



# ASTOR OUTLOOK

A newsletter of the Astor Neighborhood Association

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## Annual Meeting

Please join us on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> for the Astor Annual Meeting at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 743 South Monroe Street. The monthly board meeting will begin at six, and the annual meeting for the entire neighborhood will begin at 6:30. We will also be electing new board members that evening. If you are interested in getting involved with the neighborhood board and helping us out with our various activities, please contact Trini Bielski, ANA president, at 884-1941 or email her at [trinib@astorneighborhood.org](mailto:trinib@astorneighborhood.org) to let her know that you are interested in joining. Refreshments will be provided by the ANA Board.

## Easter Egg Hunt

The kids are poised. They're scanning the Park, baskets aflutter, quietly planning their strategies. In a matter of seconds, all you'll see are scampering feet as 1200 pastel eggs in the park are found. It'll all be over way too soon so arrive early for the Astor Neighborhood Association's annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in St. James Park. The play ground area will be designated for children under 5 years old. The Easter Bunny is scheduled to make a special appearance!



## Spring Fox River Trail Clean-up

The spring Fox River Clean-up is set for Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 am. We hope to see a lot of volunteers out enjoying the spring weather. We meet at the trailhead, at the corner of Porlier Street and the trail. Bagels and water will be provided. See you there!

## Alderman Update/Ramp Info

St. Vincent Hospital has withdrawn their request to expand their parking ramp. Their current plan to address their immediate parking needs consists of :

1. Transferring approximately 100 employees to the new Prevea building in Allouez;
2. Rezoning their property between the corner parking lots on the 900 block of S. VanBuren St. to make one parking lot. No buildings will be allowed with this rezoning. This will be acted on at the March 7 Plan Commission meeting.
3. Seeking a variance to allow for re-stripping of all existing surface lots to make room for more cars. This will be addressed at the City Zoning and Planning Board of Appeals on March 21. Please contact Tony Theisen if you have any questions or comments.

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## Wine Tasting Event

Uprisings on Broadway was the venue for the ANA's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual wine tasting event. The evening of wine, food, and friendship was held on January 28, 2005. This year everyone was asked to bring a favorite bottle of wine to share. The selection of wines was a definite indicator of the wonderful diversity of our neighborhood. There was everything available from Boones Farm to Mazzolino. About 50 neighbors attended, some new and some "seasoned". Titletown Brewing Company catered the event with an array of delicious appetizers. Pedal Pusher provided beautiful flower arrangements for the tables. Don't worry if you missed this year's event, there are plenty of other opportunities to get together with Astor neighbors throughout the year.

Photos from the event are throughout the newsletter!



## President's Message

With our Annual Meeting fast approaching, I would like to extend an invitation to you to communicate needs and ideas for our neighborhood. Is there a neighbor in need of help with spring clean-up? A stump where a tree once stood? A home in need of repair? A neighbor who unduly disturbs the peace nearby? Are you lacking the information needed to attend ANA meetings or events? GET INVOLVED! The amount of commitment it takes to serve your neighborhood is minimal compared to what most think. The more help we have, the less time it takes! Please, get involved by serving on the ANA Board, attending meetings or volunteering at events. Contact any board member, ask questions, voice comments or concerns you may have. It takes each and every one of us to make a difference. In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you at the Easter Egg Hunt, Fox River Trail cleanup and our third Annual Rummage Sale this spring. It is a pleasure serving you, and would be a pleasure working with more of you to maintain this treasured neighborhood. Happy Spring!

Trini L. Bielski

Please recommend neighbors for the "Meet Your Neighbor/Board Member" and the "House Kudos" newsletter articles to Erik Hoyer at 437-3671, or email [erikh@astorneighborhood.org](mailto:erikh@astorneighborhood.org).

**Treasurers Report** – is available upon request

## Calendar of Events

- March 21** ANA Annual Board Meeting, First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6:30
- March 26** Astor Park Easter Egg Hunt
- April 9-10** Titledown Cat Show, Brown County Arena
- April 10** Spring Craft Show, ShopKo Hall
- April 18** ANA Board Meeting, 6:00 pm; Howe Resource Center
- April 23** Green Bay Botanical Garden Cocoa Bean Mulch Sale
- April 23** Fox River Clean up, 9:30 am
- April 30** March of Dimes Walk America
- May 7** Great Strides 10K Walk for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- May 8** Mothers Day; Special Programs at New Zoo and GB Botanical Gardens
- May 16** ANA Board Meeting, 6:00 pm; Howe Resource Center
- May 19** GB Botanical Garden TasteBud and Plant Auction
- May 21** 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Astor Park Garage Sale

Monthly ANA Board meetings are on the third Monday of each month at the Howe Resource Center, and are open to all members of the Astor neighborhood. We hope that all members of our neighborhood will participate in the annual ANA meeting, which will be held First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 743 South Monroe St.

Please submit entries for the calendar of events to Erik Hoyer at 437-3671 or email [erikh@astorneighborhood.org](mailto:erikh@astorneighborhood.org). Please contact him by 4/15/05 for the next issue



Door prize winners at the Wine Tasting Event

## Great Stride Walk

Since its inception in 1988, GREAT STRIDES has been the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's largest and fastest growing fund-raising event. Participants of all ages are encouraged to collect donations to help support life-saving CF research and care.

It is a fun event, and will provide your organization or company with a great team-building opportunity. With the healthy 10 Kilometer (6.2 miles) walk component, food, and festivities, your employees will look forward to GREAT STRIDES year after year.

More importantly, your partnership with the CF Foundation will make your company visible to a highly loyal and dedicated group of consumers. CF families recognize and appreciate those companies who invest in cures and the future of their children.

Green Bay will host Great Strides on Saturday, May 7th at St James Park, Green Bay. Please call (920) 738-4938 for more information or log on to [www.cff.org](http://www.cff.org) and click on Great Strides to register!!!



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## Caring for Trees after Construction

Many of the trees that line our streets were affected by construction work last summer. While older trees may not show symptoms of stress immediately, there are some simple things that you can do to help minimize damage to the tree and its root system. Examples of damage might include soil compaction and root damage. Symptoms of construction damage occur over a period of several weeks to several years after construction. First symptoms are usually leaf wilt and shedding of some leaves. In later years, leaf dwarfing and dying of twigs, and excessive needle drop (in conifers) will occur. Ultimately, these will lead to an early death for the tree.

What to do? "Water, mulch, and fertilizer may be the best treatment" (Paul Hartman, Brown Co. Horticulture Agent). Watering: Trees that have lost some roots and are in compacted soil usually need water. Pruning: If the trees roots have been cut during construction, it is best to prune a comparable portion of the top part of the tree. Cut branches from throughout the tree to maintain symmetry. Fertilizing: Trees that are fully leafed (mid-summer) take up fertilizer to build up food reserves. Paul Hartman recommends 16-8-8 used at a rate of one pound per inch of trunk diameter. Drill holes in concentric rings around the tree all the way out to the drip line. Distribute the fertilizer evenly into all holes. Milorganite is a good organic alternative.

If you will be paving a driveway or sidewalk this summer, take preventative measures to protect the trees that are close by. Avoid piling soil or construction materials near the tree; this will cut off the oxygen supply to the roots. Ask your contractor to keep heavy equipment away from trees, this will compact the soil and damage the roots. Before your project, consider mulching with several inches of wood chips to minimize compaction. Lastly, try to maintain the natural drainage pattern of the site. Changes in underground water flow will stress the tree.

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### **Thanks to all that attended the wine tasting!**



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