



Fourth Annual Wine Tasting Event



Please join us on January 17, 2003 at Olde Towne Crossing on Main Street for our Fourth Annual Wine Tasting Event. The event, which begins at 7 p.m., will take place in the commons area, just inside the glass enclosed area of the main entrance of Olde Towne Crossing, at the back of the building.

The price this year is \$7.50 per person in advance, or \$10.00 at the door. To assure a spot, please remit payment (by check made out to ANA) to Teppie at 1022 S. Van Buren Street prior to January 15.

Wine Premiere, which is located in the complex, will host the event. Bouchée will cater the Hors d'oeuvres, compliments of the ANA.

This event has become Astor's most popular event, barring Music in the Park. We hope to see you there!!!!

Calendar of Events

- December Saturday Nights** – Luminary Nights
- December 6, 15, 20** – Candlelight Walking Tours
- December 7** – St. Mark Lutheran Church Praise Choir Caroling
- December 7 & 8, 14 & 15, 21 & 22** – Christmas at Heritage Hill
- December 16** – Board Meeting
- January 17** – Fourth Annual Wine Tasting Event
- January 20** – Board Meeting
- January 25** – Astor Ice Skating Event
- February 17** – Board Meeting

December Luminary Nights

Each Saturday evening during the month of December, we are encouraging all neighbors to place luminaries on their front walks or drives. Luminaries are candles that you place in some type of container, such as coffee cans (drilled with holes to create a pattern), paper bags, or plastic jugs. We suggest that the containers be filled with about one cup of sand or cat litter to weigh them down.

Be creative in lighting your walkways. Get the kids involved by making it a family event. Please visit catalog.com and type "luminaries" in the blank field next to the blue "search" icon for ideas.



If you plan to purchase luminaries, craft stores like Michael's and general merchandise stores like ShopKo and WalMart are your best bet, but be aware: luminaries sell fast and are hard to find as Christmas draws near.

Candlelight Walking Tours

Explore Heritage Hill by candlelight as you travel back to Christmas Eve in 1836, 1871, and 1905. Your guide will lead you through several buildings where scenarios depicting the time periods of Fort Howard, a Small Town, and the Belgian Farm are in place. The tours are on December 6, 15, and 20.

President's Message

Happy Holidays to all of you! This has been another busy year for the ANA Board. After a fun-filled summer with the dedication of the new St. James Park Band Shell and the 100th Anniversary of the City Band, things have slowed (just a little this fall). We do have many great neighborhood events planned for this winter that we do hope you will participate in: Luminaries in December and Wine Tasting in January. These events are always fun and a great way to meet your neighbors.

Not only has your ANA Board been busy this summer, it has been quite noticeable that many neighbors have been busy with home improvement projects. You literally can't walk down any street within Astor and not witness newly painted exteriors, new driveways and sidewalks, new landscaping & fencing... all of which keep our neighborhood looking great! As the owner of an older home, I can empathize with all of you on the extra effort it takes to do this work. It is not easy, but the finished product is quite satisfying, for both homeowner and neighbor.

As homeowners in this Historical Neighborhood, we carry the responsibility of maintaining and improving our neighborhood, so that in 100 years, the neighbors of Astor can look back and be appreciative of our efforts to preserve the past to be appreciated by the present. If you are a homeowner that has taken on a home improvement project, especially restorative, we would like to hear about your experience. We would like to get the names of reputable contractors on our web page as a resource for all of us. E-mail your home improvement story to mike@astorneighborhood.com. Please include digital pictures if possible.

If you are considering a home improvement project in the near future, you could be

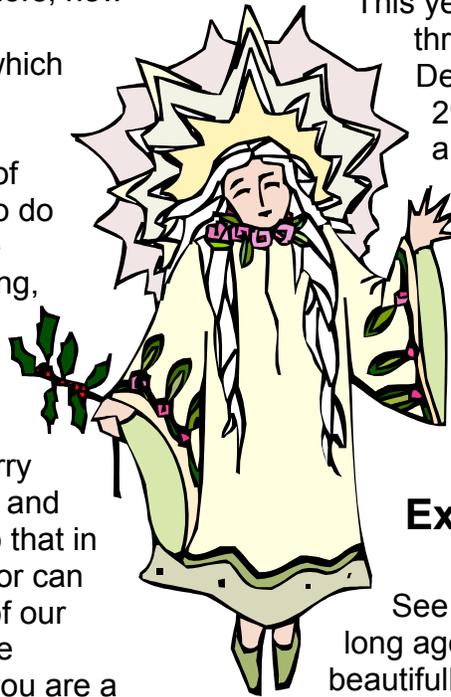
eligible for a State Historic Preservation Tax Credit. Contact the State Historical Society of Wisconsin at (608) 264-500 to find out if you qualify.

Take care and have a wonderful holiday season.

Michael Nass, President

Victorian Christmas at Hazelwood

Hazelwood's 2002 Victorian Christmas offers the opportunity to visit Hazelwood all decked out for the holidays in Victorian style. You can shop the Hazelnut Gallery and enjoy complimentary refreshments in Hazelwood's lower, non-historic level.



This year's dates are December 14 through December 23 and December 27 through December 29. Hours: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Admission is \$4.00 for adults, \$3.50 for senior citizens (55+), and \$2.50 for children age 6-12. Admission is free for children age 5 and under.

Explore the Wonders of Heritage Hill

See how Christmas was celebrated long ago. Historic buildings are beautifully decorated for the season. Live the spirit of Dickens by playing parlor games, joining in a sing-a-long, listening to storytelling, and engaging in craft projects. Bring your family and plan to spend the day in the past!

Come and see us December 7 & 8, 14 & 15, and 21 & 22. Our hours are Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday, noon until 4:30 p.m. Regular admission rates apply.

Landlord Training School

Plans are in the works by Green Bay Planning to once again have Landlord Training sessions. While ninety-nine percent of the landlords in Green Bay are well informed and take the Police Department's advice, there is always that one percent that causes the most problems; most of the police calls are related to this one percent. We recommend that all landlords take this upcoming class.

Lt. Belongia, Cheryl Renier-Wigg, and the Inspection and Law Departments are attempting to streamline the procedures regarding nuisance properties so that the managers or landlords of such properties are held more accountable. The action will address easier citation issuance and compliance.

Contact Cheryl Renier-Wigg at 448-3400 for more information.

Historic Plaques

We've all seen them, and if you don't have one, you want one. Made by the Erie Landmark Company, the bronze 10" x 7" oval-shaped plaque with black background reads "Astor Historic District – National Register of Historic Places", with the year your house was built.

If you are not sure whether your house is located within the boundaries designated by the State of Wisconsin, you can check at www.astorneighborhood.org/images/astrmp.pdf Wondering when your house was built? Click on "Search the Inventory" at www.wisconsinhistory.org/ahi/searchcity.asp.

The price of the plaque is \$118.50, which includes shipping and handling. To order, make your check or money order payable to Erie Landmark Company and forward to the Astor Neighborhood Association, 526 S. Monroe Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54301. Please contact Trini Bielski at 884-1941 or at triniv@astorneighborhood.org with any questions that you may have.

Astor Ice Skating Event

This winter's Ice Skating event will again be held at Astor Park, weather permitting. Please come out and enjoy some great company, hot cocoa, and cookies at noon on January 25, 2003. We will attempt to reschedule the event should bad weather prevail by sending notices via email. Please visit our website and join the mailing list if you haven't already done so to ensure that you are kept up-to-date on all events.



ANA Is Online!!

Read current and prior editions of the *Astor Outlook* newsletter and minutes from the ANA board meetings, sign up to receive e-mail on current events in the neighborhood, send e-mail to board members, request an Historic Plaque order form, order the ANA calendar, view its sponsors, and link to other sites of interest to Astor neighbors at www.astorneighborhood.org.

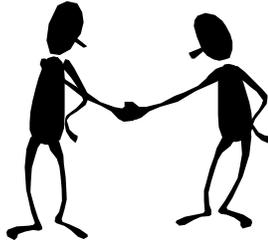
The ANA Wants You

The ANA is in need of Block Captains to help deliver fliers to approximately thirty homes. We are also looking for neighbors that are interested in joining the ANA Board. The ANA holds its elections in March.

If you are interested in assisting with the delivery of fliers or joining the board, call Mike Nass at 430-3226 or e-mail him at michael@astorneighborhood.com. You may also e-mail Teppie Schueller at teppie@astorneighborhood.com.

I am looking for household help one day a week. Duties to include cleaning, laundry and ironing. If interested, please call 430-9979 after 6:00 p.m.

Meet



Your

Neighbor

- Do you want your neighborhood to be friendlier?
- Do you want more planned activities in your neighborhood for children and/or adults?
- Do you know how to get in touch with your neighbors in case of an emergency?
- Do your children know how to reach someone nearby for help when you're not home?
- Do your neighbors know how to get in touch with you in case of an emergency?

If you don't know your neighbors or your neighborhood, it's time to get involved! ANA Board Meetings are open to the public. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month, at the East Central Family Neighborhood Resource Center.

'Tis the Season

...For caroling! And St. Mark Lutheran Church Praise Choir is taking your requests for traditional Christmas Carols.



These dedicated carolers will be traveling from home to home to share in the joy of the season on Saturday, December 7, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. If you are interested in the choir visiting your home with its holiday spirit, please contact Elke Húcek at 437-8128.

Meet Your Neighbor (Reprise)

Recommend a neighbor to feature who has lived in the neighborhood for thirty years or more to John at mendingwall@msn.com.

Neighborhood Well-being

Are there any problems in your neighborhood that need to be corrected? Is there a problem with crime in your neighborhood? We must stay vigilant and determined in our efforts to stabilize and revitalize our neighborhoods. To do this, we need your support and your help. Please do not hesitate to call the Neighborhood Police (448-7334) if someone is harming your neighborhood.

Problems from A-Z



Animals: Abuse, neglect, barking, biting, strays ... too many to count? Call 448-3200.

Automobiles: Dismantled, junked, unlicensed, wrecked or otherwise non-operating polluting your neighborhood? Call the Inspection Department 448-3300.

Garbage: Garbage or recycle being set out too early? Call Sanitation 492-3731.

Homes: Missing or broken siding, unpainted or peeling paint, roofs in poor repair or missing shingles, crumbling chimneys, broken or missing windows, torn or missing screens, broken or missing doors, missing or broken stairs or railings, crumbling foundations, broken fences, scattered storage of firewood, rundown garages or sheds? Call the Inspection Department 448-3300.

Parking: Automobiles that are parked over sidewalks, in yards, alleys or terraces are in violation! Call 448-3300.

Yard: Snow not being shoveled? Icy sidewalks? Grass or weeds over 9"? Excessive animal droppings? Unsightly furniture, appliances, junk, scrap metal or wood marring your view? Call Inspection Department 448-3300.

City trees need trimming? Call 448-3365.

Fall Fest

Fall Fest was held Saturday, October 19, 2002 at Titledown Brewery. Once again, the atmosphere, the food and the company were topnotch. There were two sets of club seats to the Packer/Redskins game raffled off to some extremely desirous fans.

Reports are that all four winners had a terrific time. We would like to thank Terry Lemerond for his most generous donation to the Astor Neighborhood.



Make a Difference Day

We would like to express a heartfelt THANK YOU to the many people who joined us at the Fox River Trail head to clean up the Astor Neighborhood portion of the Fox River Trail. Despite the wind and cold, people young and old trudged the shoreline, trail edge, and many awkward spots in-between to clean up the remains of what appeared to be a fun summer!

Among our finds were tennis balls, frisbees, canned drinks with the old pull top lids, and of course ...the sign of a good trail clean-up ...a tire.

Although there is not nearly as much trash as there was when we began our cleanup of the trail several years ago, there is always enough trash to go around. We estimate that we collected 150 pounds of trash between Adams and Marine Streets. THANK YOU again to all who participated and we look forward to seeing all of you (and many more) in April.

Christmas Light Tour of Astor Park

Easy Living Pedicabs (ELP) will be getting into the holiday spirit again with its popular "Christmas Light Tour of Astor Park", December 12 through December 24.

The half-hour tours are provided between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., for a fee of \$20.00, which includes a warm fuzzy blanket and hot chocolate. Tours are by reservation only: please contact Mike or Pam at 432-0520 or at www.easylivingpedicabs.com.

Last year, Quincy and Jackson Streets were the most decorated: Easy Living Pedicabs will design its course a week ahead of time based on the most decorated streets.

Any Astor resident that requests to be on the tour can reserve a tour for the special rate of \$15.00.

TREASURER'S REPORT – is available on request.

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The ANA wishes the residents of the Astor neighborhood a safe and joyful holiday season as 2002 comes to a close and 2003 opens before us. We look forward to seeing you in the new year.

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The board wishes to thank John Corpus for editing the *Astor Outlook*. You may contact John with any newsletter questions or concerns at 430-1429 or mendingwall@msn.com.

The mission of the Astor Neighborhood Association is to maintain the integrity, vitality, and diversity of the Astor community through the protection and preservation of its history, neighborhoods, and architecture.

Board meetings are open to the public and are held from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the East Central Family Neighborhood Resource Center, unless otherwise indicated. All residents of the Astor neighborhood are welcome. The next three **board meetings** are on:

December 16th
January 20th
February 17th

Advertising

Please visit the web page or e-mail address of our sponsors, or link to them via hyperlinks on the ANA web page. Postal regulations prohibit the Astor Neighborhood Association, as a not-for-profit entity, from advertising the phone number and address of any for-profit entity. To place an ad, contact John Corpus at 430-1429 by the second meeting date listed above. Cost: \$20 per business card size ad.