a warm welcome to Officer Scott Beckfield and new Captain John Patterson.

Enjoy this winter and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Carol K Harrison



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Member dues help support neighborhood activities and advocacy for all residents. Additional contributions in support of the Association are appreciated and allow enhanced or additional activities and events.

**Membership Dues:            \$20**

**Additional Contributions:    \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Please complete and return this form with check payable to **AHNA**.

<i>First Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>
<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>
<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
<i>Email Address</i>	<i>Email Address</i>
<i>Street Address</i>	

**Please check activities below that you would be interested in participating in.**

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|--|--------------------------------|
| _____ Spring Clean-up                      | _____ Neighborhood Bike Ride   |
| _____ Garage Sale                          | _____ July 4th Festivities     |
| _____ Beat the Winter Blues                | _____ Halloween Trunk or Treat |
| _____ Write-in your ideas for AHNA events! |                                |

**Mail to: Neil Dinndorf, AHNA Treasurer - 3314 Westview Lane, Madison, WI 53713**

***Thank you for your support, and welcome to AHNA!***