



ASTOR OUTLOOK

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Summer Concerts in Full Swing

The city band performances at St James Park are off to a wonderful start. We hope to see you there each Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm (Thursday is the rain date). While you are enjoying the show, support your neighborhood association by picking up some popcorn, drinks, candy, and new scrumptious scooter pies made with Zesty's custard at our concession stand.

Kickball

Each Tuesday evening at 6:30, members of the Astor and Astor East neighborhoods have been gathering to play kickball at the softball diamond in Astor Park. This is an opportunity for anyone of any age to have some fun, get a little exercise, and meet your neighbors. Pick up games will continue through the summer until August 22nd. We hope to see you there!



Farmers Markets

One of the joys of summer is getting farm-fresh fruits and vegetables, flowers, crafts, meat, and more at the weekly farmers markets. The city of Green Bay is lucky to have two each week. The downtown farmers market, across Monroe from the library, is held each Saturday morning between 7 am and noon. A second farmers market is held across the river in the Broadway shopping district each Wednesday evening from 3 to 8 pm. These are great opportunities to support our local farmers and enjoy all of the delicious items that they have to offer.

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Go Slow on Monroe!

The Green Bay Police Department has identified the portion of Monroe Street passing through our neighborhood as an area plagued by speeding motorists. Police efforts have been redoubled on this problem street, including the installation of speed-monitoring equipment as well as ticketing the leadfooted amongst us: on one day, 30 tickets were distributed to speedy motorists! Please remember to be careful when driving in our neighborhood, particularly with the abundance of children at play or going to school. Slow Down!

ANA is Online

Would you like to receive emailed updates about all of the Astor neighborhood events? Sign up for our email service at the ANA website: www.astorneighborhood.org. While you are there you can also find meeting minutes, Astor Outlooks, contact information, and more!

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.

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Treasurers Report – is available upon request

President's Message

There are so many wonderful things to do in Green Bay during the summertime! City band concerts, kickball, farmers markets, Thursday concerts on the square all happen every week of the summer. Then there are the special events downtown including the July 4th fireworks, ArtStreet (over 200 juried artists, art and craft vendors, and music stages), a tall ships festival, and more. You can take informative and entertaining classes at the Howe Resource center, including cooking and African drumming (call 448-7340 for more information on these). Finally, on August 21st, Mayor Jim Schmitt has scheduled a walk and talk with our neighborhood; this meets at 6pm at 1100 Porlier Street. Hope to see you out there!

Erik Hoyer, erikh@astorneighborhood.org.

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Calendar of Events

Thursdays through August 31st : Summer Concerts in the Park, 11:30 am, Jackson Park
* Wednesdays through August 16th: City Band Concerts – St. James Park, 7:30pm

- 7/17 ANA Board Meeting, HRFC 6pm
- 7/18 Kickball @ Astor Park 6:30-8:30
- 7/19 Broadway Farmers Market 3-8pm
- 7/19 City Band – Waltz and Polka *
- 7/22 Downtown Farmers Market 7-noon
- 7/25 Kickball @ Astor Park 6:30-8:30
- 7/25 St. James Movie Night - 8:30 pm
- 7/26 Broadway Farmers Market 3-8pm
- 7/26 City Band – South of the Border *
- 7/27 – 7/31 Tall Ship Festival/Leicht Park
- 7/29 Downtown Farmers Market 7-noon
- 8/01 Kickball @ Astor Park 6:30-8:30
- 8/02 Broadway Farmers Market 3-8pm
- 8/02 City Band – Big Band Night *

- 8/03 Green Bay's Taste on Broadway 5-10pm
- 8/05 Downtown Farmers Market 7-noon
- 8/05 Hazelwood Period Style Show 10-4pm
- 8/08 Kickball @ Astor Park 6:30-8:30
- 8/09 Broadway Farmers Market 3-8pm
- 8/09 City Band – To the Movies *
- 8/12 Downtown Farmers Market 7-noon
- 8/12 Hazelwood Period Style Show 10-4pm
- 8/15 Kickball @ Astor Park 6:30-8:30
- 8/15 St. James Movie Night - 8:30 pm
- 8/16 Broadway Farmers Market 3-8pm
- 8/16 City Band – Best of Summer *
- 8/19 Downtown Farmers Market 7-noon
- 8/19 Hazelwood Period Style Show 10-4pm
- 8/21 ANA Special Meeting; 6pm – **a walk and talk with the Mayor**, starting at 1100 Porlier St. JOIN US!
- 8/22 Kickball @ Astor Park 6:30-8:30
- 8/26 Downtown Farmers Market 7-noon
- 8/26-8/28 Artstreet; downtown green bay
- 8/30 Broadway Farmers Market 3-8pm
- 8/31 Chuck Worm & the Nightcrawlers*

ANA Board meetings are at 6:00 pm on the third Monday of each month at the Howe Resource Center, and are open to all members of the Astor neighborhood. Please submit entries for the calendar of events to Trini Bielski at 884-1941; trinib@astorneighborhood.org is her email address. Please contact her by 8/15/05 for the next issue.

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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 information, contact Erik Hoyer by 8/15/06 at 437-3671 or email erikh@astorneighborhood.org



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Our Green Skyline

One could spend countless hours taking the time to observe and appreciate the vast array of beautiful and historic trees in our neighborhood. The trees in the Astor neighborhood are as unique and prominent as the historic homes themselves. The trees stand as a protective canopy, towering over the eaves of our homes and sheltering them from one hundred years of changing seasons. A friend of mine claims that he can stroll the sidewalks of the Astor neighborhood in a summer's downpour without an umbrella and not be hit by a single drop of rain.

These living skyscrapers kindly coexist with our homes, providing for their residents a peaceful urban forest, a retreat from nearby urbanization. That being said, the trees do have a habit of stubbornly reminding us that they were here first: Year round, with exception of the winter months, we find ourselves cleaning up more after them than after a toddler! However, most of us understand that the "tree dirt" comes with the territory. We knew what we were getting into when we moved in.

What many of us may not know is that the trees in our neighborhood are some of the largest and oldest in the entire state! In 1997, the City of and a grant from the State of Wisconsin

Astor Neighborhood's Top 5 Trees:

| Common Name | Circumf. | Height | Spread | Location |
|---|----------|--------|--------|-----------------|
| Schwedler Norway Maple (#1 in State) | 9' 2" | 58' | 52' | 1144 S. Monroe |
| Japanese Yew (#1 in State) | 4' 7" | 36' | 30' | 840 S. Madison |
| American Smoketree (#2 in State) | 3' 3" | 37' | 27' | 740 S. Jackson |
| Blue Colorado Spruce (#3 in State) | 4' 9" | 70' | 24' | 1043 Emilie St. |
| Slippery Elm (#3 in State) | 7' 10" | 68' | 57' | 824 S. Monroe |

Green Bay's Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department, in conjunction with Brown County Department of Natural Resources Forestry Program, researched, documented and published an inventory of the County's largest trees. Our neighborhood boasts an impressive forty "Champion Trees", as documented in their report, *Champion Trees of Brown County*. This represents over ten percent of the largest trees of Brown County, found in just the small, fifty square block radius of our neighborhood. Even more impressive is the number of trees in our neighborhood, in our very own front and backyards, which are ranked as the largest of their species in the entire state!

I'd like to highlight our neighborhood's "Top 5". Next time you're out for a leisurely walk, take some time to check out these beauties. Consider it a neighborhood nature walk. I'm no arborist, but I have listed below the measurements, which are a few years old now, as well as the locations of these trees. As always, please be respectful of your neighbors' private property. All of these trees are clearly visible from public access sidewalks.

For more information on the care of trees, and other resources, visit www.treesaregood.com, a respected website sponsored by the International Society of Arboriculture. Also feel free to call Green Bay's Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department at (920) 448-3365.

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City Band Concerts at St. James Park

Wed at 7:30 – Hope to see you there!