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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Being a football town, the word turnover isn't necessarily popular in Green Bay. However, beyond the sports term or the apple-filled pastry lies a very important concept in the running of the Astor Neighborhood Association. Turnover is important to the vitality of the ANA—new members bring new energy and new ideas to the organization, while long-term members can use their experience to advise and oversee events.

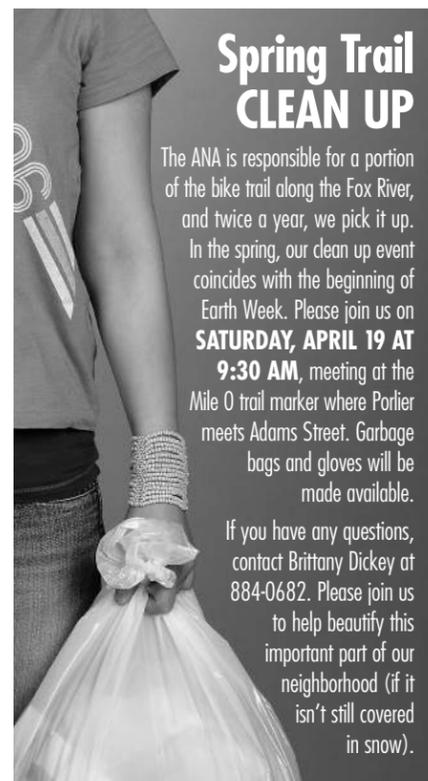
Having been a member of the ANA for four years, and the president for the last two, I will be retiring from the board. Though this decision originally was due to a nighttime teaching engagement, my hope is to continue being involved in the neighborhood activities and to perhaps rejoin the board a few years down the line. I do this with my full confidence of the continued leadership of the board, and with the sincere appreciation for all of the

efforts of the board members that I have worked with over these years.

My reason for writing this is two-fold. The first is to prove that participation in the board is not a life sentence. Rather, it is an opportunity to work with exciting, interested people who share the value of neighborhood. The flip side of this is that we are always seeking new participants that are willing to help out.

It doesn't matter who you are—board members have been high school students and retirees; parents, singles, and couples; homeowners and renters. All it requires is one Monday a month and the desire to be involved. If you have enjoyed the neighborhood events and activities, please consider letting me or another board member know of your interest. We would be glad to have you on the board.

Erik Hoyer, ANA president
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Spring Trail CLEAN UP

The ANA is responsible for a portion of the bike trail along the Fox River, and twice a year, we pick it up. In the spring, our clean up event coincides with the beginning of Earth Week. Please join us on **SATURDAY, APRIL 19 AT 9:30 AM**, meeting at the Mile 0 trail marker where Portier meets Adams Street. Garbage bags and gloves will be made available.

If you have any questions, contact Brittany Dickey at 884-0682. Please join us to help beautify this important part of our neighborhood (if it isn't still covered in snow).

ANA SCHEDULES ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

For the past five years, the ANA has set a date to hold neighborhood-wide garage sales. From the onset, response to this idea was tremendous, and the event has grown, in terms of the number of homes in our neighborhood that hold sales on this day and the city-wide attendance. This year, the event will begin on **SATURDAY, MAY 31ST AT 8:30 A.M.** We encourage all of our neighbors to go through their basements and closets to find items which they no longer use, but that others might treasure. We also welcome our neighbors from throughout the area to take the opportunity to walk the Astor Neighborhood streets and find those special bargains. We don't put together a map, but you are always sure to find another sale a few doors down—this also allows people to have last-minute sales, too.

The ANA will advertise with street signs and in the newspaper, but we encourage those holding garage sales to put out their own notices and signs, as well. By having a neighborhood-wide event, we are sure to connect people with items for sale with the people that want them. So on the morning of Saturday May 31st, make sure you either set up your garage sale or start shopping early!



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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.

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.

Advertising: Postal regulations prohibit the Astor Neighborhood Association, a not-for-profit entity, from advertising the phone number and address of any for-profit entity. The cost of an advertisement in our bimonthly publication is \$30 per business card-size ad. For info, contact Mike Van Handel, 430-1378 or vanhandelm@schneider.com.

Annual Meeting to be Held Monday, March 17

Every year we hold an annual meeting to allow our neighbors to express their concerns, meet members of Green Bay city office and their alderman, learn of the latest developments and changes to our neighborhood, and have an update on all of the exciting events that the Astor Neighborhood Association has planned for the year ahead. The annual meeting has traditionally occurred on the third Monday of March, and this year, Monday, March 17th also happens to be St. Patrick's Day – and what better way to celebrate that fact than to have an ice cream social with green ice cream? The meeting will start at 6:30 pm at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 743 S. Monroe Street, Green Bay. Pastor Paul Schleis is both the celebrant at this church as well as the treasurer/secretary for the ANA, and he has offered us the basement meeting room of his facility. We are currently looking for three new members to join the neighborhood association board. If you would like get involved and help put together the neighborhood events, please contact Erik Hoyer at 437-3671 or one of the other current board members.

Other Notices

- ANA is Online: Would you like to receive emailed updates about all of the Astor neighborhood events? Sign up for our mailing list at the ANA website: www.astorneighborhood.org. While you are there you can also find meeting minutes, Astor Outlooks, contact information, and more!
- The property at 628 S. Monroe Street is being renovated and converted into condominiums. If you have any questions or concerns about this process, please contact Justus Hedeem at 964-3918.
- Treasurer's report is available upon request.

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EASTER EGG HUNT

Different Location, More Eggs and Fun

It has been tradition for many years that the day before Easter—this year, Saturday March 22nd—the ANA has held an Easter Egg hunt with candy, the Easter Bunny, neighbors, and a lot of fun. Well it is time to get your Easter bonnet and egg basket out again, but what's different is that this year it will be held in Astor Park, instead of St. James Park. We are hoping to better use both of our neighborhood parks, and this year we will hold our event together with the Astor East River Neighborhood Association. With a much larger park, our two associations will be hiding over 4,000 eggs! Another change is that we are hoping to make the event "greener" to encourage recycling of the eggs.

Last year, next year, and in odd-numbered years in the future, the Easter Egg Hunt will be held at St. James Park, while in even-numbered years it will be at Astor Park. So join us at 10 am on Saturday, March 22nd, starting at the Astor Park softball diamond at the corner of Cass and Eliza Streets for a wonderful event for the whole family.



ALDERMAN THEISEN REPORT

Waterfront development in downtown Green Bay is entering an exciting phase. With River Center under construction and Astor Place groundbreaking coming in the near future, it's a good time to review completed projects. The following developments along the Fox River are on property that was previously mostly surface parking with little assessed value: Johnson Bank, St. Brendan's Inn, Riverwalk Plaza, Riverside Place Condominiums, Nicolet Bank and Riverfront Lofts.

These have a current assessed value of \$35 million. Hundreds of jobs and many new downtown residents are a result of these developments. New restaurants are opening downtown to take advantage of this activity.

The estimated assessed values of River Center and Astor Place will be \$56 million. Please contact me with any questions or comments. Tony Theisen 433-9331 / 321-6385 tonytheisen@netzero.com



THANK YOU!

Popcorn in the Park & More

The Astor Neighborhood Association (ANA) would like to thank the following neighbors for dedicating their time to work at the "popcorn in the park" stand during the summer band concerts at St James Park. Popcorn in the Park is the largest money maker for the ANA. The proceeds allow ANA to host many of the social events for the neighbors, fund activities at the Howe Resource Center, and maintain the Monroe Boulevard.

Volunteers last year included: Mike, Trini, and the Bielski family, Mark and Tracey Callesen, Doug and Roxanne Chronert, Christina Coleman, John Corpus and Kelly Schumacher, John and Judy Crain, Brittany Dickey, Kathy Erdmann, Andrew and Katie Higgins, Erik and Jennifer Hoyer, Dan Kiernan and Rose Turba, Dan and Laura Madigan, Laura McCoy, Gail McNutt, Melissa Moren, Barbara, Claire, and Phil Nelson, Michelle and Paul Neumeier, Kristen Rodeheaver, Tanya and Jesse Sharp, Pastor Paul Schleis, Jim, Donna, Gretchen, and Anna Schmidt, Jennifer Schwenk, Rick Stoll, and Kelly and Mike VanHandel.

The ANA board would especially like to thank Pastor Paul and Denise Schleis (and family) for their time to inventory and purchase supplies, and to Roxanne Chronert for arranging all of the popcorn volunteers. If we missed anyone who volunteered, we apologize and thank you for your time. If you are interested in helping out with popcorn in the park this year, please contact a member of the neighborhood association board. We look forward to seeing everyone at the 2008 summer band concerts.

In addition to our popcorn volunteers, there are a few neighbors and groups who deserve our sincerest appreciation for all that they have done for the ANA in the past year, including Katie Higgins and Jennie Schwenk for their amazing efforts putting together a fantastic 2008 wine tasting; all of those who helped with our spring and fall Fox River Trail clean ups, including the East High School Environmental Club; Jim Emmel, Bernie Skaletski, and Tony Theissen for putting up the lights in the trees along Monroe and adding a festive cheer to our snowy winter; Mark Anderson for his remarkable layout work of the newsletter, Mike VanHandel for handling the newsletter advertisers, and Erik Hoyer for four and a half years of editing the newsletter; all the members of the board who helped make the events in our neighborhood possible, and all of the neighbors who attend our events and help us celebrate the meaning and spirit of neighborhoods.



C A L E N D A R

MARCH

17 Annual ANA meeting: St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church Basement, 6:30 pm

20 Gallery Night, Olde Main Street

22 Easter Egg Hunt, Astor Park, 9:30 am

APRIL

4-5 Rock and Gem Show, Neville Public Museum

4-6 WBAY Pet Expo, ShopKo Hall

19 Fox River Clean Up, Fox River Trail, 9:30 am

20 Earth Day Celebration, Broadway Street, 9-11 am

21 ANA monthly board meeting, Howe Family Resource Center, 6 pm

MAY

3 Hazelwood House is open 1-4 pm on weekends

10 Walking tour of Astor Neighborhood with Hazelwood House and Brown County Historical Society; also on 5/24 and 5/30/08, 437-1840

11 Mothers Day, free admission for mothers to the zoo, botanical garden

19 ANA monthly board meeting, Howe Family Resource Center, 6 pm

29 Opening night for Green Bay Bullfrogs, Joannes Park, 7:05 pm

31 Astor Neighborhood-wide garage sale, starting at 8:30 am

31 and June 1: 24th annual garden fair, Green Bay Botanical Garden

JUNE

1 Hazelwood House is open Thursday through Sunday from 12-4 pm, through 8/31

7 Family day at the zoo, free admission

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