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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

This past Labor Day weekend started with a rainy day. Tanya and I sat on our front porch sipping coffee and hot cocoa as we read the paper and planned our day. Her early morning run with some close friends and neighbors had been postponed due to lightning and my bike ride with my buddies, also neighbors, was looking questionable. I commented on how much I enjoyed sitting on our porch. We wondered why most modern homes seem to neglect this feature. About ten years ago, I first drove by our future home after missing the open house earlier in the day. Mr. Stone was sitting on the front porch reading the paper and rocking in his old metal spring rocker. I could easily picture myself on that front porch rocking in a chair and reading a paper. I slowed down briefly as I drove by the house. I think he was wondering, "Who is this character looking so intently at my house?" That was as close as I ever got to meeting him. Not long afterward it was our house and he even left the rockers. We kept them for a few years but too many years of hard use finally caught up to them and they had to be replaced.

I got a text from my buddy. The weather was looking better and we would ride at 8:15. Tanya made a quick trip to the farmer's market to pick up leeks and tomatoes. By the time she returned, her running plans were also back on track. With a quick peck on the cheek and an, "I love you," our weekend was back in motion and we were both out the door and on our way.

It's been a great summer, but we both know that the warm days are soon coming to a close. The days of bikes and running shorts would soon be traded in for cross country skis and cold weather running gear. Likewise, as fall turns to winter we will see our neighbors a little less and certainly won't be sipping coffee on the front porch.



Tuesday 10/25/11 5-8pm
An Enchanted Frolic

Admission \$5/family

@Aldo Leopold Community School

Costume Parade at 6:15 Spook House #6 Hallowed Juggler Casey
Creepy Craft Cave Glow-in-the-Dark Market Ghoulish Nail Painting
Monster Caramel Apples Edible Goblin Hands Diva "Boo"tique

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This summer saw some good work by your Astor Neighborhood Association including: our annual spring garage sale, the installation of artwork on the corner of Porlier and Adams Streets, the operation and coordination of the popcorn in the park, and our annual back to school potluck.

Please keep an eye out for information on our next fall trail clean-up and our winter wine tasting. Check out our Facebook page or look for emails for more information.

Jesse Sharp
President

Astor Neighborhood Association

PLAN TO COZY UP WITH DOWNTOWN GREEN BAY THIS FALL & WINTER!

After a summer bustling with events downtown, you might think it's time to hibernate and hide out this winter: WRONG! There are so many things to check out and explore in Downtown Green Bay including time-honored traditions along with new plans! Here are 10 things you should put on your downtown to-do list in the coming months:

- ① **Shop Local:** Dozens of great retail spots await your holiday shopping with custom gifts and top-notch customer service.
- ② **Wine & Dine Downtown:** check out dozens of great eateries or head for a wine tasting at Captain's Walk while your holiday guests are in town. A full listing of restaurants found at downtowngreenbay.com.
- ③ **Save the dates for holiday kickoff week:** plan on coming downtown November 16th – 19th with the traditional Peace Tree Ceremony, Gallery Nite, Lighting Ceremony on Broadway and 28th Annual Time Warner Cable Green Bay Holiday Parade.
- ④ **Spend time at the theatre:** The Meyer has a great lineup with standbys like the Nutcracker and Frank's Christmas plus new additions like Lorrie Line and Kathleen Madigan. Plus, the Green Bay Community Theatre will debut "The Christmas Tree/The Road to Nineveh" in November.
- ⑤ **Check out the ARTgarage:** Talk about a unique gift idea – get to your loved one's heart – give art! With fresh exhibits, there is surely something you haven't seen yet!
- ⑥ **Find the best hot chocolate:** take the family for a trip to Kavarna, The Daily Buzz and The Attic in search of the best hot chocolate; a perfect way to warm up any winter day!
- ⑦ **Check out a new farmer's market:** New Leaf Market is making plans to announce a Winter Farmer's Market at the KI Convention Center – be sure to watch downtowngreenbay.com for details! Plus catch the tail-end of the fall markets in October.
- ⑧ **Save the date for Winterfest:** Be sure to head to Broadway January 28th for the annual Winterfest event featuring ice sculptures, great food and plenty for the kids!
- ⑨ **Rediscover the library:** be sure to visit the Brown County Central Library with a vast array of events and seminars – more info at www.browncountylibrary.org.
- ⑩ **Check out the Neville Public Museum:** with fresh exhibits and old-time traditions like the Prange's window displays, there is always something new to see at the Neville! Visit nevillepublicmuseum.org for info.

For an updated list of downtown events and businesses, check out downtowngreenbay.com or call 920.437.5972 with any downtown questions!

Article submitted by Downtown Green Bay, Inc., a non-profit organization working to revitalize Downtown Green Bay.

POPCORN IN THE PARK

By Jesse Sharp

This year we explored a few new ideas with the Astor Neighborhood Association's Popcorn in the Park during the City Band Concerts. The first was a new option for volunteer signup at www.popcorninthepark.com. This worked quite well and we intend to use this method again next year. So add it to your favorites and sign up early next spring for your concerts.

The second idea we tried out was a snow cone machine. While this addition seems complimentary to the character of the popcorn stand, we found the sales to be too dependent on the weather to include it in future concerts.

Thanks to all of the great neighbors who volunteered a Wednesday night or two this summer to work the popcorn stand. Your neighborhood volunteers were: Doug and Roxanne Chronert, Chris Jenquin, Bill and Jessica Hoban, Kelly Schumacher, The Neumeyer Family - Paul, Michelle, Paige and Libby, Rose Turba, Dan and Sophia Keirnan, Laura McCoy, Melissa Moran, Christian Kime, Pastor Paul Schleis, Andrew and Katie Higgins, The Heslin Family - Kevin, Lynn, Kayla, and Ian, Crystal Osman, Andy Rosendahl, Barb and Ken Whitford, Robin Smet, Phil and Barbara Nelson, Jennie and Charles Schwenk, and Keith Obermiller.

If you see any of them out and about give them a shout of thanks.

SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION

A couple quick reminders as we watch the children head back to the classrooms. Please remember to drive the speed limit throughout our neighborhood. We have three schools nearby and we want to make sure the kids arrive safely to school.

Secondly, if you are looking to help out at a school, Aldo Leopold Community School has included a wish list. If you can and are willing, they will gladly take donations of any of the items to the right.

- ✓ Math and strategy games
- ✓ Preschool/4k books – not board books
- ✓ Graphic novels for middle school social studies/history
- ✓ Grade appropriate board games
- ✓ Speed stacks for strategy
- ✓ Post-it chart paper
- ✓ Magnet tape
- ✓ Metal magazine racks
- ✓ Color Sharpie markers

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THE COW CONFAB

By Christine Dunbar -Brown County Historical Society

In May of 2011 the Green Bay City Council voted 9-3 in favor of allowing residents to raise up to four chicken hens in their back yards. As of Sept 1, 2011 fourteen people applied for a license. Changing the ordinance was not controversial although comments were made by those opposed that they did not want to open the door to raising animals in the city. Historically it was common for residents to raise chickens in their backyards but what about cows?

In 1881 the Green Bay City Council debated a controversial and boisterous Cow Ordinance issue. Green Bay permitted cows to wander through residential neighborhoods unhindered until 1881. Many citizens kept a cow or two for milk and took advantage of the right to set them free to forage in the morning and collect them for milking in the evening. By 1880, 400 to 500 cows roamed the city. They messed the streets, hampered traffic, broke sidewalks, and devoured shrubs and gardens. In the fall of 1881 the City Council passed an ordinance outlawing cows from roaming the city. City pound-master Greg Biemeret seized the opportunity to drag unattended cows to the pound to be kept there until owners paid a fine. Most cow owners became resigned to the situation and kept their cows at home.

The cow controversy returned as the city prepared for the April 4, 1882 municipal election. A group of citizens led by Elisha Morrow declared the cow ordinance oppressive and tyrannical and invited residents to attend a public meeting at the city council chambers to encourage the city to repeal the ordinance. A committee, known as the Cow Convention was appointed to select a slate of officials and aldermen for the upcoming elections who would support the cows' freedom to roam. Rivalries were intense and those supporting the ordinance cited complaints by grocers who were losing produce to hungry cows, lawsuits against the city due to injuries by cows and the expense of repairing the damage to roads and ditches. The cow controversy received statewide publicity but the actual election was quiet with a low voter turnout. Cow Convention mayoral candidate Attorney J.H.M. Wigman won the election but all other Cow Convention candidates lost. The council results were narrowly on the side of the Cow Convention. The council voted to repeal the Cow Ordinance but Mayor Wigman (whose mayoral platform supported repeal of the restrictive ordinance) vetoed the repeal on legal grounds. The mayor's veto created a ruckus but remained in effect and cows were restricted to their own back yards.



Daily State Gazette April 28, 1881. "Cows"

Daily State Gazette March 27, 1882. "The Cow Confab"

The Green Bay Area in History and
Legend "City Prohibited Cows' Roaming"

GARDEN KUDOS! By Skip Heverly

For the Fall issue we decided to give kudos to some neighbors whose gardens are particularly beautiful. Enjoy the photos and the neighbors who work hard to keep their yards looking delightful!



Union Congregational Church, South Madison
Red and green grapes grow luxuriously over a wooden arbor framing a courtyard garden in the background.



636 S. Madison
A vibrant collection of Hydrangea paniculata 'Tardiva' beginning to blossom.



1044 S. Jackson
Beautifully blooming phlox.



912 S. Jackson
A butterfly bush (left), Asiatic lilies in full bloom (middle) and ornamental grass (right) highlight a charming wood-rail porch



908 S. Jackson
Simple hardy bush roses (lower center) make a beautiful color accent against this earth-tone stucco front porch. These varieties thrive in our climate.

WONDERING WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

While we often try to have all our upcoming activities in the quarterly newsletter, we also try to communicate with our neighbors through email or our Facebook page. If you are interested in being included in our emails please email board president Jesse Sharpe at jesse.sharp@gmail.com and you will receive all of our email blasts.

You can also see what's going on and some great pics at our Facebook page. Just log onto Facebook and search for Astor Neighborhood Association and "like" the page.

You will get updates on your page after that!

Finally, the best way to find out what's going on is to join the board or attend a meeting. Our meetings are held the third Monday of every month at the First Lutheran Church at 743 S. Monroe at 6:00.

Our meetings for the fall will be on **September 19th, October 17th, November 21st, and December 19th.** Hope to see you all there!

ART IN ASTOR!

By Christian Peterson

Art has arrived in Astor! Come on down to the trail to check it out! The art piece "Skills, Shorelines, and Ships" is located at the corner of Porlier and Adams Streets. Not only are the boat sculptures beautiful, but they are also useful! Bring down a good book, have a seat, bury your feet in the pea gravel, enjoy the scenery, and let your little ones play "boat" or "Titanic". As always, please make sure to pick up afterwards and keep it clean.



Professor Rod Northcutt of Miami University of Ohio designed a piece that is visually stunning, functional, and also a community art piece. Neighbors and board

members hosted the crew during a four day stay, helped dig dirt, filled in pea gravel, and put varnish on the sculptures. To ensure the artwork will last, the boats will need a refresher coat of varnish bi-annually. The varnishing process takes three hours with three people and we will be looking for volunteers. Watch for updates on our neighborhood Facebook page.



The whole process took about a year and a half, from writing the grant to the installation, and there are many people to thank.

First of all, we would like to thank Professor Rod Northcutt, his wife Christina, and the crew: Mike Haddy with drafting and design, Dallas Owens and Nick Masso with installation. Thank you for designing an art piece that our community will treasure!

We also owe a huge thank you to everyone else who helped make the project happen: Jaime Danen, Jacqueline Frank, Dr. Skip Heverly, Andrew Higgins, Brian Keehan, Rich Kime, Timothy Noll, Andy Rosendahl, Jennie Sykes-Schwenk, Jesse Sharp, Mike Vanhandel, and Cheryl Renier-Wigg. Finally, a huge thank you goes out to Mayor Jim Schmitt, the City of Green Bay, Green Bay Neighborhood Leadership Council and Schneider Trucking.

ASTOR GOES GREEN!

Do you want a neighborhood garden? Vegetable, flower or both? We are looking to start a neighborhood garden. If you are interested in helping planning, have good ideas or would be interested in planting, please share your ideas with Charles at cschwenk@sbcglobal.net and help the Astor Neighborhood develop another uniquely Astor project.



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