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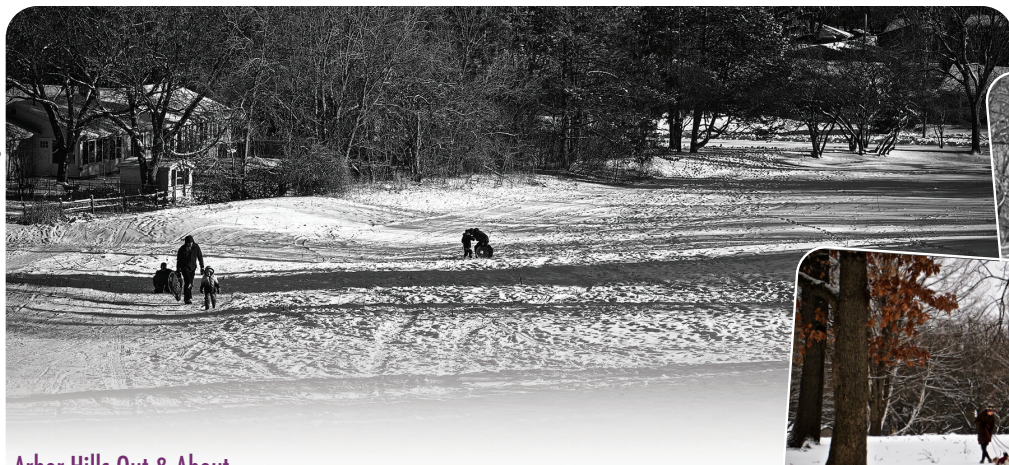
ARBOR HILLS  
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## SPRING 2022 NEWSLETTER

### Winter In Arbor Hills!

All across the neighborhood, folks gathered to celebrate the holidays, enjoy the mild winter and, of course, take advantage of all the snow when it arrived!

George Roesch Johnson



#### Arbor Hills Out & About

From walking the bike path to sledding in the park, Arbor Hills is always on the move!



Nanci Horn



#### Taking Advantage Of The March Snow

Neighbors gathered for a day of sledding in the sun to mark our early-March snowfall!

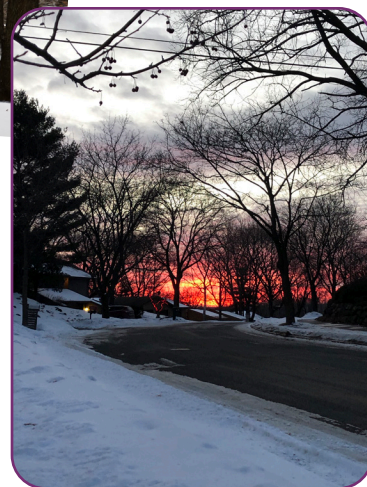


Madeline Uraneck



#### Leyton Lane Lanterns Returned

Leyton Lane gathered again to light lanterns and find togetherness during the winter chill



Nanci Horn

#### Sunset In Arbor Hills

Arbor Hills is home to some incredible views and this February sunset, seen from Sandwood Way, is no exception!

### AHNA BOARD MEETINGS

The Arbor Hills Neighborhood Association Board meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every other month from 6:30 - 8 p.m. All residents are welcome to attend - just let a board member know if you plan on attending or email AHNA at [info@arborhills.org](mailto:info@arborhills.org).

See page 7 or [arborhills.org/board-members](http://arborhills.org/board-members) for the list of board members and contact information.

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## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Neighbors,

One of my favorite signs of spring is when buds first appear on the trees lining Leyton Lane, and I get to walk underneath a green canopy that promises to burst into color in the coming weeks. As you trade in your snow boots for rain boots and peel off your winter layers, I encourage you to take some time to check in with your neighbors. I find that during the winter months, I see my neighbors infrequently, and when I do, it's a chilly, hurried chat. Warmer weather means it's a great time to reconnect or get to know neighbors you haven't met yet.

The start of the new year also means that **it's time to pay your membership dues! It's just \$20 per household per year.** Your membership dollars support the printing of this newsletter, hosting our events, putting up event signage around the neighborhood, and more. **You can pay online at [arborhills.org](http://arborhills.org) or mail a check in the envelope included with this newsletter to Mary.**

Even in the depths of the winter months, some blocks in Arbor Hills found creative ways to get together: a holiday cookie exchange and bonfire, backyard ice skating rinks, block parties with hot cocoa, and beautiful luminaries that added a touch of magic to frigid evening walks (these were even featured on Channel 3000!). And now your board is looking ahead to the coming months and the beginning of our events calendar for the year. The first event will be our annual spring cleanup. Last year a group of around 30 neighbors collected nearly 20 bags of trash from the Cannonball path and frontage road. Other events will also be coming up soon, including food truck nights in the park - so take a look at the list of events on the last page of this newsletter!

One of the most important elements of what makes our neighborhood click is our incredible network of block captains. They're the people who bring this newsletter to your door four times each year, share news with your street, and welcome new neighbors to Arbor Hills. Right now we have a few openings for new block captains on Grandview, Ardsley, Greenway View and McDivitt. If you're interested in learning more, please email [info@arborhills.org](mailto:info@arborhills.org). It's a fun way to get involved and it doesn't take much time, so it's an equally great role for someone who's retired or for someone who works full time and has a family. I've taken our little guy out with me to deliver newsletters a few times,



Ashley Gibson - AHNA President

and it's a great way to explore the neighborhood!

This year brings a big change for our neighborhood as we welcome our new Alder, Yannette Figureoa Cole. In the last newsletter, you read about the transition of Arbor Hills from District 14 to District 10. With that shift, Alder Cole is our new representative through the duration of her term, which will run at least through April 18, 2023, when the District 10 Alder seat will be up for election. Your board members are working with Alder Cole so she can get to know our neighborhood, and you get to know her, too, by reading her letter included in this newsletter.

See you around the neighborhood!

Ashley Gibson

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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

## Lake Wingra Watershed Conservation

By Michael Horecki, newsletter editor

Photo by Jeff Miller/UW-Madison



Across the beltline is the Arboretum we all know and love and, with it, the beautiful Lake Wingra. This aquatic fixture of the community is at the center of an important conservation and improvement project currently underway thanks to a grant award between the UW-Madison Arboretum's and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Lake Wingra is of critical importance to the Arboretum as the vast majority of the reserve drains into the body of water.

The project is focused on reducing the harmful effect of stormwater that flows from the city, which can corrupt the lake. While detention ponds and restored land help to filter and absorb some of the stormwater from surrounding neighborhoods, collective help is needed to ensure the health of the watershed. This project will provide a model for community engagement in pressing environmental issues and document how neighborhood-focused efforts can make a difference.

As part of this effort, the Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association (DMNA) received a subgrant. The DMNA Water Quality Team who is overseeing grant activities invites you to a gathering in Vilas Park, Saturday, May 21st from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

### LAKE WINGRA WATERSHED GATHERING



The event is family-friendly and free. More than 25 organizations committed to clean water will be in attendance as well as neighbors from across the city of Madison. Come out and:

- ☐ Participate in fun activities involving Lake Wingra and its surroundings.
- ☐ Engage with storyteller Andi Cloud, a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation.
- ☐ Renew a sense of connection among people, land, and water.
- ☐ Meet homeowners with rain gardens, rain barrels, or with prairies instead of lawns as ways to keep water out of their basements.
- ☐ Talk with neighbors who plant prairies and greenspaces on public property.
- ☐ Talk with urban vegetable gardeners.
- ☐ Learn how climate change impacts Madison Lakes and ways to lessen effects.
- ☐ Learn about water management including ways to address flooding.
- ☐ Experience lake monitoring and tracking harmful chloride.
- ☐ Enjoy art inspired by water research results

For more information on the event, find the latest Itinerary at <https://fb.me/e/2fBr0YwrY> or feel free to contact Taylor water.wingragathering@gmail.com for additional details.

To date, the following have financially supported the May 21st Gathering: Wisconsin Environmental Initiative (WEI), Regent Neighborhood Association, Agrecol Native Nursery, Midvale Heights Neighborhood Association, Westmorland Neighborhood Association, Friends of Lake Wingra, and Marta Karlov. Logo courtesy of Colleen Manner, Madison Enterprise Center - 100 S. Baldwin Street, Suite 300 E.

The DMNA Water Quality Team and its partners also installed two 1600 square feet of rain gardens in the Wingra School Dudgeon Monroe Park. Partners included Wingra School, City of Madison City Engineering, and Wisconsin Environmental Initiatives (WEI). Volunteers from several different organizations and neighborhoods finished planting the 1200 prairie plants in September. The deep rooted prairie plants filter and retain polluted stormwater from the site which otherwise would find its way to nearby Lake Wingra.





## Our New Alder

**I am Yannette Figueroa Cole, Alder** for District 10. Every 10 years and based on the census population counts the districts are reassessed. This year, changes also impacted District 10. The current area includes the following neighborhoods:

- Arbor Hills • Dunn's Marsh
- Dunn's Marsh Allied • Orchard Ridge
- Meadowood • Summit Woods
- Crawford, Marlborough & Nakoma

District 10 covers school attendance areas for West & Memorial and is under the service areas of West, South & Midtown MPD Districts. I am excited to continue to learn about the Arbor Hills community, their strengths and the areas of needs and support.

About me, I moved to Madison from Puerto Rico in 1991 and I have lived in the Dunn's Marsh area for over 25 years. I served the neighborhood association in various roles and have strong ties with the Allied Neighborhood Association and the area's NRT. At work I am System Admin and my skill set is focused on analytics, process mapping, and collaboration. For years, being an advocate for people experiencing houselessness, and volunteering with organizations that serve this community have given me a sense of purpose.

It has been an honor serving District 10 and the city during times of great adversity and despair, the pandemic has lifted the veil of poverty and inequalities all around us which has been infused by race and exclusion.

COVID-19 has reaffirmed the health disparities of those living in poverty, working families, and marginalized communities continue to experience. The isolation has taken a toll on our mental health and well-being; none of us is immune from dealing with a mental health crisis call. That is why

my priority have been health! A healthy community is a safe community! As a district and as a city, when we lift those in dire need, we all reap the benefits for healthier and safer neighborhoods.

COVID-19 continues to impact housing security putting more and more people at risk across the district. Multiple rounds of Federal funding have already been distributed to maintain people housed and to support shelter operations as well as the unsheltered population.

Only when people's basic needs are met, and when people's well-being is secured can we interrupt the cycle of violence. I am eager to represent our district in discussions about public safety and violence prevention. I will continue to collaborate with the City and County to implement the Madison & Dane Health Violence Prevention Plan and to see it grow and develop into solutions that make us healthier and safer.

Other areas of focus have been transit, where the city is committed to make streets safer and inclusive for all not just for vehicles. Currently, Metro is revamping the current routes design, this exercise last took place in the late 1990's. Vision Zero has multiple projects impacting the district too, zero death in our streets is a pledge we should all stand by.

For the Arbor Hills area, I am currently focused on the Town of Madison transition into the city of Madison. Welcoming our new residents and ensuring they get the services they need to thrive in our city.

Feel free to join the alder update page <https://my.cityofmadison.com/> to stay up to date on area events. Feel free to connect directly with me via email, text, or a call. I am looking forward to learning more about your area.

### Welcome to District 10!

**Alder Yannette Figueroa Cole** (she/her/hers)

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# New Public Art Sculpture Series in the *Arboretum* this Spring!

By: Michael Horecki

**Beginning in April of 2022**, the Madison Public Art Project and the Arboretum will be unveiling a year long sculpture series for the public to enjoy.

Running for one year, until April 2023, "Canopy Understories" brings skilled artists together to share their talents with the broader Madison community.

Talented Madison-based artists, Laura Richards and William Grant Turnbull, both UW graduates, are inspired by nature and will be the primary artists driving the exhibition. They illuminate how the tools and technology of the modern world can be more sustainable.

Two sculptures at the center of the program are Mayapple Canopy & Samara Flight:

The Mayapple Canopy sculpture takes a larger-than-life look at the Mayapple, a species native to Wisconsin. The sculpture will function during the day as a shade canopy, its shadow tracing a large arc on the ground like a sundial. It also stores energy from the sun, like photosynthesis in living plants. But instead of using that energy for plant growth and reproduction, it will power the LED-illuminated, blown glass fruit after sunset.

The samara leaf brings beauty to Wisconsin.

To support this project, and others like it, the Madison Public Art Project is currently seeking donations to continue to serve the Madison community.

If interested in giving, Madison Public Art Project can accept donations through PayPal or via their QR code. All donations are tax-deductible for our 501(c)(3) for projects.

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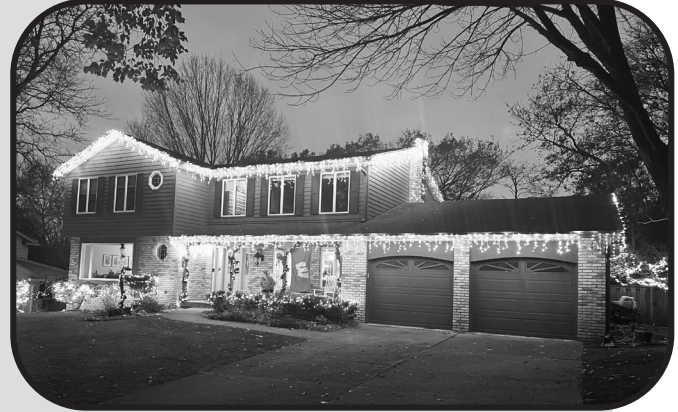
# NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

## Arbor Hills Holiday Lights Winner!

**Congratulations** to this year's winners of the annual holiday lights contest in Arbor Hills: Neil & Lisa Dinndorf of Westview Lane! There were many stunning displays this year, but the judges agreed that the Dinndorfs' brilliant and colorful array took the cake. Coming in a close second were Matthew and Eva Bondelier of Post Road, and in third were Shawn Page and Erin Hynum - who vowed to aim for first next year!

Thanks to all who helped add light and cheer to the neighborhood this holiday season.

**Congratulations To The Dinndorfs of Westview Lane**



## Leyton Cookie Exchange Frigid Yet Warm



**Nearly 20 neighbors** turned out on a colder-than-expected morning to exchange holiday treats and catch up on Leyton news!

The date was exactly one year from the snowy COVID Saturday when the same neighbors made a break from early pandemic protocols to meet up.

Thanks to many: Ean Gibson for lighting a fire, Jo Greenhaigh for tending hot chocolate, Eric Liljequist & Bill

Morehead for wrestling tables, Janelle Moorehead for creating atmosphere, Susan Ura-neck for keeping sister Madeline in check, and Ashley Gibson for multi-tasking with music, cords, kitchen runs and an infant. Andrew and Maria Ochalek with Veronica and Andrew in their wagon won the Big Family Award, Brian got kudos for Representing Ronks, and Nicholas Griffiths wowed us with tours of his new ice rink under construction.



Numerous images from the  
Leyton Cookie Exchange

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# Arbor Hill Neighborhood Association Events

2022 is in full swing and our event's calendar is packed full of great ways to get out and connect with folks in the neighborhood!

Below is a list of the current planned list of events for Arbor Hills in 2022. However, the list is subject to change, so make sure to checkout [arborhills.org](http://arborhills.org) to stay up-to-date on all the latest info related to events!

## NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP | Saturday, 4/23/22 10-Noon

Meet Up with your neighbors to make Arbor Hills Sparkle!  
Meet in Arbor Hills Park at 10am to get your supplies! Bring the Kids! Refreshments afterwards!

## PARTY IN THE PARK (Food Truck Nights)

May - Thursday 5/12/22 5-7pm

June - Thursday 6/9/22 5-7pm

August - Thursday 8/11/22 5-7pm

September - Thursday 9/8/22 5-7pm



Meet other Arbor Hills residents during these annual Food Truck Night events! Music, food and more!

## JULY INDEPENDENCE PARADE | July Parade: 7/3/22 3-5pm

Decorate your bikes, wagons and scooters and join us for the annual parade on Grandview! Parade begins at the corner of Leyton and Grandview.

## HALLOWEEN PARTY/TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday 10/30/22

Bring the kids in costume for this not to be missed Halloween party in the park! Time TBD



## NEW EVENT-MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ARBOR HILLS MEMBER PARTY/CHILI COOK OFF

Saturday 11/19 or Sunday 11/20 -DATE & TIME TBD

## ARBOR HILLS HOLIDAY LIGHTS APPRECIATION

DECEMBER 1-31

Ongoing for the month of December.

Check out all the wonderful decorations that your neighbors have installed!

Walk with the kids or drive on colder nights!



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## Laura Richards at work blowing glass in the studio

The Samara Flight is a linear mobile depicts the winged seed pods, (or samaras) of Wisconsin's state tree, the sugar maple. Sculpted in lightweight materials used by the aviation industry and held aloft by a metallic cable and hardware, this trio of wind-activated kinetic sculptures will mimic the natural dispersal mechanism maple trees use. The installation seeks to question how the things people build can be made more efficiently, sustainably, and with more grace and style.



Madison Public Art Project is documenting the artistic process on Instagram and Facebook for the sculpture exhibit, so follow the organization's social channels to get a view of this sculpture series as it's being created. Follow @MadisonPublicArtProject on Instagram for details on the opening schedule, upcoming artist talks, and other events!

## ARBOR HILLS IS LOOKING FOR A NEWSLETTER DESIGNER!

The newsletter you are reading was made possible by a dedicated group of neighbors who team up quarterly to create our community publication! We're looking for an individual in the neighborhood with design experience willing to volunteer their time. If you are interested in learning more about the role, what is involved, and what drives our newsletter team, please reach out to Michael Horecki ([michael.horecki@gmail.com](mailto:michael.horecki@gmail.com)).

