



ARBOR HILLS  
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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## FALL 2015 NEWSLETTER

### A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbor,

This year has been full of changes for the Arbor Hills Neighborhood Association! Congratulations to Sheri Carter, our previous President of the Board of AHNA, who was elected to the Madison City Council! Several current Board members are also stepping aside, making room for new members to take leadership positions within our community. An enormous thank you to all of them for their service. Our gratitude and appreciation run deep! As the Interim President, I hope to follow their example of members of a productive team working together on behalf of a great neighborhood.

As Arbor Hills continues to grow and change, its needs grow and change with it. I hope that you had the opportunity to fill out the survey that AHNA circulated to guide the association in addressing the neighborhood's changes. The results of the survey will be presented at the annual meeting on November 5th, which everyone is encouraged to attend.

Whether you are new to Arbor Hills or have lived here for decades, there is a place for you in AHNA. We are looking for new people to serve on our Board in a variety of positions and would like to put to work your talents and whatever time you have to give to build a neighborhood association that works for everyone. Most importantly, we want to strengthen the bonds between neighbors so that living in Arbor Hills continues to be a rewarding experience for all of us.

I'm looking forward to hearing from each of you and becoming advocates for each other and for Arbor Hills!

**Carol Harrison**  
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#### AHNA BOARD MEETINGS

The Arbor Hills Neighborhood Association Board meets on the 4th Thursday 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.

#### OUR ANNUAL MEETING

will be Thursday, November 5th! Meet your neighbors, learn about the neighborhood, get involved. Details inside!



**JOIN US!**

ARBOR HILLS CHILDREN'S  
HALLOWEEN PARTY  
OCTOBER 31ST!

SEE BACK PAGE FOR DETAILS!



## THE LEOPOLD GATEWAY PROJECT

The Leopold Neighborhood Association won a \$2,000 Placemaking drawing at the 2014 Mayor’s Neighborhood Conference. The neighborhood will use its placemaking funds to implement the Arbor Hills-Leopold Neighborhood Plan recommendation of adding artistically designed gateway features at the Aldo Leopold Park and Cannonball Path entrances to Aldo Leopold Elementary School. The school’s art teacher, Sonia Valle, is designing organic forms as the central focus for the gateways. The organic forms will be adorned with her students’ clay tiles which will depict native flora and fauna that the kids encounter in the neighborhood, the UW-Arboretum, and in other nearby areas.

To supplement the \$2,000 placemaking award, the South Metropolitan Planning Council sponsored an Art in Public Places

grant application which resulted in a \$10,000 award to help the neighborhood realize this project. Additional fund raising is underway to reach a total of approximately \$50,000. Additional project partners and supporters so far include the Aldo Leopold Elementary School, the Bridge Madison, Arbor Hills Neighborhood Association, Ken Saiki Designs, and the Leopold/Arbor Hills Neighborhood Resource Team. It is anticipated that the project may be installed in the spring or summer of 2016.

Contact Linda Horvath, City of Madison Planning Division, [lhovath@cityofmadison.com](mailto:lhovath@cityofmadison.com), 608-267-1131 for more information.



## GOOD NEIGHBORS PERSONAL ESSENTIALS PANTRY

FRIDAYS 10 AM - 1PM

3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH  
5:30 - 7:30 PM

ARBOR COVENANT CHURCH  
2509 MCDIVITT ROAD

### ESSENTIALS PANTRY ITEMS INCLUDE

toilet paper, dish soap, laundry soap, diapers, baby wipes, diaper rash ointment, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes and toothpaste, all-purpose cleaner, lip balm, tampons, sanitary pads, and skin lotion.



If you’re interested in volunteering, donating, or just learning more, call Arbor Covenant Church at 271-1955 or visit [www.gnpep.net](http://www.gnpep.net)





## UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 5 | 2015

# ANNUAL MEETING

ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY, ALMOST HALF OF THE RESPONDENTS DON'T KNOW THEIR NEIGHBORS. THIS IS HOW WE CHANGE THAT! PLEASE BRING AN ITEM TO DONATE TO THE PERSONAL ESSENTIALS PANTRY.

## SURVEY RESULTS

All residents of Arbor Hills are encouraged to attend our annual meeting! This year we will be presenting the results of our survey to learn more about what priorities we share and our visions for improving and enjoying our neighborhood. Let's work together to bring some of our common ideas to fruition.

## ELECTIONS

Please join us as we elect new board members!

## MEMBERSHIP

Not an AHNA member? Need to renew your membership dues? You can join on-site at the meeting, check the status of your membership, or pay your dues.

## SPEAKERS

Our line-up of presenters at this year's Annual Meeting:

### **Mike Richardson and Captain Joe Ballas**

*Madison Police Department*  
Sharing the latest news on neighborhood safety

### **Karine Sloan**

*Principal of Leopold Elementary School*  
Talking about Leopold and its important role in our community

### **Brad Hutter**

*President of Mortensen Investment Group*  
Discussing new commercial developments in and near Arbor Hills

### **Sonia Valle**

*MMSD art teacher*  
Telling us more about the Leopold Gateway Project

**AHNA is providing supervised childcare at the Annual Meeting so parents can attend! To reserve a spot for your child or children, please email [arborhillsassociation@gmail.com](mailto:arborhillsassociation@gmail.com) or call President Carol Harrison at 243-7791**

## JOIN US!

NOV 5, 2015 | 6:30 - 8:30 PM

ARBOR COVENANT CHURCH

2509 MCDIVITT ROAD

# MEMORY LANE

ARBOR HILLS PARK IS WELCOMING NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT! NEIGHBOR NANCY BOYD SHARES HER RECOLLECTIONS OF THE PARK AND HOW IT HAS CHANGED OVER THE YEARS. **THANKS, NANCY!**

*The first play equipment was built of wooden timbers (thus the name for many years, "Wooden Park".) It included a very tall tower that the kids would love to rock back 'n forth on and equipment that gave off its number of splinters. This was the play equipment that my kids grew up playing on everyday. Even as adults, they were sad to see it go. If I remember correctly, I think the neighborhood men helped to build and install all that equipment. Along with the wooden park equipment there was a wonderful ice skating rink right across from my house on the flat area at the top of the sledding hill. Many of the neighborhood men would*

*meet at 10:00 p.m. every winter night and spend time flooding the ice rink. We kept the key to the manhole where the water hoses were kept in our garage. There was an underground manhole located where the drinking fountain is now. This key would unlock the cover, and down the ladder was a large size fire hose that was hooked to the city water main and thus was used to flood the ice rink. The City has since filled in the manhole, but the tall light still remains to flood light on the park where there once was a great ice skating rink for all the neighborhood kids to enjoy during the winter. (just found the key in my garage a few weeks ago).*

A RENDERING OF THE NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT CURRENTLY BEING INSTALLED AT ARBOR HILLS PARK



# SUMMER WRAP-UP



**FUN FAMILY GAMES (left) AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD BIKE PARADE BEHIND THE FIRE TRUCK (below) AT THE ARBOR HILLS 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION! THANKS FOR JOINING US!**

**THANK YOU** to all of the volunteers who made our 4th of July, Annual Bike Ride, and Spring Clean-up such successes!



We love our 4th of July neighborhood tradition of the fire truck leading the bike parade, meeting new neighbors and catching up with long-time residents in a relaxed family-style picnic. AHNA provides fun games for all ages as well as grilled hot dogs, chips, soda, water, and ice cream!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make the 4th of July and all of our other AHNA events such a success! A special thank you to Grill Master and long-time volunteer Dave Kreling. Dave grills a mean hot dog! Thank you also to Mary Drucker who provided the photos in this newsletter. This is community in action!

If you'd like to help out at any of our events or with AHNA, please see the Get Involved with AHNA section later in this newsletter!

# THE LATEST COUNTY NEWS

## FROM DANE COUNTY EXECUTIVE JOE PARISI



In his Biennial State Budget, Governor Walker proposed privatizing our local Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). At Dane County we found this unacceptable. Our local ADRC is a one-stop-shop that connects seniors and the disabled with critical services available to them through various federal, state and community resources. In 2014 alone, the Dane County ADRC had 23,897 consumer contacts helping thousands of Dane County's disabled and elderly.

Counties and tribes currently operate Wisconsin's ADRCs. Governor Walker's budget directed the Department of Health Services to contract with a private provider threatening the current successful locally focused "one-stop-shop" model. The bill also would have eliminated ADRC governing boards and Long-Term Care Advisory Committees which currently provide citizens and local officials direct involvement in ADRC oversight and planning.

The ADRCs are one example of government working well. They help people get the resources they need and navigate through bureaucratic red tape.

The Dane County employees who work at the ADRC pride themselves on giving exceptional service. When you call the ADRC to get help with your Medicare, Social Security Benefits, or long term care, the same person who picks up the phone helps you throughout the process. Our ADRC staff are excellent at their jobs and they love what they do.

After months of work, I am proud to tell you we fought this budget proposal and we won. Our local one-stop-shop will continue to make those critical connections to services. As Dane County Executive, I will continue to work and support our ADRC.

Our commitment to our seniors does not end there. We have many other important services for seniors in Dane County. For example, I created a new Elder Benefits Specialist position to ensure our seniors have timely access to services and information through the ADRC.

Since last year, our Elder Benefits Program has seen a marked increase in the number of seniors needing services and this position will help meet that growing need. In addition, I provided \$15,000 for the Outreach LGBT Community Center to expand its services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender elders in our county. The county partners with the federal government and private donations to provide \$1,466,086 to ensure our seniors continue to receive warm meals, served with smiling faces.

Dane County has many things to offer our citizens. We have 26 county supported senior centers. We enjoy an incredible quality of *continued following page*



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life including world-class bike paths, beautiful lakes and scenic county parks. In fact, our quality of life is so wonderful we are continually nationally recognized as a great place to retire, to raise a family and one of the safest places in the country.

I am very happy to be able to deliver such good news but we could not have done it without you. Thank you to all of you who came out to the hearings, registered your concerns and/or called your legislators. Your work and efforts made a difference. We must continue our vigilance and ensure that our seniors' golden years are enjoyed and their services remain protected.

## THE BOARD

PRESIDENT	Carol Harrison
VICE PRESIDENT	Jim Cortada
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NEWSLETTER EDITOR	Katie Buhrandt
SMPC REPRESENTATIVE	John Strasser

## GET INVOLVED WITH AHNA!

Would you like to be a block captain? Is there a seat on the Board with your name on it? Do you have talents, enthusiasm, and even just a teensy bit of time to give to AHNA?

The following AHNA Board positions are being vacated or are up for re-election and we are seeking interested neighbors who would like to serve:

EVENTS COORDINATOR

TREASURER

CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY

PRESIDENT

CONNECT WITH US!

email:

ARBORHILLSASSOCIATION@GMAIL.COM

Send Arbor Hills a friend request on Facebook!

We'll post news, event information, notices, and photos of our neighborhood events.

# AHNA'S FIRST ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY!



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup> | 11:00 - 1:00  
ARBOR COVENANT CHURCH  
2509 MCDIVITT ROAD

JOIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD KIDS FOR  
"TRUNK OR TREAT" FUN!

COME IN COSTUME AND BE PREPARED FOR A GHOULISH PARTY OF  
GAMES, FOOD, AND A HALLOWEEN PARADE!

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED IN ADDITION TO  
HALLOWEEN CANDY.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU PLAN ON JOINING US NO LATER THAN MONDAY,  
OCTOBER 26<sup>th</sup> FOR PLANNING PURPOSES: 608.243.7791

