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Green Bay's New "Drains To The Bay" Initiative

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Autumn is just about upon us and we're all trying to take advantage of the last few months of nice weather before the dreaded freeze returns. But before you hunker down for hibernation, don't forget to enjoy a few fall events that the Astor Neighborhood Association is offering...

On Tuesday, September 2, at 6:00 p.m., we'll be hosting our Astor Neighborhood Annual Potluck Picnic, at St. James Park. Like last year, we'll be offering a free light meal, courtesy of the Association. We're also encouraging potluck contributions of appetizers and desserts. Forget about making dinner that night and stop by the park for an event that is always a fun way to wrap up a great summer.

Looking for a simple way to make a difference locally on our environment? On Saturday, October 25, we'll be having our Fall Fox River Trail Clean-Up. Volunteers should meet at 9:00 a.m. at the trail head at Adams & Porlier. In addition to the opportunity of spending time among the beautiful fall foliage along the Fox River, the river clean-up offers us a measurable and practical way to

answer the age-old question "What can I do?", when it comes to environmental action. It's also a fun, family-friendly event that serves as a great way to teach our kids about doing their part in keeping Green Bay green and clean!

Finally, as a new event this year, we're holding the First Annual Astor Neighborhood Pumpkin Carving & Decorating Contest. Contestants will sign up on our website, and judging will take place on October 30... stay tuned for more details.

As always, please feel free to contact me, or any other Board Member, to get involved, volunteer at an event, or express an idea or concern.

See you around the neighborhood!

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Astor Neighborhood Annual Potluck Picnic
September 2, 6 PM at St. James Park

ANA Meetings

3rd Monday of the month, 6 PM at Howe Neighborhood Family Resource Center — all are welcome! Sept. 15, October 21, November 17

British Encampment at Heritage Hill
Sept. 20-21

Green Bay Farmers Market
Downtown, Saturdays 7 AM to noon, through Nov 1

Farmers Market On Broadway
Wednesdays 3 PM to 8 PM, through Sept 27

Art and the Animal Exhibition
August 30 through November 2, 2008, Neville Public Museum

French and Indian War Encampment
September 27-28, Hazelwood Historic House

The House of the Dearly Departed
October 18-19, and 25-26, Hazelwood Historic House

River Bay Clean-Up for Make a Difference Day
October 25, 9 AM, meet at trailhead of Adams St./Porlier

Halloween at Heritage Hill
October 24-25

ANA Pumpkin Carving/Decorating Contest
October 26-30—Register at www.astorneighborhood.org

Peace Tree Lighting Ceremony
November 19, Brown County Courthouse

Lighting Ceremony On Broadway
November 21, 5:00-8:00pm

Green Bay Holiday Parade
November 22, Downtown Green Bay

The Astor Neighborhood Annual Potluck Picnic

will be held on Tuesday, September 2nd, 6 PM at St. James Park. Light dinner fare will be provided. Come and celebrate our unique neighborhood. Bring your family, a blanket and your favorite dish to share. Hope to see you there!
Thanks to Jennie Schwenk for coordinating this event!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 IS "MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY"

A national day of helping others and a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. The Astor Neighborhood Association takes this opportunity to help clean up litter on a portion of the Fox River Trail for which we are the "Adopt-a-Trail" sponsor. The more helping hands we have, the faster we can have the trail looking neat and tidy for the enjoyment of all! Please meet at the trailhead where Adams Street turns into Porlier at 9 AM on Saturday, October 25. Wear comfortable shoes and washable clothing. Garbage bags, gloves and other materials will be provided.
Thanks to Brittany Dickey for coordinating this event!



On Tuesday, July 22, a group of Astor Neighborhood volunteers gathered to carry out the Drains to the Bay Sticker initiative. Using industrial strength stickers provided by the City of Green Bay, the volunteers marked storm sewer inlets through the Astor Neighborhood to raise awareness about the importance of keeping storm sewers clean. After a brief demonstration on how to properly mark the storm sewers at the corner of Jackson & Cass teams of volunteers marked storm sewers and distributed flyers to the immediately adjacent homes. This work is being done in an effort educate, inform and raise the public awareness regarding pollution prevention, and illicit discharges.

A common misconception about storm sewers is that their contents go to a wastewater treatment plant. This is not the case. Storm sewers transport stormwater (rain and melting snow) to the nearest river, lake, stream or wetland. Stormwater often contains materials found on streets and parking lots such as oil, antifreeze, gasoline, soil, litter, pet wastes, fertilizers, pesticides, leaves and grass clippings. When these materials enter lakes and streams, they become pollutants that kill fish,



reduce the aesthetics of the water and close beaches. Although each storm sewer inlet may

contribute only a small amount of pollution, the pollutants from hundreds of inlets around town add up to a big problem for local streams and lakes. With thousands of storm sewer inlets around town, stormwater is a major contributor to water pollution in urban areas.



Thank you, Popcorn Helpers!

Andrew Higgins	Sara Schwiesow	Paul Neumeyer	Patti Patek
Phil Nelson	Bethani Beno	Michelle Neumeyer	Mike VanHandel
Barbara Nelson	Travis Basten	Laura McCoy	Beth McCrory
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Teppie Schueller	Danae Steel	Doug Chronert	Dan Madigan
Tanya Sharp	Marijke van Roojen	Pastor Paul Schleis	Laura Madigan

To encourage a festive spirit of decorating our homes for Halloween, the Astor Neighborhood Association invites you to participate in a neighborhood Pumpkin Carving/Decorating Contest. Simply log on to www.astorneighborhood.org by October 26 and click on "pumpkin contest" to enter your name and address.

A small group of judges will visit your porch or yard to admire your creation just before Halloween. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, and the winners will be posted on the Website.

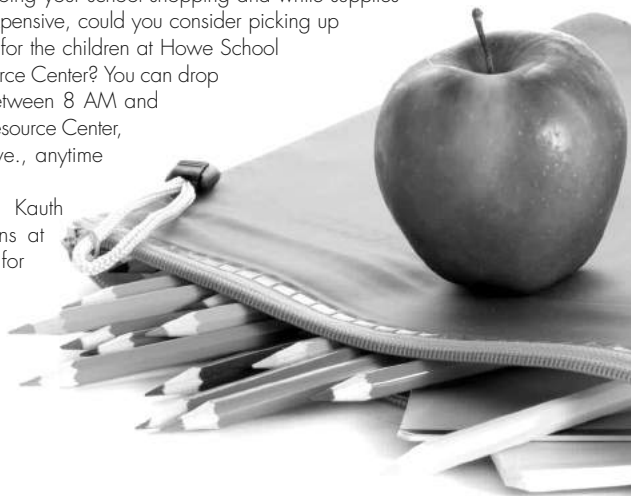


While many children are able to take advantage of the Service League's back-to-school store, there are still children and families who fall between the cracks and do not qualify for this event and its supplies. This summer we have had more parents than ever before come in looking for supplies for their children for back to school.

Howe Family Resource Center would like to be able to offer free school supplies to families who may need them at our Back to School Picnic in early September.

When you are doing your school shopping and while supplies are plentiful and inexpensive, could you consider picking up a few extra supplies for the children at Howe School and the Family Resource Center? You can drop them off any day between 8 AM and 3 PM at the Howe Resource Center, 526 So. Monroe Ave., anytime before September 2.

Contact Kathy Kauth if you have questions at 448-7340. Thanks for your generosity!



Making your home safer from crime doesn't always mean having to install expensive alarms. Effective home security starts with properly locked doors and windows and visible, well-lighted entryways.

Exterior doors—All exterior doors should be either metal or solid wood. For added security, use strong door hinges on the inside of the door, with non-removable or hidden pins. Every entry door should be well-lighted and have a wide-angle door viewer so you can see who is outside without opening the door.

Locks—Strong, reliable locks are essential to effective home security. Always keep doors and windows locked—even a five-minute trip to the store is long enough for a burglar to enter your home. Use quality keyed knobs as well as deadbolts—deadbolts can withstand the twisting, turning, prying and pounding that regular keyed knobs can't.

Consider an alarm—Alarms can be a good investment, especially if you have many valuables in your home, or live in an isolated area or one with a history of break-ins.

Burglars do more than steal—Burglars can commit rapes, robberies and assaults if they are surprised by someone coming home or pick a home that is occupied. If something looks questionable—a slit screen, a broken window, or an open door—don't go in. Call

the police from a neighbor's house or cell phone. At night if you think you hear someone breaking in, leave safely if you can, then call police. If you can't leave, lock yourself in a room with a phone and call police. If an intruder is in your room, pretend you are asleep.

Be alert, and report anything suspicious! Watch out for your neighbors! If something seems suspicious, better to report it and be safe rather than sorry. No matter how minor something may seem, every report helps the police establish

patterns that may help solve vandalism or theft problems. They rely on the information you provide. **For emergencies always dial 911. For non-emergency police calls, dial 448-3200.**

For a detailed home security checklist that can help you make your home safer, visit www.astorneighborhood.org and click on "home security checklist."

Neighbors interested in a listing of police calls within the Astor Neighborhood the past few weeks can visit www.gbpolice.org and click on "view police calls" along the left margin. Keep in mind that this list contains only raw data for computer aided dispatch and does not include an accurate description of what actually occurred.

(From the Green Bay Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit)

The City of Green Bay is very responsive to your concerns and requests.

Neighborhood Crime: Always call 911 for emergencies. For non-emergencies, call 448-3200. Community Police officers work on recurring neighborhood problems. The captain of community policing can be reached at 448-3189. The lieutenant of community policing can be reached at 448-3215. For the traffic enforcement lieutenant call 448-3217.

Neighborhood Inspection Issues: For houses that need maintenance, excessive litter or parking on the lawn call for an inspector at 448-3300. For long grass or weeds, early

set outs of garbage or recycling, or sidewalks not shoveled call 448-3535.

The City Council operates through a committee structure. If you would like to address a concern or proposal, the committee meetings and City Council meetings are open for public input.

If you would like more information regarding these issues or anything else, I can advise you on how the city can assist you.

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