



ASTOR OUTLOOK

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St. Vincent's Parking Lot

St. Vincent's Hospital has submitted a proposal to the Green Bay Planning Commission for a new parking structure adjacent to their current structure. The Astor Neighborhood Association Board urges you to be active and make your opinions known to the Green Bay Planning Commission and City Council prior to their review and vote on the issue. Please share your concerns with letters or email to those listed below; most importantly, attend the Planning Commission and Council meetings.

Preliminary Schedule of Meetings to attend:

Monday Sept 13 5:30 pm - City Hall room 604

- presentation by St. Vincent's
- public comments

Monday Sept 24 5:30 pm - City Hall room 604

- recommendation by Planning staff
- probable vote by Plan Commission

In particular, you are encouraged to write Paul Neumeyer, the Senior Planner on the Green Bay Commission Staff (email: paulne@ci.green-bay.wi.us). Other members of the Green Bay Plan Commission that you may want to contact include Maribeth Conrad, Brent Weycker, Michael Nass, Linda Queoff, Tim Gilbert, and Fred Graves.

All of these individuals, as well our Alderman Tony Theisen, Mayor Jim Schmidt and other members of the Green Bay City Council can be written at:

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Fox River Trail Fall Clean-up

The ANA will sponsor a river/trail clean-up on Saturday, October 23rd, starting at 9:30 a.m. We will meet at the Fox River Trail head, located at the corner of Porlier and Adams. The ANA will supply bags, gloves, and refreshments. Join us to help beautify this important part of the neighborhood.

Haunted Hazelwood Happening: "If Tombstones Could Talk"

On Wednesday and Thursday, September 15th and 16th, there will be a cemetery walk held at Woodlawn Cemetery in Green Bay. The tombstones of both prominent and not-so-prominent people in history will come alive. Members of the *Heritage Players* and local extras will portray the men and women of this area. Guides escort groups through the cemetery to meet these interesting folks. Social and refreshment time follows the tours. Reservations Required: (920) 437-1840



Changes are being made to the Astor Outlook to better serve the neighborhood. Please send your ideas, comments, complaints and suggestions to: erikh@astorneighborhood.org

We hope to see you at our annual potluck, Wednesday, September 1st, St. James Park at 5:30 pm!

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President's Message

With all of the goings on this summer, I trust you have had plenty sun and fun the past few months! I want to first thank those who volunteered so much time to wonderful causes this summer beginning with Roxanne Chronert, Pastor Paul and Denise Schleis, John Corpus and Kelly Schumacher and Melissa Moren for the large amounts of time spent organizing the summer events at St. James Park. Your efforts have made this summer a huge success and extremely enjoyable for all those who took the time to enjoy the events.

I would also like to take a special moment to thank my wonderful husband Mike and our children for all their support this summer. Without your support, I would not be able to commit so much time and effort to this wonderful neighborhood and City. Thank you all. You're the best.

Hospital Corridor Parking Update:

On Wednesday afternoon, August 11th St. Vincent Hospital presented the City of Green Bay Plan Commission with their request for additional parking within the Corridor. Later that evening, neighbors were invited to see their plans as well. Briefly, their plan is to request the City to close the 900 block of South Van Buren and allow them to re-zone 900 block of South Van Buren to allow them to build an additional ramp to house 1,070 parking spaces.

Differences and changes with the proposed ramp would include replacing the entrance/exit on S. Van Buren with open space and a vehicular drive from one ramp to the other. Above this drive will be bridges for vehicular traffic from one ramp to the other on the top three stories of the ramps. At or about where South Van Buren currently meets Porlier, an entrance/exit much like the current Eliza Street entrance/exit was shown. The old ramp entrance/exit on Eliza will remain, there was no disclosure of additional entrances or exits on Eliza. I stress disclosure, as neighbors are concerned that when asked, St. Vincent Hospital could not promise that what they were showing us was exactly what they were going to submit to the City of Green Bay. All information provided here, should be verified with the City of Green Bay Planning Department.

72 residents of Astor Neighborhood attended the Special Meeting after St. Vincent's Open House, and of those, 32 persons submitted comment sheets,

expressing disagreement with one hospital placing 1,070 parking stalls next to residential homes; on narrow residential streets and closing another street. Concerns most listed were increased traffic; poor placement of a structure needing constant vehicular access on narrow residential streets rather than main thoroughfares; and preservation of the delicate balance of residential and hospital in our Nationally Designated Historic District.

For years, neighbors have quoted the song "Paved Paradise, Put Up a Parking Lot." Please, don't let chorus of this song ever ring true of Astor Residents. The chorus goes "don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got til it's gone." The Astor Neighborhood Association Board of Directors urges you to be active and make your opinions known to the Green Bay Planning Commission and City Council prior to their review and vote on the issue. Please share your concerns with letters, emails listed under Ramp Contacts, and most importantly, by attending the Planning Commission and Council meetings.

Our website has extensive coverage of the ongoing process and we are attempting to find a way to add a Neighborhood Forum to all questions and answers as well as comments, ideas and City Planning Commission meeting dates and times. If you do not have web access, please call 265-6777 and you will receive a person or message that will update you to progress, dates and times.

Until then, have fun preparing for back-to-school, fall colors and winter fun.

Respectfully, Trini L. Bielski, President

Slow Down Signs

The AAA / Brown County "Slow Down. Watch For Kids!" Sign Campaign has kicked off, and we ask you to heed the important reminders posted throughout our neighborhood. If you would like a sign to post, please contact Trini Bielski (884-1941) or AAA (498-6128).

For more addresses and information about the status of the St. Vincent proposal to close the 900 block of Van Buren Street and build a parking ramp, please visit our website: www.astorneighborhood.org.

Alderman Update

- Hospital corridor traffic and parking study: The City Planning and Traffic Departments met with neighbors and hospital representatives to study traffic and parking issues. A list of options was published in the Hospital Parking Plan, which has been adopted by the City Council. Please call me if you would like to read a copy. Now that the St. Vincent's ramp proposal is out, please write a letter or email to the Green Bay Planning Department and attend and speak at the Plan Commission meetings.

- WPS project: Wisconsin Public Service is building a new natural gas pipeline under the Fox River, east along Eliza St., and north along Jackson St. to Cass St. The project is scheduled for completion by September 30, 2004. Mostly, the construction will be performed between 7:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday thru Friday. The gas main will be installed in City of Green Bay right of way, underneath the north sidewalk of Eliza St. and in between the curb and tree line on the east side of Jackson St. WPS is working with Green Bay Public Works regarding this project. Neighbors directly affected should have received a letter from WPS.

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Neighborhood Housing Project

The Housing Project on the corner of Jefferson and Cass continues to move along and the excitement is growing. Bids have been released to contractors – soon we will know the actual cost of development.

Four barrier-free townhouse condos will be built. If you are interested or know someone that needs such specialized housing, please contact Inky Meng, committee chair, at 336-7380; or Chuck Mize, Union Congregational Church minister, at 437-9266. Thank you!

Treasurer's Report – is available upon request.

Cellcom Marathon

In spite of a miserable, rainy Sunday morning, 21 brave souls came together to work the ANA Water Station for the Green Bay Cellcom Marathon on May 23rd. Amid torrential downpours, they worked like a well-oiled machine to ensure all marathon runners would receive Gatorade, water and enormous amounts of encouragement. In spite of the weather, nothing could dampen the determination of the runners or the volunteers. The ANA would like to deeply thank all of the individuals involved for their commitment to the marathon and the neighborhood.



House Kudos go to Brian and Sarah Hickman, at 644 S. Madison Street. They were nominated by "Pedicab" Pam Aerts, who lives in the upstairs portion of this 3-story duplex. Two years ago, Sarah's father painted their house as a wedding present. That same year, the roof was replaced. Last year, they focused on external improvements, with new landscaping.

Inside their home, improvements have been made, as well, including stripping paint off of the doors to restore the original wood. Through all of the effort on their home, they contend that it was well worth it. As Sarah states "It looks a hundred times better...no... a thousand times better." For all of their efforts, we salute Brian and Sarah Hickman and their family.

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Calendar of Events

September 1	Annual Summer Potluck in the Park at St. James Park: 5:30 pm
September 15-16	“If Tombstones Could Talk”: cemetery walk (see article)
September 20	ANA Board Meeting at Howe Resource Center, 6:00 – 7:30 pm
October 9-10	The Great Pumpkin Train, National Railroad Museum, 9:00 am (437-7623).
October 10	Green Bay Duathlon, 7:00 am
October 18	ANA Board Meeting , 6:00 pm
October 22, 23, 29, and 30	Zoo Boo, N.E.W. Zoo, 5:00pm (434-7841)
October 23	Fall Fox River Cleanup, 9:00 am
October 23	Annual Halloween Event, Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary
October 29	Sweet Street, ShopKo Hall
November 15	ANA Board Meeting , 6:00 pm
November 19	Holiday Gift and Craft Show, ShopKo Hall (494-3404)

Board meetings are on the third Monday of each month at the Howe Resource Center are open to all members of the Astor neighborhood.

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.

The use of the Astor Neighborhood Association name, without the voted majority of the board, is forbidden

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