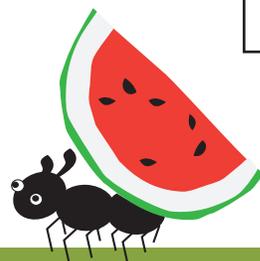




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SUMMER 2018 NEWSLETTER

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer Time In Arbor Hills

With the wet spring behind us, and the sun out, Arbor Hills enters its busy season outdoors. With Earth Day cleanup, a Movie in the Park, the garage sale, and July Picnic, much is going on and participation in these activities is rising. You will have noticed the sale of more homes than usual, with new families moving in. Our block captains have been busy welcoming them into apartments, duplexes, and houses. I am again impressed with the number of home renovation projects underway as well, a clear signal that residents are confident with how Arbor Hills is developing.

I want to do a shout out to our block captains who have kept up with the inflow of new residents and continued to watch out for their neighbors. One of our most experienced block captains, Mike Tuten, noticed a neighbor not picking up his trash can one Monday and suspecting something was not right called the police who found the resident had died of natural causes. Mike's experience and advice reminds us of a couple of things. Now that we are outside more and with new folks moving in, we should try to get to know our neighbors to the right and left of us, across the street and behind our homes. We should let neighbors know when we are gone out of town so that they can watch our property, maybe even leave a spare key with one in case you lose yours (I have misplaced mine at least twice over the years). What makes Arbor Hills such a wonderful community are not just the trees, park or location, but the people we live with. This place works best when we all act like block captains caring for each other.

Your association will be doing a great deal this summer. Besides operating community events, volunteers have gardened, neighbors are volunteering to help with the newsletter and to serve on the board of your association, and we have new officials to work with. The Madison City Police Department is reorganizing and Leopold School has a new principal, Peg Keeler. 7-Eleven is safe again and folks are locking their cars and doors at night. And the sound of children playing outside is once again in the air. Now if we could just get those dandelions to stop growing so fast. Meanwhile, see you around the neighborhood!

James W. Cortada
President
Arbor Hills Neighborhood Association



AHNA BOARD MEETINGS

The Arbor Hills Neighborhood Association Board meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 6:00 - 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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7-Eleven Update



Recall that in February of this year, Corporate 7-Eleven® took over the franchise on the Frontage Road, put it under new management, and hired new employees. Just as important, working with our Alder, Sheri Carter, and our police captain, John Patterson, 7-Eleven agreed to change its hours, closing at 11 PM and opening at 5AM seven days a week, effective immediately. Employees were trained on when to report incidents to the police and how to increase security and customer service.

When asked if the new arrangements were hurting business, they said no. They were achieving their objectives, which is good news for the neighborhood because it is useful to have a combination gas station and market within walking distance.

Since early February, the number of incidents declined by two-thirds. Through May these were minor, with 5 for disturbances or unwanted trespassers. The police stepped up patrolling and attention, so overall things have been quiet so far.

The new management recognizes that it must regain the trust of the neighborhood and seems prepared to earn it. For example, when Sheri, our neighborhood police officer Scott Beckfield, and I met with Corporate 7-Eleven and local management in March, we were told they wanted to contribute to the community and collaborate. For the first time anyone could remember, they donated food and water for our Earth Day volunteers and asked us to come back when we could use more contributions.

7-Eleven, your Association, local leaders, and police recognize that the transition to a peaceful place to do business takes time. But, we can report the process has started. Increasingly, Arbor Hills should reward 7-Eleven with our business.





ARBOR HILLS SAFETY SURVEY

By David Makovec

Last year, in 2017, right around the time you received last year's newsletter, Madison Police Department Neighborhood Officer Scott Beckfield, with assistance from the Arbor Hills Neighborhood Association, conducted a survey of Arbor Hills residents, looking to identify how residents viewed our neighborhood, what issues our neighborhood faces, and to make recommendations based on those results.

One of the first things that is mentioned in the survey results is that, statistically, Arbor Hills is a safe neighborhood. Crime is low in Arbor Hills, and mostly concentrated in a couple of "hot spots" such as the frontage road and the park. That does not mean that there are not issues, however; there have been a few recent incidents, including one on Cannonball path and a number of incidents at the 7-Eleven on the frontage road.

This lined up with the concerns that you have expressed, namely worries about gun violence, safety at night – particularly in the area of the park – and unsafe driving on Todd Drive.

In response, the cities of Fitchburg and Madison have increased their presence on the

Cannonball path, and for updates on the 7-Eleven, see Board President Jim Cortada's article on Page 2. The Board has also been working closely with Madison police in order to respond to a few issues, notably the dangerous traffic on Todd Drive, and the installation of additional lights with the invaluable assistance of Alder Sheri Carter.

We on the board are receptive to your concerns, and we have been working with the City of Madison and the Madison Police Department, and look forward to continuing to do so to make Arbor Hills an even safer place to live.



NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

EASTER HUNT

The AHNA held its first Easter Egg Hunt this year. Despite less than desirable weather, there was a great turn out at the park.



Once again, many thanks to the volunteers who showed up on Earth Day to help clean up the Frontage Road, the Cannonball Trail, and Grandview.

SPRING CLEAN UP



NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

This year was also the first time we held a Movie in the Park night. Thanks to our neighborhood police officer and the MPD who contributed an inflatable screen and equipment. The Jolly Frog food cart served outstanding food and a good time was had by all. Trying to squeeze in a movie after dark and before the park closes (and bedtimes) proved challenging. But stay tuned for possible Food Truck Nights in the future!

MOVIE IN THE PARK



Once again, the AHNA annual Garage Sale was a huge hit. Proving one man's trash is another man's treasure!

Save the Date... for 2018 Events!

(Details to come throughout the year)



- 4th of July Party - Sat July 7
- Ice Cream Social - TBD (end of summer)
- Halloween Party - Sat Oct 27

Membership Dues

Many thanks to those of you who paid your dues at the Annual Meeting last year or independently. If you haven't paid, it's not too late. Can't remember if you paid? Email Neil at treasurer@arborhills.org and he can tell you. ~~There's a remittance envelope attached to the newsletter for your convenience.~~

Interested in helping with one of our neighborhood events? Email info@arborhills.org or reach out to our Event Planner, Samantha Castro, at scastro817@yahoo.com

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