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NEWSLETTER 

JOIN US FOR THE ARBOR HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING!

Tuesday, October 11, 6:30-8 pm at Arbor Covenant Church

All association members are invited to join us for the annual meeting. This is an important time when we gather to hear from elected board members, vote on a budget and new board members, hear from city officials, and discuss changes to the association. We hope to see you there!

Childcare provided! Please email Josh Grotheer (jrgrotheer@yahoo.com) in advance so we can plan for the number of kids.

To see the full agenda, visit arborhills.org/events-1/ahna-annual-meeting

~ TOWN & CITY OF MADISON MERGER UPDATE ~

After a 19-year process, on Oct 31st, 2022, the merging of the Town of Madison into the City of Madison and Fitchburg will be completed.

Why The Merger?

Prior to 2003, the Town of Madison was subject to some annexations of its territory by the City of Madison and Fitchburg as both entities were rapidly expanding. The burdensome legal battles and continued anticipated growth clearly demonstrated the need for the three entities to come to the table and put together a plan for the future. That plan, The Final Attachment, is a phased twenty-year elimination of the Town of Madison and the absorption of her remaining components into the City of Madison and the City of Fitchburg.

Is Arbor Hills Affected?

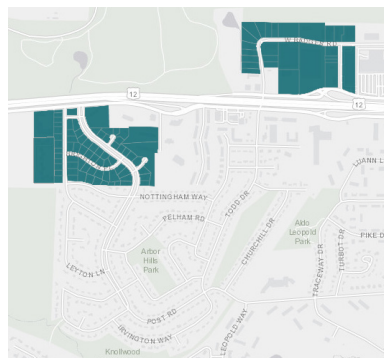
Yes. A section in the north-west of the neighborhood, as well as some adjacent regions are still in the Town of Madison and will be transitioning to the City in the coming year.

What Happens Next?

On Oct 20th, from 6-7pm, the City will be holding a final virtual Public Information Meeting to answer questions and provide information on the following topics:

- Impact of Resident's Property Taxes
- November 2022 Elections
- Transportation System Changes
- Change Of Address Process
- Park and Public Library Updates

Residents are strongly encouraged to attend if they have questions on the above or are wishing to learn more about how the City is handling these shifts for former Town of Madison citizens.



Who Can I Contact For More Information?

The City of Madison has a variety of communication avenues available to assist residents with questions:

- **Email:** townofmadisonattachment@cityofmadison.com
- **Hotline:** 608.267.1188
- **Website:** cityofmadison.com/townofmadison

Join us
on Oct 20th
6 - 7pm

Town of Madison Attachment Final PIM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Main Topics: property taxes, Nov 2022 elections, transportation, change of address, parks and public library.
Registration is required:
 <https://tinyurl.com/4u7r6vhx>

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Neighbors,

It's officially fall! That means apple picking, chili cooking, football watching, LOTS of leaves to pick up in Arbor Hills, and a big change in our neighborhood: As of October 31st, the Town of Madison is officially absorbed into the City. Read the piece from Michael on the front of this newsletter to learn more. If you're curious and want to learn more about the history of the Town of Madison, I highly recommend reading this short article in Madison Minutes: madisonminutes.com/difference-between-town-of-madison-city-of-madison/

Also in this newsletter, you'll read a beautiful remembrance of Lorna May Huebner, who lived on Leyton Lane for decades and recently passed away. She saw many seasons in Arbor Hills and experienced all of the seasons of life here: raising her kids and later watching her grandkids grow up. She was a pillar

of the neighborhood and will be missed by everyone who was used to seeing her smiling face as they walked by.

By the time you receive this, we'll be just days away from the AHNA Annual Meeting, which will take place on Tuesday, October 11 from 6:30-8 pm at Arbor Covenant Church. This is an important meeting - it's the one time all year we gather as an entire association to hear from your elected board members, vote on board members for the coming two-year term, vote on a budget, and hear from city officials like our Alder and Police Captain. This year, we'll also have an exciting giveaway: FREE compost bins! Check out page four of this newsletter to learn more.

This is also a great time to get more involved by joining the AHNA Board. I joined as the newsletter editor when I moved into the neighborhood in 2018, and it's been a fun way to get to know my



Ashley Gibson - AHNA President

neighbors. We only meet every other month, so it's easy and a pretty low commitment to get started. In particular, we're in need of a new Newsletter Editor and another Member At Large. If you're interested or just curious and want to learn more, let me know (akgibson17@gmail.com or 507-272-7123).

See you around the neighborhood!

Ashley Gibson, AHNA President

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EXPERTS AMONG US:

LT. HARRIS - SOUTH DISTRICT By Michael Horecki

Being at the scene of an incident that requires giving statements to the police can be stressful and isn't something many of us think about until it happens to us. In the moment, questions can start to run through our heads - "What would be most helpful?" "Is there a right way to do this?"

For this edition of Experts Among Us, we sat down with South District Patrol Lieutenant, Justine Harris to get some advice on the best way to navigate giving helpful statements to the police.

Before we dive in Lt. Harris, tell us a bit about yourself - how did you end up working in the South District of Madison?

This is actually the second time I've worked in the South District during my career at the Madison Police Department. When I was first promoted to the position of Detective, I was fortunate to serve in this district. It was a great place to learn due to some talented senior detectives and the variety of cases that get assigned.

Now, as a new lieutenant, I am once again lucky enough to be placed South. I am very excited by the many community engagement opportunities the South District offers, the diversity of its population and the history of community involvement from the citizens of the South District neighborhoods.

What advice do you have for folks giving statements?

Are there pieces of information that are more helpful than others?

When citizens witness or are victims of a crime, stress and adrenaline often kick in. It is sometimes hard to know what the right thing to say or do is. The first thing to think about is safety. Are you or anybody else injured? Is there an ongoing threat? Does somebody have a weapon?

If the answer to those questions is no, it allows everybody to calm down a little bit. If we (the police) know there's no one in immediate danger, it reduces our stress and allows us to respond quickly, but without the same sense of critical urgency. We might have some cars check the area for the suspect(s), while the main officer assigned makes contact at the scene of the crime to gather all the details.

The most helpful details you can provide include what the suspect looked like, what gender and approximate age you believed them to be, what they were wearing, how they left the scene (car, on foot, bicycle) and what direction they were going. It's ok if you don't feel comfortable giving specifics. Information like, "they had long brown hair," or "they looked about high-school age," and "their skin was lighter than mine," are all helpful details. Anything unique about the suspect or their clothing, like tattoos, scars, clothing logos or unique shoes is also helpful information when we're trying to identify suspects in the field.

What mistakes do folks make that our readers should keep in mind?

There are two common issues I often see with witness or victim statements.

- Not being comfortable saying you just don't know something. Most of us want to be helpful. If we're asked a question, we want to try and provide an answer. If our minds don't have an answer to a question, they will often start trying to create one. This can lead to inaccurate descriptions and details. This is why the same suspect will often be described in vastly different ways and wearing various color clothing. However, if you think you remember something, but you aren't sure. It's still good to tell us, just let us know you aren't certain. Telling us, "I think he had bright green tennis shoes on, but I'm not certain," gives us something to go on but doesn't lock us into that description.
- Processing the incident with others before giving a statement. "Did you see that?!" Talking with those around you is a natural response when something

unusual and dramatic happens. However, when giving a statement to police, it's important to be aware of what you know from your own senses vs. what another witness may have told you. Do you know the suspect had a knife because you saw it or because your neighbor said the suspect had one in his hands when he ran by? It's ok to tell police what someone else told you. In fact, it can be very helpful in pointing us in the direction of people who have more or different details. However, it's important that we know which portions of your statement are based on your direct observations vs. second-hand knowledge. This is one of the reasons officers may separate groups of people and interview each person separately.

Is there anything else our readers should know on the topic?

Sometimes people think of something a day or more after the incident or they think they recognize the suspect or suspect vehicle in another location. If this happens to you, don't hesitate to call us. You aren't bothering us and we are happy to follow up on any additional detail or leads you might have. We can't solve crimes without help from the community and we appreciate your willingness to help.

Thanks so much for joining us today Lt. Harris! If readers have additional questions on the topic, they should reach out to Captain Mike Hanson, Lieutenant Justine Harris or Lieutenant Tracie Jokala at the South Police District, (608) 266-5938 for more information.



NEIGHBORHOOD COMPOST BIN GIVEAWAY!

We have exciting news for our neighborhood and our planet: **We're giving away FREE compost bins!** The City of Madison gave several local neighborhood associations a handful of compost bins to distribute to interested neighbors. Want to have one of these landfill-reducers in your yard? Briefly answer these three questions:

- **Why are you interested in composting?**
- **Where will you keep your new bin?**
- **Is there anything else you'd like to share?**

Email your responses to AHNA President Ashley Gibson at akgibson17@gmail.com or call at (507) 272-7123 by Friday, October 7. You must be an AHNA Member to win. Not sure if you're a member? Reach out and ask Ashley for an update on your membership status.

Winners will be announced and bins will be distributed at the AHNA Annual Meeting.





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GET INVOLVED IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD - RUN FOR THE AHNA BOARD!

Here's a fun, rewarding way to get to know more of your neighbors and help make Arbor Hills a great place to live:

Join the AHNA Board!

We meet every other month over burgers & beverages to plan and collaborate. We'll elect board members at the Annual Meeting in October, and you're welcome to run for any of the open positions. We're particularly in need of the following roles:

- **Newsletter Editor:**
The person responsible for creating the beautiful pages you hold in your hands. We're looking for someone who is organized and creative. No need to have any design experience - we have a designer who will handle that step.
- **Member-At-Large:**
This is a great all-purpose role and perfect for someone who just wants to start to get involved and contribute their time and talents in any way the neighborhood might need!

Interested in learning more? Contact Ashley at akgibson17@gmail.com

ARBOR HILLS HELPER LIST

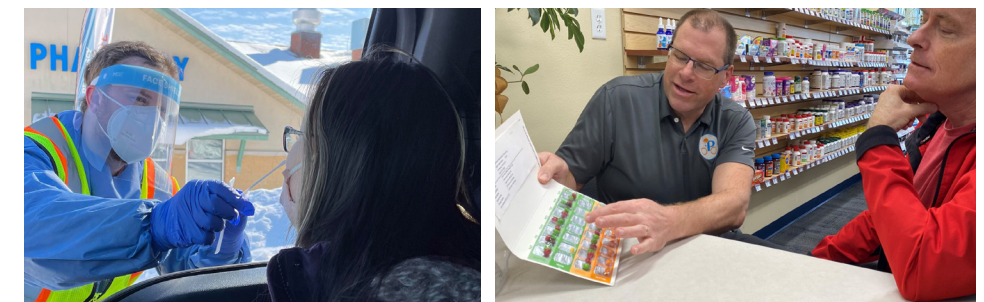
Are you interested in helping other neighborhood residents by **earning extra money** (or volunteer hours)? Get your name on the Arbor Hills Neighborhood Association (AHNA) Helper List!

A variety of tasks including dog walking/sitting, leaf raking, lawn mowing, gardening, house sitting, and more are all in need!

Add your contact name to the Helper List and AHNA will share the list with neighbors.

Please contact **Mary Sara** if you are interested (msara6901@gmail.com) to get a link to the sign up form!

Note: The list of helpers will NOT be published on the website to protect privacy. It will be printed and included with the January newsletter for neighborhood residents.



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YOU'RE LUCKY IF YOUR NEIGHBOR IS OLDER

By Madeline Uранеck

Remembering Lorna May (1937-2022)

"If you want to know anything about flowers or birds, just ask Lorna May," said Lori Thuli, who was moving out of the Leyton Lane house as my sister, Susan, and I moved into it, right next door to Lorna May Huebner.

Lorna May's front yard, a project of her husband Don, who passed away in 2018, was wild with paths, stones, and native plants, like Jack-in -the-Pulpits, Dutchman's breeches, cone flowers, columbines, and many three-leaved trillium. "One year," Lorna May told us, "they were re-doing Highway 14 to Sauk City. Word passed like wildfire that bulldozers were going to plow right through a field of trillium the next day. By the time Don and I drove there, there were cars all over, everyone digging up trillium."

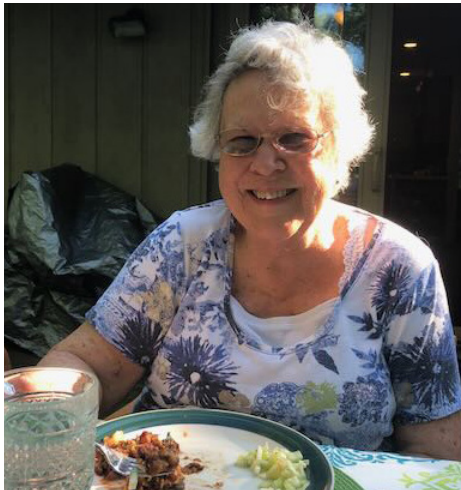
Neighbor kids knew Lorna May's home because every holiday--Easter, Halloween, and Christmas--

she dragged out giant, night-lit bunnies, jack-o-lanterns, and Santas, who otherwise vied for space in her garage. During the pandemic, Lorna May sat out on a chilly afternoon with neighbors, the Liljequists, to greet everyone on our COVID Walk-About. Kind neighbors escorted her to various luncheons, and she got as far as the front porch this winter and last to view the street-long display of ice lanterns. "I just love them," she told us. We lit a few extra.

Many on our block grew to admire Lorna May for her gracious acceptance of her age, her stories of early Arbor Hills, and her warm sense of humor. She was the sort of grandmother many of us would want, non-judgmental and delighted anytime her kids, grandkids, nieces or nephews visited, which was often. Her three children, Peter, Rachel, and Paul, have many childhood

memories of Arbor Hills, and they did not move far after marriage, so Lorna May's driveway was often full of cars on weekends. We envied that.

You are indeed lucky if your neighbor is older. Thank you for many gifts, Lorna May.



Lorna May Huebner
May 16, 1937 – Aug 18, 2022



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A NOTE FROM YANNETTE FIGUEROA COLE, DISTRICT 10 ALDER

Hola!

- The budget season is at full speed! The Capital Agency Request were submitted, and the Executive Budget is about to be formalized (Sep 6). Things will move quickly from here, for a schedule of the upcoming dates go to cityofmadison.com/finance/budget. Please register to my city page to stay up to date. In today's release you will find budget tools, the format of the budget asks' template and a focus on CDD's budget request. (cityofmadison.com/council/district10/blog/?id=26867)
- It was a pleasure to meet some of you at the Town of Madison City meeting. Special thanks to Ashley who connected us with Pastor Peter. Peter let us use his church space for the gathering, gracias Peter! That is what community is all about, building collaboration to bring people together. Our City Staff absolutely rocks too! They answered questions, addressed concerns, and introduced people to city services. Follow the Town of Madison timeline at cityofmadison.com/city-hall/town-of-madison/timeline
- As part of Gov. Evers ARPA funds distribution, MPD is adding to their budget \$669,938 for the purpose of supporting recruitment efforts, data and technology assessments, equipment, and other specific areas. Details can be found at: (tinyurl.com/bdebpvse)
- Please continue to reach out to me via email at district10@cityofmadison.com. Social Media pages such as NextDoor and Facebook are not reliable methods to connect.

Thanks! Yannette



ARBOR HILLS CELEBRATES 4TH OF JULY!



Dozens of neighbors joined in on the annual bike parade, ending up in the park for a water balloon toss, hula hoops, and a picnic sponsored by the AHNA. Our parade was led by Madison's Ladder 6 and firefighters who gave tours of their big rig.



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ARBOR HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION EVENTS

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

AHNA ANNUAL MEETING -
Tuesday, October 11th 6:30pm -
8:00pm at Arbor Covenant Church

The AHNA Annual Meeting is returning to in-person at the Arbor Covenant Church. All are welcome and members will be updated on the operations of the Neighborhood Association and vote on critical issues like the budget and members of the board. **Childcare provided!**



**HALLOWEEN PARADE/
TRUNK OR TREAT | Sunday**
October 30th 3-4pm

Bring the kids in costume for this not to be missed Halloween parade ending at the park! Parade begins at the corner of Leyton and Grandview.



NEW EVENT - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
ARBOR HILLS MEMBER PARTY/CHILI
COOK OFF | Saturday 11/19 4-6pm



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!



Above 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 to stay up-to-date on all the latest info related to events!