

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The great weather of spring is back, and with it are so many opportunities to enjoy your neighborhood. We've had record participation in our events this year, including the Wine Tasting, Easter Egg Hunt (in spite of the snow), and the Spring Fox River clean up. We hope that trend continues through the rest of the year! With each of these opportunities, there are varying levels to participate. We only hope that as you enjoy all of these activities, you consider lending the neighborhood association a hand, as well. Most of these activities only require an hour or two, but by participating and helping out, you are strengthening the bonds of our neighborhood.

**CELLCOM MARATHON:** This international marathon, a qualifying run for the Boston Marathon, is making its 8th run through

our neighborhood. Each year we gather along the Fox River Trail to give encouragement to the runners. The path has changed this year, and we are on mile 21 of the race. Join us along the trail (get there by 8:30 am to see the leaders) on the morning of Sunday, May 20th to cheer on runners from Wisconsin and around the globe.

**POPCORN IN THE PARK:** Every summer, we are lucky to have the city band play weekly concerts in St. James Park during the Wednesday evenings between mid-June and mid-August. Look for an upcoming flier to describe the themes of the concerts. During these concerts the Astor Neighborhood Association sells popcorn, soda, frozen custard scooter pies, and other treats. It's a great opportunity to

meet your neighbors and have fun for a few hours. If you would like to help out with the popcorn in the park sales, please contact Roxanne Chronert at 433-9263.

**GARAGE SALE:** On Saturday, May 19th, the ANA is holding their 5th annual garage sale. Rather than having an organized sale, we encourage anyone in the neighborhood to hold a garage sale on that day. For those that do not want to hold a garage sale, it is very enjoyable to visit with your neighbors and search for great deals. On the same day, the Aldo School is holding a garage sale, so if you have items you would like to donate, please contact Kristin Phillip at 366-8055.

We hope to see you out there.  
Erik Hoyer, ANA president  
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## Ready~Set~Summer

"What are YOU doing this summer?"



Howe Neighborhood Family Resource Center will host an open-house event showcasing summer programs, activities and educational opportunities for kids in preschool through the middle school years. A wide variety of youth-serving organizations will bring fun activities and information about what they have for kids over the summer months.

**Happy Ness the Clown** will provide entertainment. Anyone looking for activities for their children will be sure to find something here!

Monday, May 21 • Open between 5:45 and 7:00  
Howe School Gymnasium  
525 S. Madison St. (enter/park off Monroe Street)  
Call 448-7340 for further information

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ANA Board meetings are 6 pm the third Monday of each month at the Howe Resource Center, open to all Astor neighborhood members. Please submit House Kudos suggestions to Erik Hoyer at 437-3671 or [erikh@astorneighborhood.org](mailto:erikh@astorneighborhood.org).

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## Alderman Theisen Report

I have been asked about the operation of COTS in the gym of the former St. John the Evangelist School. COTS (Churches Offering Temporary Shelter) is a homeless shelter operating with a 'conditional use permit' which was granted by the Green Bay City Council. This permit expired March 31.

I am expecting that the City Council will be considering extending this permit to allow the operation of COTS to continue. The first step in this process is for the city Planning Department to give a recommendation to the Plan Commission regarding this permit. This could be happening in a few months. The building codes for a homeless shelter may require extensive changes to the gym to be in compliance.

Public participation is welcome in this process. You may comment to the Planning Department (Rob Strong, 448-3400) or in person when the Plan Commission meets.

Let me know if you would like to be notified of the meeting dates when this issue will be voted on.

Tony Theisen / 433-9331 / [tonytheisen@netzero.com](mailto:tonytheisen@netzero.com)

## ANA 5th Annual GARAGE SALE!

Saturday, May 19th

**Astor Neighborhood Association, Inc.**  
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# HOUSE KUDOS:

924 Emilie Street



**W**hen Jon Johnson's mother first walked into his newly acquired residence at 924 Emilie Street she paused, glanced around and said "Hmm ...". Her initial reaction was then followed by a phone call to Jon's sister where she asked, "Do you think they know what they're doing?" Jon is happy to report that his mother now walks in that same front door, glances around and says enthusiastically, "I love this house!" And that, in a nutshell, could best describe the reaction one has when they see the incredible transformation at the home of our neighbors Jon and Terri Johnson.

Natives of Green Bay, but having lived

more recently in the Milwaukee area, Jon and Terri are happy to now call Astor Park home. Terri is a Professor of Political Science at the University of Wisconsin Green Bay and Jon works in Sales and Marketing for CH2M. The couple purchased the home last year and immediately began renovation work, completing most of the more grueling tasks within the first six months. Astor Park neighbors probably first noticed the change in house color, the appearance of the front lawn, and the implementation of a front yard garden gate greeting them as they strolled past last summer. The initial "curb appeal" of the home may have been the most obvious, while inside Terri and Jon went to work gutting and improving the spacious kitchen and upstairs bath, in addition to extensive cleaning and repairing of plaster walls and wood floors throughout the house. The result is a home that reflects the original vision of the architect—remaining mindful of its true historic character—but also one that has been brought into this century.

The Johnson's hard work has not gone unnoticed, and in early March the couple was awarded the Brown County Historical Society 2006 Restoration Award. Jon shared that this award was given to them because of their "maintaining of the original intention of how the house was laid out and used." A wonderful example of this would be the apparent "sun room" of sorts on the left side of the home, where Jon and Terri intentionally kept the original glass windows—a real treasure in the eyes of both the owners and historical society.

The interior of the home has been beautifully decorated in a fashion complementing the more "craftsman" style lines of the home. Heavy curtains once hiding most of the windows and walls have been removed and an array of warm earth-tone colored paint now enhances the inherent charm of the home. Jon reflects that "I think the house was designed for entertaining ... and we do A LOT of entertaining!"

## LEAD-SAFE RENOVATING

**S**pring is just around the corner, and that means maintenance and home renovations for some of us. Here are a few reminders about the safety of your family members, your neighbors, and your community.

Lead paint is a highly toxic metal. Children under the age of 6 are at the most risk because their nervous systems are still developing. Adults also risk nervous and reproductive damage. The damage is irreversible, so please lead-safe your home and pick up a copy of Lead Paint Safety: A Field Guide for Painting, Home Maintenance, and Renovation Work from your local home depot or HUD office.

**WHY:** Lead exposure in young children (including pregnant mothers) can lower IQ's, reduce attention spans, impair growth, cause hearing loss and learning disabilities, among other health and behavioral effects. Lead exposure in adults can cause brain damage, nervous system damage, and reproductive damage.

**WHAT:** Lead dust is the biggest culprit. In homes and outside in the soil where lead paint is deteriorating and homes where renovations are done without lead-safe practices. Paint and varnish in homes built before 1978 contain lead, so that means our homes contain lead.

**HOW:** Here is a basic guide for what and what not to do.

### NOT ALLOWED

- Power sanders or grinders
- Open flame or high heat removal
- Paint strippers containing Methylene Chloride
- Uncontained hydroblasting
- Uncontrolled abrasive blasting
- Dry scraping or sanding

### ALLOWED

- Power sanders with a HEPA vacuum attachment
- Heat gun below 1100° F on small projects
- Paint strippers without Methylene Chloride
- Contained pressure washing
- Contained abrasive blasting
- Wet-scraping or wet-sanding

**PLEASE,** always wear a respirator while working with lead paint to protect yourself.

**PLEASE,** protect your neighbors home and yards by containing all work you are doing.

**PLEASE,** protect your children and your neighbor's children by following lead-safe practices.

**RESOURCES:** [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov) [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov) [www.nsc.org](http://www.nsc.org)  
[www.dhfs.state.wi.us/eh](http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/eh) (local code enforcement)

Call your local government offices or private environmental firms and just ask. There are programs out there with money for home improvements for families with children with elevated lead counts.



## Astor Park 2007 Easter Egg Hunt



## WineStyles

Stop by and visit John, your Astor Park neighbor, at his new wine store near the Barnes and Noble Book Store in Ashwaubenon.

Complimentary wine tasting every Saturday from 11am-6pm, and Thursday from 3pm - 6pm.



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