



The ANA had its first Movie Night this summer on July 31, which featured *The Road to Eldorado*. Approximately 135 people weathered the hottest and most humid evening of this year to attend the event.

For those unfamiliar with the event, the band shell serves as the backdrop for the movie screen. People sit in the benches already in place for the Wednesday night City Band concerts or lay blankets around the foot of the stage. The projector comes on at dusk, starting with a cartoon and then the main feature. Soda and popcorn are available for purchase.

The second and last Movie Night is scheduled for August 21, with a rain date of August 28. *Stuart Little* is the feature movie. Please come and join us once again for some fun in the park. **Keep in mind** that, although the flyer stated an 8:30 start time, the event coordinators will start the movie when it becomes dark enough to see the movie on the screen.

Please call John Corpus at 430-1429 or Michael Nass at 430-3226 with any comments regarding this year's events or suggestions for movies for next year.

Potluck in the Park

It is that time of the year again: the first day of school is just around the corner, and as Astor residents know, so is the Astor Neighborhood Potluck in the Park. Both events are on the same day, **Wednesday, August 29, 2001**. The potluck begins at 5:30 p.m. in St. James Park.

The Astor Neighborhood Association will provide the plates, utensils, napkins, and a beverage.

Please bring the following, based on the first letter of your last name:



A-G: a dessert

H-O: a salad

P-Z: a main dish

Come and mingle with your neighbors at what is always a fun event. We look forward to seeing you there!!!

Calendar of Events

August 21st – Movie Night at St. James Park

August 28th – Movie Night rain date at St. James Park

August 29th – First Day of School

August 29th – Potluck in the Park at St. James Park

September 22nd – Astor/Navarino Booyah, Brat, & Bake Sale

October/November – Fall Festival, date TBA

December – Luminary Nights, TBA

January – Wine Tasting Event, date TBA

President's Message

Let me begin by thanking Dan Madigan who served this organization and neighborhood for many years; he did a superb job providing leadership to the ANA. Despite his claim in his last president's message, that he has "gone out to pasture," Dan continues to serve on the ANA Board and continues to be a strong link in our neighborhood.

In mid June the Green Bay Press-Gazette published an article appropriately entitled *Astor Neighborhood – A City Gem*. As I read this article I felt real pride in the neighborhood where I live and how others perceive it. The article cited that the physical characteristics of Astor make it appealing and a model of what other neighborhoods could be. While I do agree that the well-maintained and preserved historic nature of Astor does make it appealing, the truly appealing part of the neighborhood is the people. It is the people of the neighborhood that have created what is referred to as a Gem. Neighbors that have come and gone and those that remain have maintained their homes, attended the neighborhood events, and voiced opinions on issues affecting the neighborhood. By doing these things the neighbors have truly created a Gem of a neighborhood that is envied by many. Whether the Astor Neighborhood is perceived as a Gem in the future depends on your involvement and what we, as neighbors choose to create!

Many issues, such as the planned renovation of Aldo Leopold School, the planned reconfiguration of the Monroe exit ramp off Mason Street, the new Band Shell at St. James Park, and the ongoing redevelopment of the hospital corridor, need your input and consideration. The decisions made regarding these issues are long lasting and will indeed have a big impact on Astor.

The ANA Board is eager to serve the neighborhood and is your resource to voice your opinions and concerns. Our meetings are open to the public and we invite you to attend. If you cannot attend our meeting, but

would like to discuss an issue or concern, please feel free to call me at 430-3226.

Michael Nass, President

Alderman Update

Astor Park Playground: New playground equipment will be installed in Astor Park next year. A group of interested neighbors has met with city park staff to select the play structures.

St. James Band Shell: Neighbors of St. James Park and a representative of the City Band have had several meetings with park staff to consider the design for a new band shell. The park staff will work with an architect to finalize the design.

Mason/Monroe Interchange: The Mason St. off ramp onto S. Monroe Avenue will be reconstructed next summer. Pedestrian crossing of Monroe will also be improved. Plans are in the making to present a neighborhood meeting in August.

Bellin / Neighborhood Landscape Committee: Bellin Health representatives have met with neighbors on several occasions to discuss its renovation project. This has resulted in the formation of a committee of neighbors who will work with Bellin during the landscaping phase of the project.

Aldo Leopold School/Neighborhood Meetings: School district staff members have met with neighbors of Aldo Leopold School to consider options for proposed parking lot and playground changes.

I appreciate that many residents of the Astor Neighborhood have been involved in the above projects. This neighborhood activity is important in influencing changes in your neighborhood. Please contact me with any comments or questions.

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Multicultural Center of Greater Green Bay – So We All Feel Welcome

On January 16th of this year, the official opening of the Multicultural Center of Greater Green Bay was held at 612 Stuart Street. This event represented the beginning of a wonderful partnership with Grace Presbyterian Church in offering a place for our community to create a supportive area for diversity. Many of our friends in the Astor Neighborhood and throughout Green Bay have worked on this program for years.

The Center will provide space where different cultural organizations can operate using shared services. Northeast Wisconsin African American Association, Latinos Unidos, Vision for Race Unity, and Coalition to Promote Respect have all chosen to call the Multicultural Center their home. The center, however, has offered much more than just space as an opportunity for members of our neighborhood. It has given us the chance to participate in and support wonderful events like the 2nd Annual Rainbow Children's Art Festival held recently at St. James Park, where children, families and neighbors met to share their diverse cultures and common dreams for all of us. An event like this gives us a chance to see how we can work together to build our children's confidence and expectations by giving them a place of support and love.

The Multicultural Center has also served as an employee recruiting and referral service to help match potential employees with job opportunities. The numerous Ethnic Summits held in Green Bay have allowed people from diverse backgrounds to meet and discuss needs, make plans, and share cultures.

The Multicultural Center of Greater Green Bay has given all those who are involved with it the chance to learn what wonderful strengths are inherent in every individual, and how to help engage those assets for the greater good.

Thank you very much to all those friends and neighbors who have shown their support for the Multicultural Center. It is because of each of you that the Center can continue to help all of us work and live together in a caring and supportive neighborhood. Please call Jay Allen, Executive Director, for more information.

Astor/Navarino Booyah, Brat, & Bake Sale – Date Change

The Astor/Navarino Booyah, Brat, & Bake Sale is scheduled for September 22 at Howe School. The group is asking for donations of baked goods. All proceeds benefit the resource center. Please contact Cheryl Renier-Wigg at 432-0441 for more information or check the ANA web page.

The ANA Is Online!!

Read current and prior editions of the *Astor Outlook* newsletter and minutes from the ANA board meetings, send e-mail to your board members, request an Historic Plaque order form, order the ANA calendar, view our sponsors, and link to other sites of interest to Astor neighbors on the ANA web page at <http://www.astorneighborhood.org>.

Antiques for Sale...

Family heirlooms dating back to the civil war. Items include:

- 1850 Violin, manufactured in St. Petersburg, Russia by the Rubus Company, with two bows
- Six green wine glasses and server,
- Amber glass pitcher and six glasses,
- Table with marble top and brass body, early 1900s
- Shirley Temple cut-out dolls with various clothes, 1935
- Twenty pictures printed on tin, most of family members during the civil war
- Various household items, magazines, and tools dating back to the 1920s

The owner of these articles does not reside in the neighborhood, but would like to see the items housed in the homes of the Astor neighborhood. For more information please contact John Corpus at camerai@netnet.net

House Kudos

Steve Beerntsen resides with two daughters, Amanda and Allison, in his renovated cottage style house at 1026 S. Clay Street. The house is pre-1900, but Steve is unsure of the exact year that the house was built.



The most apparent change to the house (for those long-term neighbors) is the second story that Steve added to the original one story home. He believes, however, that his is not the first modification

to the house, given several telltale discoveries made during his two-year renovation project.

An attractive brick pathway, laid by Steve, leads to the new porch steps and ancient wrought iron rails, which he purchased from a collector. Immediately inside the front door is a generous foyer with an open staircase to the left and denture crown molding all around. The foyer itself used to be a bedroom and part of the wrap around porch. Most of the original wood floor remains throughout the first floor, which is covered by nine-foot ceilings.

Although the original house was small, it had three bedrooms on the first floor. The renovation converted the bedrooms into a larger living room, a dining room, and the aforementioned foyer. Four bedrooms, a second bathroom, a hallway, and closet space make up the second story. The hallway and master bedroom are floored with hickory, which stretches to meet the oak floor of the staircase. A deck is attached to the back of the second story with access through patio doors from the master bedroom.

At the back left side of the house is a flower-covered arbor and split rail fence through which one enters along a field stone pathway to several gardens and sitting areas in the

back yard. At the very back is an inviting field stone patio that sits under the shade of a large tree.

A neighbor, Roger Langlois, assisted Steve with the tasteful wallpapering, gardening, and selection of furniture.

Housing Kudos

If you know of someone in the neighborhood who has worked hard at fixing, improving or updating a home, please call or e-mail any board member for some *Astor Outlook* Kudos.

TREASURER'S REPORT – is available on request.

The ANA Needs You

The ANA is always in need of board members. Please give Michael Nass a call at 430-3226.

Meet Your Neighbor

The intent of this new feature is to introduce the neighborhood to long-term residents of the Astor neighborhood. Our first featured neighbor is Audrey Maloney, a current board member. Audrey was born and raised in the house she now resides in at 644 S. Roosevelt Street. She and her husband Larry, who passed-on eighteen years ago, lived in Milwaukee, West Bend, and Indianapolis during a twenty-some year sabbatical before returning to Green Bay thirty-one years ago. They returned because of her father's death. Audrey's mother died seven months later, at which time Audrey bought the house and her sister bought the family cottage.

Audrey shares the home with her Irish setter, Kelly. She is active, enjoys life, and is working at aging gracefully.

Please call John Corpus at 430-1429 or Roxanne Chronert at 433-9263 if you know of or are a neighbor that has resided in this neighborhood for more than thirty years.

Many thanks to Seaway Printing on East Main for printing the *Astor Outlook*, gratis. We appreciate its continued support!

Fall Fest

The Astor Neighborhood Association is planning a Fall Festival in October or November. Block captains will deliver flyers early in the fall with specific details.



Fox River Trail

On May 26, 2001, the Fox River Trail opened with an official ceremony attended by local and state officials. The northern hub of the trail is at the corner of Adams and Porlier Streets and extends 13.2 miles south to Greenleaf. Approximately one-half of the trail (Green Bay to DePere) is paved.

User volume was originally estimated at 30,000 people for this year. That mark, however, was reached within the first five weeks according to Jim Schmitt. He believes that the trail will realize approximately 150,000 users if the utilization stays on track.

Trail passes are required for bikers and can be purchased at the Brown County Parks Department, 305 E. Walnut Street, on the third floor. You may also purchase passes at:

- Lox Stock & Bagel, 1300 S. Webster Avenue
- Stadium Bike, 1908 E. Mason Street

Daily passes are \$3.00. If you plan on using the trail often, you may want to purchase an annual pass instead for \$10.00, which is good at other state trails including Mountain Bay.

Please call Jim Schmitt at 499-9885 for more information.

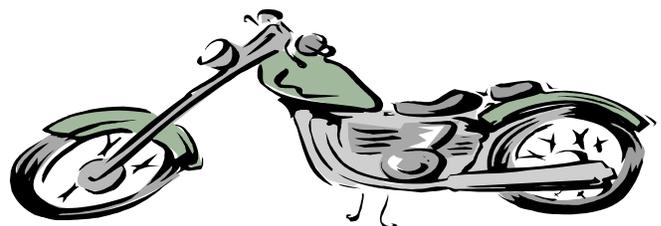
Funbusters Run

You may have heard the rumble that hits the neighborhood on Tuesday evenings around 6:15 p.m. No, it is not the sound of an approaching thunderstorm, although the event is nothing less spectacular. It is the sound of the Funbusters Run, a convoy of (on average) 110 motorcycle riders that gathers at St. Michael's Pub, 1539 Riverside Drive.

Mike Bloomer, the proprietor of St. Michael's Pub, has hosted the event for four years, including this one. The Funbusters Social Club and 106.7, the Eagle, sponsor the ride. Riders are asked to contribute one dollar to the Salvation Army and a canned good to Paul's Pantry as admission to the event.

The riders leave the parking lot around 7:35 p.m. for an approximately sixty mile round trip. Safety, no hot-dogging, operating at reasonable speeds, and obeying the law are stressed. Typical places that serve as the turnaround point are Shoots on B in Howard-Suamico; the Oak Ridge Bar and Grill on 57 near Edgewater Beach; The Rendezvous in Luxemburg; and Mustang Shelly's in Luxemburg. The turnaround establishments are chosen based on their ability to accommodate the riders for refreshments and/or food. More importantly, the establishments treat the riders well. Around 10:30 p.m., the riders pull back into the parking lot at St. Michael's pub.

The run begins during the last week of April and has gone as long as the second week of November. It all depends of course, on the weather. All makes and models of motorcycles are welcome, as well as riders of all ages: the event has a 75 year old operator and has seen a passenger as young as 6.



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The mission of the Astor Neighborhood Association is to maintain the integrity, vitality, and diversity of the Astor community through the protection and preservation of its history, neighborhoods, and architecture.

Board meetings are open to the public and are held from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the East Central Family Neighborhood Resource Center. All residents of the Astor neighborhood are welcome. The next three **board meetings** are on:

**September 17th October 15th
November 19th**

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