



ASTOR OUTLOOK

A newsletter of the Astor Neighborhood Association

Published Quarterly in February, May, August, and November – Compliments of Seaway Printing Co Inc
Astor Neighborhood Association, Inc, 526 S. Monroe Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54301

Fall Edition 2004 Vol. VIII No. 4

CSI: Green Bay

The City of Green Bay has hired 6 Community Service Interns (CSI) to provide neighborhood-based public services to residents of downtown Green Bay. Working in cooperation with the Parks, Planning and Police Departments, CSI duties include directing residents to resources, educating on issues and ordinances, providing community outreach support, walking through downtown neighborhoods and parks to identify and address potential problems, and reporting issues or incidents to City personnel. The interns will also be a resource to community centers and neighborhood associations in an effort to strengthen the connection between neighbors and City Hall. The CSI's will be wearing gold shirts and jackets with black pants with the City Logo and CSI insignia in view. If you see them, please introduce yourself and welcome them to the neighborhood.

The 6th Annual Wine Tasting

Plans are being set now for our annual winter celebration of wines. The 2005 event promises a brand new format. We are holding it on Friday, January 28th at 7:00 pm. Please look for more information from about the location and format in upcoming flyers!

On Monday, October 11th, St. Vincent Hospital tabled the ramp expansion issue with the city planning department for 90 days. The ANA will continue to keep our neighbors informed about future meeting times through flyers, email, and this newsletter. All of the most recent information about the proposal to close the 900 block of Van Buren Street and build a parking ramp is available at our website: www.astorneighborhood.org. We sincerely appreciate the continued participation of our neighbors over this important issue.

Astor Holiday Activities:

Though there is a chill to the change in seasons, many holiday and wintertime activities have been planned to warm the hearts of Astor neighbors:

Luminaries: On the four Saturdays of December (the 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th), we encourage neighbors to place luminaries on their front walks or drives. A luminary may be a paper bag, a tin can, or a glass jar with a candle inside. The greater the participation, the more beautiful our neighborhood becomes to those walking or driving through. Light a luminary to help Astor shine during this spectacular season.

Pedicabs: Each year, on the 12 days before Christmas (the 12th through the 24th), Pedicabs offer evening-time tours of the Christmas lights on display in our neighborhood. Half-hour rides (with cocoa and a blanket) are available between 6 and 9 pm for 25\$ per pedicab. Reservations are required, call 432-0520

Christmas at Hazelwood: Visit the home while it has halls decked with abundant Victorian yuletide charm. Open December 18, 19, and 26-30th. \$4 charge. Open from noon to 4 pm.

Breakfast with Santa: On the morning of December 4th, it's the annual tradition at St. Vincent's hospital; the first breakfast seating is at 8:30 am. \$7 for children, \$9 for adults. Visit the hospital gift shop or call 433-8561 for more information.

Christmas at Heritage Hill: Five of the buildings of our historical state park will be open. Open December 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19th. \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$6 for children; Free for children under 4. Open from 3 to 8 pm. Call 435-2244 for more information

President's Message

With fall leaves amongst us and the mercury dropping, it's time to concede that we are enjoying the last days of 2004. As we close out one year and prepare for the next, let me recognize in particular the work accomplished.

First, I would like to thank our Alderman Tony Theisen for his constant sacrifice of time, effort, and unshakeable devotion to our district. Throughout each obstacle our District faces, Tony dedicates his all to find the truth, deduce and represent our interests effectively.

2004 started with our Annual Wine Tasting Event, and I would like to thank Gretchen Mitchell and Daniel Pagel for their hard work on this event. I would also like to thank former ANA Presidents Mike Nass and Teppie Schueller for their hard work on the National Historic District Street Sign Project which blossomed beautifully this spring. Spring also marked the first of two Fox River Trail clean-ups this year and I would like to thank Kelly Schumaker for all her work on these events.

Our Board Members Teppie Schueller and Maria Milano along with neighbor and former Astor Outlook Editor John Corpus spent countless hours on the East Side Hospital Parking Task Force, for that, we all owe a debt of gratitude. Thank you.

Roxanne Chronert, Pastor Paul and Denise Schleis, Melissa Moren, Kelly Schumaker and John Corpus worked very hard to assemble the summer events at St. James Park, with great success. Their greatest success, however, is bringing together neighbors to volunteer time at the events and get to know each other. It is always such a pleasure to see new faces at the popcorn machine or serving up soda. Thank each and every one of you who so selfishly gave of your time this summer.

Having saved the best for last, it is time to thank the people who bring us so much information, so efficiently. First, we have our webmaster, Eric Vandeveld. Eric is the person who moderates our website whether it be changes, additions, deletions or maybe I just want that photo moved to the left, or the color a little

deeper. He also helps with the broadcast email transmissions and even the rare corrections to my submissions. Then there is Erik Hoyer, the man responsible for getting this very article to you. Erik has been the Astor Outlook Editor for one year now and has done quite a nice job of keeping us informed. Always open to changes, diligent in keeping authors on time with their articles and of course, altering the font size of the President's message so he can fit the title on the first page as well! Last, but never least, Seaway Printing; owners and Astor neighbors Kevin and Lynn Heslin has been printing the Astor Outlook for many years. Please accept our sincere appreciation for all the work you do and your dedication to our efforts.

I am happy that the doom that seemed to hover over us with the Hospital Corridor Parking issue has been replaced with optimism and the promise of our neighbors to work hard to find the best solution to this issue, a decision that I feel was brought about by your hard work. Shortly, we will again be faced with the issue of additional parking and I urge you all to keep yourselves active and informed. Please feel free to contact Alderman Theisen or an Astor Board Member who will be happy to update you.

On behalf of the Astor Neighborhood Association Board, I would like to extend Holiday Greetings and wishes for a healthy and happy New Year.

Respectfully, Trini L. Bielski

Memory Tree

Each year, there is a tree in the St. Vincent Hospital lobby with ornaments available for purchase in honor and remembrance of our loved ones. This year, it will be a memory tree filled with angel ornaments. If you interested in participating, please visit the St. Vincent gift shop to obtain the necessary forms, or call 433-8561 for more information.

The ANA appreciates the continued support of

Seaway Printing Co Inc

for printing the Astor Outlook, gratis.

Visit them at www.seawayprinting.com

Treasurers Report – is available upon request

Alderman Update

- City and County budgets for 2005 are being finalized. There are always pressures on local government to increase spending in many areas. However, in fairness to the taxpayer, we must prioritize and concentrate on providing the basic services efficiently.
- St. Vincent's parking ramp expansion has been tabled at their request. They will be working with the city, the neighborhoods and Bellin to explore parking alternatives.
- Vetter Denk Architects have made proposals for major developments in downtown Green Bay. The City Council voted unanimously to include these concepts in the Comprehensive Plan. Construction on the first phase, the Riverfront Lofts condominium project, should begin next year.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments on these or any other issues.
Tony Theisen 433-9331 Theisen5@aol.com

Public Nuisance Initiative

The City of Green Bay is determined to eliminate public nuisance properties and is in need of our help. Public nuisance properties are properties that not only detract from the quality of our neighborhoods but are also a financial burden to the city. We all pay for the increased police, inspection and public works services needed for these problem properties. In response to this costly challenge, the Mayor has created the Public Nuisance Action Team. The members of this team are from the Neighborhood Division, Police Dept, Inspection Division and Law Dept. The PNAT identifies problem properties and with a unified approach quickly resolves the issues either through owner/tenant resolution or via circuit court. Since the fall of last year, the team has successfully brought over 25 public nuisance properties into compliance. A public nuisance property would be one in which there are numerous police issues as well as blighted housing conditions. These are the worst of the worst. If you are aware of a property that would be considered a public nuisance, please contact the City of Green Bay's customer service line at 448-3000.

Meet Your Board Member

Bob and Melissa Moren moved into the neighborhood in 1999 and lived in the yellow, Dutch Colonial at 1030 S. Clay St. for 3 1/2 years. In that time, they worked hard at improving the home inside and out. In March of this year, Melissa was elected to the ANA board. This past month, their family moved into the Queen Anne style home at 1005 S. Clay St, only 4 houses away from their first home. Because they love their neighbors and really wanted to stay in the neighborhood, but needed more space for their 2 sons, Samuel (3) and William (19 months), it was the perfect fit.

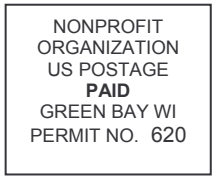
Their home is situated on the southeast corner of Clay and Eliza Streets, across from the ball diamond at Astor Park. Originally built in 1878, their home was moved from the corner of Mason and Webster during the 1960's. Bob and Melissa have replaced the garage doors and installed a first floor laundry. Their biggest project, however, is to improve the landscaping of their home. If you see them in their yard, feel free to say hello and lend a hand!

Please recommend neighbors or homes for the "Meet your Neighbor" and House Kudos newsletter features to Erik Hoyer at 437-3671, or erikh@astorneighborhood.org.

Trash Regulation

A code revision was recently passed by the city of Green Bay stating that bags of garbage must be stored in containers out of street view. Trash (including bags) may be placed upon the curb after 12 noon on the day before garbage pick up. This rule is enforced by the inspection department upon complaints, which can be made by calling 448-3331; repeat offenders may be fined. For more information, call 492-3731.

		Mark D. Olejniczak Realty, Inc.
	JANE M. JADIN	
	REALTOR	
	email: jane.jadin@olej.com web: http://www.olej.com	



Calendar of Events

- November 19** Peace Tree Lighting, Admiral Flatley Park, 6:00 pm
- November 20** Green Bay Holiday parade, downtown Green Bay, 10 am (new time)
- December 3** Holiday Memories: Pranges Christmas Windows exhibit opens at the Neville Public Musuem
- December 3 – 12** YWCA Festival of Trees – Railroad Museum 432-5581
- December 4** Breakfast with Santa, St. Vincent Hospital; first sitting 8:30 am
- December 4** Astor Park Luminaries on display
- December 4** Old Fashioned Holidays on Broadway, 12-4 pm
- December 4-5** Christmas at Heritage Hill
- December 10-11** Horse Drawn Holiday, Downtown Green Bay, 5-8 p.m.
- December 11** Astor Park Luminaries on display

- December 11-12** Christmas at Heritage Hill
- December 18** Astor Park Luminaries on display
- December 18-19** Christmas at Heritage Hill
- December 18-19** Christmas at Hazelwood
- December 20** **ANA Board Meeting** at Howe Resource Center, 6:00 – 7:30 pm
- December 25** Astor Park Luminaries on display
- December 26-30** Christmas at Hazelwood
- December 31** US Bank Eve – various locations 436-5515
- January 15** Einstein Science Expo – ShopKo Hall, 9am – 5 pm
- January 17** **ANA Board Meeting** at Howe Resource Center, 6:00 – 7:30 pm
- January 29** 6th Annual ANA Wine Tasting, 7 pm, stay tuned for more details!

Board meetings are on the third Monday of each month at the Howe Resource Center are open to all members of the Astor neighborhood.

Advertising

For advertising regulations and advertising rates, please contact Erik Hoyer at 437-3671 or email erikh@astorneighborhood.org. Please contact him by 12/15/04 for the next issue.

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