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## FALL 2019 NEWSLETTER



### A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's leaf raking season again, a reminder of why Arbor Hills is so beautiful. Kids across the neighborhood are walking through the fallen leaves, which brings me to my note today. Many of you have noticed increased speeding and driving through stop signs on Churchill Drive, Todd Drive, Grandview Boulevard, and Irvington Way. With children walking home from school, and many of us enjoying walks on these final days before winter, we have to personally drive more carefully and discourage others from speeding. It has to be a joint effort of residents and the police to get things back to a more normal pattern. Please drive carefully and slowly.

Starting in November and running through to next fall, repaving of Fish Hatchery will take place, generating more traffic than normal through Arbor Hills—another reason to drive slowly and safely. The police, both street departments of Madison and Fitchburg, and the paving contractor will collaborate in addressing safety and transportation problems as they emerge. Since Post Road, home to Leopold School, is a heavily-traveled path to Fish Hatchery Road, we also have to think about alternative ways in and out of Arbor Hills. You might start trying different routes for your convenience. Your association board will also stay engaged with public officials to address problems. In the end, it will have been worth it—the new road will handle more traffic and be safer for all.

I would like to personally thank those of you who were able to join the AHNA Annual Meeting in October. Attendees approved the budget for next year, voted in two new board members to your association, and reelected several members who will continue to serve. Madison's new mayor described her vision for the city and engaged in a substantive conversation with the audience—it was terrific—while our Alder and neighbor, Sheri Carter, reported on her recent activities and discussed the changing nature of South Madison. Our new police captain, Mike Hanson, answered questions about the change in police leadership, crime trends in Madison and Arbor Hills, and about his policing priorities and actions. Read a more thorough summary of the meeting later in this newsletter.

As always, please let me know about issues you have and how we can continue to make Arbor Hills a wonderful place to live.

See you around the neighborhood!

James W. Cortada,  
President

Arbor Hills Neighborhood Association



### Top 5 Takeaways from the 2019 AHNA Annual Meeting

1. **Keep leaves out of the gutter.** Leaves in our stormwater system results in an abundance of phosphorus, which flows into Madison lakes and causes algae blooms.
2. **Participate in the 2020 census.** The results determine where federal dollars are allocated, so it's critical that everyone is counted.
3. **Engage with your representatives.** All of the speakers - from AHNA president Jim Cortada to Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway - emphasized the importance of community engagement. They want to hear your comments and concerns about the neighborhood and the city!
4. **Madison is growing - be prepared.** It's an exciting time to live in Madison, with a booming job market and more opportunities than ever - but that also means there will be growing pains. Pay attention to plans to improve access to housing and transportation to prepare for this growth.
5. **Become an AHNA member.** Being a member is an important way to make sure your voice is heard in our community. It's only \$20 per household per year, and we're now accepting members for 2020. Head to [arborhills.org](http://arborhills.org) to pay your dues, or contact [treasurer@arborhills.org](mailto:treasurer@arborhills.org).

### AHNA BOARD MEETINGS

The Arbor Hills Neighborhood Association Board meets on the 2nd Tuesday of most months from 6:30-8:00 PM.

Every resident is welcome to attend. Please let a board member know if you plan to join. See page 7 or [arborhills.org/board-members](http://arborhills.org/board-members) for the list of board members and contact information.

### THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN JANUARY.

To see past meeting minutes, visit [arborhills.org/meeting-minutes](http://arborhills.org/meeting-minutes).

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## KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR: Gretchen Patey

By Ashley Gibson AHNA Newsletter Editor



Racing is far from the only thing that fills Gretchen's calendar. She retired after working as the Director of Housing for the City of Madison for over 20 years, where she was responsible for the management of federal programs for public housing and rent subsidies. Now, she spends her days in various volunteer capacities, including ushering at the Overture Center, where she also works part-time at the information desk. You may also see her working as a docent and as a server at the Monona Terrace, where she and Gary were married at midnight in 2000. They booked their wedding in 1993 - seven years before the event - so they could say "I do" at the turn of the millennium.

The couple first moved to Arbor Hills in 1982. A transplant from Corning, New York ("It's right under the "W" if you look at New York on a map," she explained), Gretchen has lived in many cities, including Dallas and Fort Worth in Texas, Rockford in Illinois and Milwaukee, but she says that Madison is home.

"Now, the only way I'll move out of this house is feet first," Gretchen said as she laughed. "I love this town."

Walking by the house on a hill tucked into a quiet corner of Knollwood Court, you'd never know that it's home to the couple who may hold the title as the fastest residents of Arbor Hills. Gretchen Patey and her husband, Gary Schneider, are regulars at Blackhawk Farms Raceway in Illinois, where Gretchen whips around the track in her bright orange Mini Cooper. She first became interested in the sport when she met Gary and watched him race.

"I thought it looked like fun," Gretchen said. "And I said to myself, 'well I can do that!'"

At a car show in Indiana, it was love at first vroom when Gretchen laid eyes on a black-and-white Mini Cooper with a sign that read, "Take me home." And so she did.

Gretchen started with auto-crossing, where just one car races at a time. She recalls whipping through a twisty track made of cones that were assembled in a parking lot on UW's campus near Picnic Point. She gradually moved into high-speed racing, a sport that she says is quite safe, despite having a few accidents that she refers to as "adventures." With a spark in her eye and a slight smirk, she recalls one incident where her car was completely upended, and the time when she was hit by another driver.

"I walked away with nothing but a bruise on my chest," Gretchen recalls. "But if I wreck my car again, I'll be done. I've taken two Minis out of this world, and that's already more than any one person should take."





# NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS



## Getting Ready for Madison's Growth: Recap of the 2019 AHNA Annual Meeting



Nearly 50 people gathered at Arbor Covenant Church on October 8 for the Arbor Hills Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting. City officials and board members shared updates on topics affecting the neighborhood, and attendees had a chance to raise questions and concerns.

Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway focused on five major themes: affordable housing, a sustainable transportation infrastructure for Madison's growing population, supporting small businesses, the importance of participating in the census, and stormwater management. She said that by 2050, there will be an estimated 80,000 new jobs and 100,000 new residents in Madison. She underscored the work that's beginning now to prepare for the city's growth.

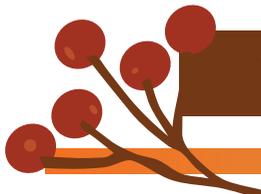
"There are so many great jobs in Madison, and we need to make sure people can get to work." Rhodes-Conway said. "The MetroForward project is an intensive investment in our transit system that will make it easier to commute across the city."

Alder Sheri Carter also focused on growth, sharing a history of South Madison culminating in the recent addition of new hotels, apartments, and Madison

College. She mentioned that she's working with groups like the NAACP and the Urban League to make sure housing stays affordable in this part of Madison.

AHNA President Jim Cortada reported on the association's work over the past year, including hosting more events than ever before, and improving safety due to collaboration with the Madison police. AHNA Treasurer Neil Dinndorf reviewed the association's 2019 expenses and income. He noted that membership was nearly 40 households below the goal of 200, but the association will still end the year within the budget due to lower-than-expected costs for events and membership support. Attendees unanimously approved the 2020 budget. The full 2019-2020 annual budget is available at [arborhills.org](http://arborhills.org).

South Madison Police Captain Mike Hanson ended the evening with an update on the shooting that took place on Churchill Drive in early October. There were no injuries, and at least one suspect has been arrested in connection with that shooting. He provided a report comparing calls for service in Arbor Hills compared with other neighborhoods that are comparable in population and acreage, which is available on [arborhills.org](http://arborhills.org).



View the **Top 5 Takeaways** from the 2019 AHNA Annual Meeting on page 1.



# PETS OF ARBOR HILLS

## Karma and Willow



Nottingham Way

"We love to play with window screens!"

## Kaison



Leyton Lane

## Ryder (silver) and Keeper (black)



Wimbledon Way

**From Ryder:** "I was supposed to be a foster dog... but I wiggled my way into my humans' hearts and found my forever home!"

## Tippy (left) with friend (Freddie)



Westview Lane

"Santa brought me to my family two years ago. I love to bark at turkeys and snuggle with my humans!"

## Elbie



Heatherdale Lane

"I love going on long walks and rides in the car!"



## Ryka (5 months) and Tasha (7 years)



Leyton Lane

**Ryka:** "Play with me, Love me!"

**Tasha:** "Let's be wild and drive people nuts!"

## Charlie



Leyton Circle

"Sometimes my humans let me eat a french fry and it's SO GOOD. Scratch my belly and I'll be your best friend."

## Moose



Irvington Way

"I chatter my teeth when I'm excited!"

## Daisy



## Herbie



Grandview Blvd.

"I'm so excited to be in the newsletter! I mean I think I'm famous anyway."

## Sawyer



Sandwood Way

"I'm happy that I was rescued from a shelter in Boston and brought to my forever home here in Arbor Hills!"

## Chet



Sandwood Way

## A HAIRY ROOFTOP RESCUE FOR GRAYSON THE CAT

*thanks to a friendly neighbor*

Grayson wandered away from his Leyton Lane home and disappeared for five days, but thanks to neighbor Bill "The Cat Whisperer" Morehead, Grayson is safe at home.

Grayson was found on a rooftop, and calls to animal control, the fire department, and a private cat rescue group were fruitless. So Bill, a former house inspector, arrived with a ladder and fetched Grayson from the roof.

All Grayson had to say for himself was "thank you very meow-ch."





## LETTER TO THE EDITOR: TRAPS

FROM BECKY KITE

These traps were in the gutter on Leyton Lane and on the sidewalk on the west side of Grandview, close to the intersection of Grandview and Leyton Lane, around September 20 - 24. These traps are dangerous - if a dog stepped on one, or a small child picked one up and it clamped down on their hand, there could be serious injuries. If you set these traps out, please do not do it again. If you have a rodent problem in your yard, you might consider more humane, less dangerous options.



Letters to the editor may be sent to [newsletter@arborhills.org](mailto:newsletter@arborhills.org)

## UNDER CONSTRUCTION

A number of roads that many Arbor Hills residents use to commute or run errands are getting a major facelift. The Verona Road project in particular has likely added a few minutes to your drive in recent weeks. To stay up-to-date on road closures and new traffic patterns, visit [projects.511wi.gov/veronard/](http://projects.511wi.gov/veronard/), where you can sign up for weekly emails.

The next major nearby project, the revamp of North Fish Hatchery Road, will begin this year. For the latest information, visit [fitchburgwi.gov/2504/North-Fish-Hatchery-Road-Reconstruction](http://fitchburgwi.gov/2504/North-Fish-Hatchery-Road-Reconstruction).



## In Memory...



### Passing of Gary Alderman

Arbor Hills resident and "jazz hero" Gary Alderman died of cancer at age 76 in July. A PhD in microbiology from UW, Gary was better known as a collector and dealer of rare jazz records and host of the WORT/FM 89.9 show "Journeys into Jazz." Read Gary's full obituary at [madison.com](http://madison.com).

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Arbor Hills!

**Have an announcement to share with your neighbors?**

Email [newsletter@arborhills.org](mailto:newsletter@arborhills.org) so it can be included in the next edition!

## NEW NEIGHBORS

Mike and Beth , Leyton Lane  
Baby Aurora, born August 26



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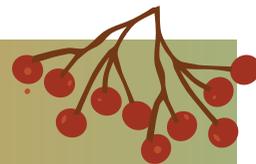
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