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President's Letter

Getting to know the people who live nearby helps create a sense of belonging and shared identity in our local area. It also helps to strengthen connections and trust in our wider communities and contributes to a happier neighborhood for everyone.

Research by the Young Foundation and others has found that this wellbeing is higher amongst people who have regular contact with their neighbors and that knowing people in our local area, even if it is just to say hello, can have a big impact how secure and happy we feel about where we live.

A great way to meet some of your neighbors is to participate in one or more of the events that the ANA puts together each year. As we move into fall, please come out to St. James Park for our annual Back-to-School Potluck September 1 or the movie in the park on August 26. You can meet some new neighbors or reconnect with some you haven't seen in a while.

Please keep an eye out for information on upcoming winter events that include the luminaries, wine tasting, and hopefully enough snow for a sledding party. If you would be interested in volunteering and/or hosting the wine event, which raises money for area non-profits, please contact me and I can fill you in on the details.

Remember to check out the Facebook page or sign up to receive emails on the Astor Neighborhood Website so you can stay connected. Otherwise, you are always welcome to attend the monthly meetings on the third Monday of the month at First Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Molly Martzke
President
Astor Neighborhood Association

How to Slow it Down on S. Monroe Ave?

That seems to be the question when I talk to Astor neighbors about some of the summertime traffic issues. Why do drivers on S. Monroe Avenue feel like they do not have to yield when they can clearly see pedestrians in the crosswalk? The question seems to come up each year we enter the summer season and it continues right up to the first weeks of school. It all comes down to three words..... **Right of Way.**

And unfortunately many motorists feel they have it when they are in their car and you are the one trying to cross the street. The problem is, they're wrong. In fact, 346.24 (1) Wisconsin statutes says so. I know that as you are crossing the street to maybe enjoy a night of Friday on the Fox you are also thinking, "Okay, me having the right of way while crossing isn't worth me being hit by a car either".

Yes, I get other traffic complaints too, such as the SUV that occasionally drives through Cass and Adams playing loud music and driving fast. There's another issue about having the cement island extend out to the crosswalk at the intersection of S. Monroe Avenue and Cass Street, so that people crossing have a safe area to stop in the middle of the street to wait for traffic. For some reason the island stops too far short. Of course another is motorcycles with loud pipes. You have probably heard the saying "loud pipes save lives". Well, on that theory according to Captain John Laux GBPD, "Not a single thoughtful study has ever been done that

supports the theory". In fact, CPT Laux goes on to say that "the effects of excessive motorcycle noise on the health and welfare of the general public is well documented by the EPA". He urges officers to step up enforcement of loud pipes.

GBPD traffic squads have stepped up enforcement on S. Monroe for speeders and we do have CS Interns and Patrol Officers direct traffic on S. Monroe before and after the Wednesday City Band concerts. When I talk to people that live near S. Monroe Ave, I know they want the 25 mph speed enforced. Even further, some residents have said they would like to see a couple of those bright green "Yield to pedestrian in crosswalk" signs put up in the center stripes to remind motorists to slow down and watch for pedestrians crossing.

Yet, I get those that tell me "the city should just raise the speed to 30 because that's what drivers are doing anyway". There is no current discussion on doing any of those things right now. However, let me or an Astor board member know if you have an idea that you think might help solve the situation.

Paul Van Handel

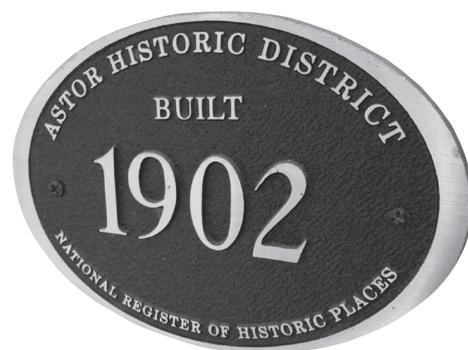
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Astor Neighborhood Association Plaques By Jill Hogan

We have just placed an order for the Historic Astor Neighborhood plaques! If you are interested in placing an order for one yourself, I can be contacted at jillknit2002@yahoo.com or **920-857-9119**. Once we place an order it takes approximately 8-12 weeks to ship. Soon, five more homes in our neighborhood will proudly display their beautiful new plaques.

Thanks, Jill



Brown County District 4

Through the summer and all year long, there are many opportunities for you to enjoy the cultural, educational, and recreational opportunities offered by the county:

Neville Public Museum – The Neville is celebrating its 100th anniversary, and there are two particularly special exhibits brought to the museum which I recommend. Showing through Labor Day is “**Spies, Traitors, and Saboteurs**,” an exhibit brought from the National Spy Museum in Washington, DC. This exhibit features events from throughout America’s history and takes a thoughtful look at balancing the civil rights and protecting our citizenry. A pertinent Wisconsin connection is a portion of the van used in the Sterling Hall bombing on the UW-Madison campus 45 years ago. The second major exhibit is “**Extreme Deep**,” which shows through the fall, and allows us to visit the most remote and unexplored areas on our planet.

Library – The Children’s Garden, which was approved while I was on the Education and Recreation committee, is now completed and fully in bloom. The library is a vital part of our community – last year there were over 2,000,000 items circulated, answered an average of 431 research questions per day, and there were over 175,000 uses of library computers. Additionally, over 85,000 persons attended the 3,000 programs offered in 2014.

Brown County Golf Course – Last summer, the county golf course had all new greens installed; during this time, there were alternate temporary holes established, somewhat limiting play. This update has been quite successful and we recommend that golfers in our community enjoy our fully functional, updated course for their next golf outing.

Zoo and Parks – The Adventure Park next to the NEW Zoo is open for its second season, with a 1000-foot long zip line, climbing tower, and 16 outdoor adventure challenge elements which give families the opportunity to work with ropes, bridges, climbing, and more in a safe environment. Also, please remember to purchase a trail pass when using the Fox River Trail that runs through our neighborhood.

I look forward to seeing you out there!

Erik Hoyer

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Meet the ANA Board

We are David and Laura Janssen, both born and raised in Green Bay, graduating from Bay Port and West De Pere High Schools in 2000, respectively. David studied Economics at UW-Milwaukee and Laura earned her master’s degree from UW-Madison in Nursing Education. After college we moved to Chicago and lived there until 2012, after which time we moved back to Green Bay to finally settle down and start a family.

We moved to the Astor neighborhood in the fall of 2013. We just brought our first little family member, Hugh Henry Janssen into the world at the end of May. His older sibling is a 9-year-old Boston Terrier named Rudy. We live at 636 S. Jackson, the former Emmel residence.

Upcoming Events at St. James Park

Every year, the residents of our neighborhood gather together at St. James Park for a **Back-To-School Celebration**. Join us this year on Tuesday, September 1, at 6:00 PM. The Astor Neighborhood Association provides the meal. It is a wonderful opportunity to visit with your neighbors. See you there!

We are also excited to announce our second annual **Movie in the Park!** This year, it will happen on Wednesday, August 26 at dusk and the movie is **How To Train Your Dragon**. Bring a blanket and enjoy some popcorn while watching our movie!

Back to School Picnic



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Green Bay City Band

by Katie Houle

Summer is drawing to a close, and like the end of each season, it means the end of many things we enjoy. This season is a special time, filled with fond memories of grilling, camping, children playing outside, and savoring the sun until late in the evening. As we say goodbye to summer, we also feel the excitement the next season holds. Many of you are likely getting ready for school to start, maybe squeezing in one last family vacation, getting ready to send your child off to college (cheers and tears), or if you're an empty nester, you may be looking forward to the fall quietness of the neighborhood. Regardless of what lies ahead, I wanted to take a moment to relish one of my favorite parts of summer, the Green Bay City Band concerts at St. James Park. They are such a treasure, and we are fortunate to have this within walking distance of our homes. I hope that as this hits your mailboxes, there will be at least one concert left. The last concert is Wednesday, August 19 at 7:30 pm. Please go and take it all in! Look at the people; young children crowded on the playground, families having a picnic before the music starts, people of all ages saving their usual seats on the lawn, and couples attending as they have for decades. It is a beautiful gathering of families and friends, both young and old. A grand tradition we are blessed with, just a short walk from home.

As with all great things, credit is due to certain individuals who selflessly give to make it happen. M.J. Heynen had a vision, and in 1903, he started the "Heynen Band", which later became the Green Bay Concert Band, American Legion Band, and is now known as the Green Bay City Band. The original site of the concerts was Whitney Park. Under the direction of Donald Barber (director from 1959 to 1980), the concerts were relocated to St. James Park. Mr. Otto Kaap, a restaurateur and percussionist with the band, had played an instrumental role in the installation of the carillon at First Lutheran Church, which is just east of the park. The Band used the carillon in conjunction with their concerts. Carillonneurs were brought in from both Europe and the U.S. to present concert pieces with the band. The City Band also did some significant traveling in the 1980s, performing concerts in Poland, China and Hong Kong. The Green Bay City Band has never missed a concert season, not even during the Great War (WWI) or World War II. They kept on playing, and this makes them one of the country's oldest performing community bands.

So, here is a thank you to all the members of the City Band and to those behind the scenes, both past and present; thank you for making music for the past 113 years!

Green Bay City Band history from their Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/GreenBayCityBand?fref=ts>

Connect With Astor

Stay informed with events in our neighborhood by visiting the Astor Neighborhood Association's Facebook page! Just go to www.facebook.com/AstorNeighborhood and click the "like" button.

Another way to stay connected: Create an account on our neighborhood's Nextdoor page! Nextdoor is a private social network for you, your neighbors and your community. Join the 84 neighbors already using Nextdoor Astor and see what all the commotion is about! Visit https://astor.nextdoor.com/choose_address/ to sign up.





Ask A Gardener

Dear Astor Neighborhood Gardener,
I love the perennial garden I have planted, but it seems like once my peonies are done flowering, there's not much else I can do to keep it beautiful through the fall. Do you have any suggestions of other plants I can try out?

Thanks!

Marge on Jackson St.

Dear Marge,
I particularly enjoy the spring garden, and by mid-July I seem to focus on the progress of the tomatoes, etc. but the latter part of the summer does have interesting plants besides veggies: Bee Balm, Brown Eyed Susans - I have both a short and tall version, not truly the same species but the flowers are similar, ornamental grasses like Feather Reed Grass are attractive, Coneflowers, the purple native prairie plant, or the new varieties with spectacular colors. Some daylilies will last through July or beyond, and the Sedum Autumn Joy is nice. For really late season, there are hardy mums and ornamental kale. I am sure there are many others as well.

Hope this is of some help.

Take care,

Astor Neighborhood Gardener

Send your gardening questions to
AstorNeighborhoodGardener@gmail.com.

Aldo Leopold Community School Enters Year Twenty-seven

by Patrick Walker, Jr.

In 1976, Principal Dr. Margaret Hutchinson started the Howe Elementary Alternative program. She had a vision of starting a school, which eventually became the Aldo Leopold Community School in 1988. The school teaches K4-8th grade and has a student body of 550 students, staffed by 28 full time teachers. Regarding the ethnic background of the school, it prides itself on not only the neighborhood but the city's population as a whole.

The school also has numerous volunteers that play a vital role in its success, consisting of family members, parents, grandparents, community members, and college students. They help with everything from reading to helping out on various recess activities. A unique feature of Aldo Leopold Community school is it is considered a "choice" school, meaning students are welcome to attend from all over, not just the local neighborhood.

Aldo Leopold's Community School's current Principal is Trina Lambert. She will be entering her seventh year at Leopold, her 25th year in education. "It is important to understand we are in this wonderful neighborhood, it truly is a gift," she said. She stated her passion is to take care of and watch over the children's best interests.

In 2014, Aldo Leopold Community School ranked better than 73% of all elementary schools in Wisconsin and ranked first among the 27 elementary schools in the Green Bay Area School District. Out of the 1,039 elementary schools in Wisconsin, Aldo Leopold Community School ranked an impressive 280th.

Aldo Leopold Community School takes total pride in what they call their "Buddy System," in which each student serves as a buddy to another. Older students work with younger students. As the students age, their roles change into being a mentor for a younger student.

Principal Lambert said, "This connection has a positive impact on student to student relationships and is a big reason our graduates return to visit our school year after year."

Aldo Leopold himself was born in Burlington, Iowa on January 11, 1887 and died on April 21, 1948. He was an American author, scientist, ecologist, forester, conservationist, and environmentalist.

To learn more about his various talents and successes, you can visit the Aldo Leopold Foundation website at **www.aldoleopold.org**.

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