

ASTOR

OUTLOOK



**Popcorn in the
Park**

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FALL 2010

As the days become increasingly shorter, Tanya and I remark on how fast our summer has gone. Moving from the Lone Star State eight years ago, we have grown accustomed to the mild summers of Wisconsin and all the outdoor activities made possible when not faced with weeks of 100 plus degree weather. Whenever our minds wander to the possibility of moving back to Texas, we realize that we couldn't leave the Astor neighborhood; too many friends, too much love for our house and the Astor community. All of these things remind us that we are now very much a part of a different community; a community in which we, like many others in the neighborhood, have become increasingly involved in supporting.

This summer in the Astor neighborhood there were many activities that kept us busy. These activities are the result of volunteers who have chosen to take an active role in supporting their neighborhood. Here's a quick summary:

Popcorn in the park had a few hiccups this year as the rain caused a little havoc on the schedule and a mechanical issue with the popcorn machine cropped up in the last few weeks. Once again Tanya Sharp picked up the tedious job of scheduling and rescheduling, because of rain, all of the volunteers to staff the concession stand. Thanks honey! Pastor Schleis made sure the concession stand remained well stocked and was there each night to open and close the night's operation.

We owe a big thanks to Jaime Danen for volunteering to coordinate the creation and distribution of the quarterly newsletters. This is truly one of the most important and time consuming jobs for the association. After the

exceptional work that Joanne Weyker did with the newsletter, we are fortunate to have someone with Jaime's talent leading this for the community.

Christian Kime has been working hard to coordinate the time consuming and complex task of acquiring a piece of artwork that will be placed at the corner of Adams and Porlier Streets. With the limited funding we have from a grant, this is a project that is both exciting and challenging.

The neighborhood also sponsored the always popular Astor rummage sale and the sometimes popular, depending on the weather, Fox River cleanup. The Astor Neighborhood also made a significant donation towards the effort to bring a new playground to the Aldo Leopold School.

The efforts of these individuals contribute to the unique value of living in the Astor Neighborhood. If you happen to run across these folks, please take the time to thank them for their efforts.

As our focus turns to the season of raking leaves, apple picking and fall decorations, the Astor Neighborhood Association is preparing for the annual potluck dinner, the fall Fox River clean-up and of course the Wine Tasting event.

Reach out to us by email, phone, on facebook, or show up to board meeting if you are interested in contributing to these upcoming events. You will find you can be involved in any way you want!

Jesse Sharp
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By Christian Kime

On April 1st, 2010, the Astor Neighborhood Association was awarded a \$5,000 grant by the Green Bay Neighborhood Leadership Council to commission a new work of art for the Fox River Trail, to be placed at the corner of Porlier and Adams Streets. The piece of artwork we are looking for is something created by YOU!! The committee will be looking at proposals from around the country as well, but we would love to see what our creative neighbors have to offer! We are looking for a functional piece of art, such as a water fountain, a play structure, or something to sit on, that reflects the theme "Life of the River". The theme, expressed by several

of the Fox River Trail art pieces, is a celebration of the historical nature and natural beauty of the Fox River as it flows through the City of Green Bay. The art piece will reflect historical (including the indigenous peoples of the region), natural, or manmade elements, the vitality of the Fox River and the inhabitants affected by it.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal or know someone who might be, please contact Christian Kime at christianpeterson28@hotmail.com and you will receive a proposal form. The proposal entry deadline is November 30, 2010 with the art work installation date set for late summer 2011.

Attention Astor Neighborhood Artists!

Calendar of Events

September

- 1 Back to School Potluck – St. James Park – 6:00
- 2 Leight at Nite - Leicht Memorial Park
- 11 15th Anniversary Celebration at Green Bay Botanical Garden
Heritage Hill Fall Festival
- 15 If Tombstones Could Talk Cemetery Walk – Woodlawn Cemetery
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- 19 Green Bay Packers vs. Buffalo Bills – 12:00 pm
- 25 Art-Craftic on Broadway
French and Indian War Encampment
- 28 Butterflies & Friends on Parade Auction

October

- 2 Fall Family Festival – Green Bay Botanical Garden
- 3 Green Bay Packers vs. Detroit Lions
- 15 Zoo Boo – NEW Zoo
- 16 Hmong New Year Celebration – Brown County Arena
Great Pumpkin Train – National Railroad Museum
- 22 Zoo Boo – NEW Zoo
Halloween at Heritage Hill
- 23 Annual Halloween Event – Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary
- 24 Green Bay Packers vs. Minnesota Vikings
- 29 Sweet Street – ShopKo Hall
Halloween at Heritage Hill
Trick or Treat at the Zoo – NEW Zoo

By Skip Heverly

This quarter's house kudos are extended to the home of Sarah and Tyson Schwiesow, 1040 South VanBuren. The house was originally built in 1921 for Mrs. Agnes Jorgenson, widow of Mr. John L. Jorgenson, owner of a dry goods store. Three other owners have lived there, most recently Barbara Lawton, the current Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin resided there. The Schwiesow's have lived in there since 2003.

Over the past seven years the Schweisows have undertaken several major projects. They have tried to keep the designs simple and true to the original style of the house, described as Prairie-style with Mediterranean influences. A mixture of new and old materials have been incorporated, including an old sink that was found curbside elsewhere in the neighborhood!

On the inside, their kitchen renovation was one of their first major projects. Appliances and lighting were updated. Extensive new cabinetry was built locally, all from quarter-sawn oak. The rich wood stains complement the existing hardwood floor and blend harmoniously with their collection of Craftsman-style furniture found throughout the house. Deco stained glass panes are a decorative motif.

The basement was renovated in the past year. The vision was to make the space more livable and easy to use. To that end, an exterior entrance was added to the west wall with a Bilko door and wide staircase to allow easy access for large furniture. The floors were sealed with an epoxy and walls, ceiling and exposed mechanicals (i.e. pipes and electrical conduits) were all painted. The ceiling was left open to allow for easy maintenance. Several lightly stained maple cabinets were put in.

The original exterior of the house is brick and the roof is a combination of rolled rubber on flat portions and Ludowici green tile on sloped areas. Complementary to these features, flagstone walkways have been added, along with a fire pit and play area for their children.

When asked what she likes about living in Astor Park, Sarah begins by talking about the trees, the people, and the variety and beauty of the homes. She describes it as a self-sufficient place to live. It is within walking distance or very close to retail, work, school, restaurants, parks, and recreation. Her family uses the Fox River Trail nearly daily spring through fall and occasionally during the winter. This is truly an exceptional house in our neighborhood.

If you have a suggestion for a House Kudos please contact Jaime Danen at jjdanen@gmail.com



The car port and beautiful gardens at the Schweisow home.

Aldo Leopold School Playground

In July the Astor Neighborhood Association donated \$2000 to the Aldo Leopold School playground fund. The school is looking to replace its old, used playground with new equipment and the ANA decided to get on board and help out this great neighborhood resource. While the total amount of the funds have not been raised yet and the children at Aldo will have to start the school year off without playground equipment, everyone is hopeful that the rest of donations will come in soon and we will be able to have a neighborhood build to get this new park opened before the snow flies! For more information or to donate please contact John Corpus at 217-0366 or john.corpus@att.net.

Howe Elementary School is asking everyone to help out this fall with school supply items. Below is a list of the most needed items. If possible, pick up a couple items on the list and drop them off at the school office to help out students in need. Thank you!

- #2 Pencils
- Backpack
- Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- Glue Bottles
- Markers
- Tissues (for the classroom)
- Scissors (child's size AND larger)
- Notebooks
- Folders
- Ziplock Baggies (all size for classroom use)
- Erasers
- Colored Pencils
- Ruler
- Highlighter
- Pens (Blue, Black, and Red)

- Loose Leaf Paper
- Dry Erase Markers (for classroom use)
- Pencil Box
- Hand Sanitizer (for classroom use)

We welcome any and all contributions of these items. Also, if you would prefer, you can make a cash donation and a staff member will purchase the supplies in the greatest need. As always donations are tax deductible! Whether you just throw a few extra things in your cart as you do your own family's back-to-school shopping or your purchase supplies because you miss the great back-to-school shopathon when your kids become too old, we appreciate you! Thank you for all your help and continued support of the resource center and the children and families we serve!

-The staff of Howe Neighborhood Family Resource Center

Fall Trail Cleanup

This fall's Fox River Trail clean up will be held on Make a Difference Day, October 24, 2010 at 9:00 at the trailhead on Porlier Street. Come ready to help keep our section of the Fox River Trail beautiful by picking up garbage. It's an easy way to help out our neighborhood and keep the trail beautiful. If you are interested in volunteering come on down!

By Tanya Sharp

Thank you to all the volunteers who donated their Wednesday nights and some Thursday nights to work the ANA popcorn stand during the city band concerts. Many of these volunteers worked multiple nights. Also, we were fortunate to have a large number of future volunteers in training helping their parents work the stand. Your volunteers were:

Kathy Erdmann, Doug and Roxanne Chronert, Jaime Danen, Bill and Jessica Hoban, Kelly Schumacher, John Corpus, Paul and Michele

Neumeyer, Jennifer Steffel, Rose Turba, Dan and Sophia Keirnan, Kathleen Brandt, Laura McCoy, Brittany Dickey, Melissa Moran, Christian Kime, Dan and Laura Madigan, Pastor Paul Schleis, Adam Schleis, Katie Higgins, John Calwerts, Tricia Piette, Heather Opichka, Mike Van Handle, Lynn Heslin, Sarah Schwiesow, and Kristen Rodeheaver.

A special thanks to those volunteers who worked on short notice for make-up rain dates and the few substitute volunteers who gave their time!

Some of our many volunteers. Thank you to all you helped out this year! Popcorn in the park and the city band concerts were a huge success!



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