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President's Letter

Greetings to all Astor neighbors, as once again it is fall in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The days are cooling and becoming shorter, children are back to school, and the birds are migrating through our neighborhood. The Astor neighborhood is a magical place in the fall as we watch many species of birds migrate through our skies, and even into our gardens and yards. Although not migratory, I have personally noticed a resurgence of Blue Jays in my trees and around the neighborhood. The foliage is becoming beautiful and vibrant, and summer is fading away.

With fall our awareness heightens as again we yield to children and parents in crosswalks and cars scurrying to get their students to school on time. Monroe Avenue is even busier now with three schools in a one mile stretch and we all have to exercise patience and restraint during the times before and after school to ensure the safety of all who use their feet and bikes to get to school. This becomes even more important as it will soon be darker in the morning and afternoon.

I also want to take a moment to thank our board members and the superb volunteers who worked the concessions at the Green Bay City Band concerts this summer. "Popcorn in the Park" was once again successful in raising funds for upcoming events and neighborhood projects. One such project we are reviving is "If Homes Could Talk" an Astor Neighborhood Walking Tour that would combine architectural information and stories of our historical properties. There will be more to come on this in the next newsletter. If any Astor neighbors have had any past dealings with events like this, or would like to be involved in this project, please contact our board member Deby Dehn.

As we approach the holiday season, we are all looking forward to luminaries lit in front of the beautiful homes of our neighborhood. Jen has more to say on this topic. And last but not least, please read the paragraph about this year's Astor Neighborhood Wine Tasting event; we hope to make it the most successful yet.

May you all enjoy this beautiful time of year with your family, friends, and neighbors and please feel free to stop in to attend any of our board meetings - always on the third Monday of the month.

Best Regards,

Ron Dehn
President
Astor Neighborhood Association

Brown County District 4 - A Capitol Improvement

If it has been a while, the Brown County Courthouse is a treasure in our downtown worth (re)visiting. A building with a substantial façade and an impressive interior of marble and artwork to match – built to indicate that the decisions that occur here will deeply impact people’s lives. The building, designed by Arthur Bell, began construction in 1908 and opened in 1910. There are significant points in Green Bay Packers’ history that occurred within the courthouse walls, including the incorporation in 1923, the extension of Curly Lambeau’s contract in 1949, the third sale of stock in 1950, and others. The courthouse was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1976, and there was a huge renovation of the building in 1992.



In recent years, however, the dome atop the courthouse has had significant wear, oxidation, and damage. Often nationally broadcast football games will show the courthouse in shots while going to or from commercials, and when I see the state of the dome in these shots, it makes me cringe. This year, the county board supported a study of structure and materials that would be necessary to replacing the dome. With that analysis completed, in 2017 we will consider bonding for the money necessary to complete this renovation. To some, the dome and the courthouse may be a symbol of our community; others may perceive it as an important architectural reminder of a time when the government building construction stated “important things happen here.” Take a closer look at the building and dome and let me know what you think.

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A Letter from Alderman Galvin

Sept. 23, 2016

Dear neighbors, as I write this article for your newsletter, it seems a very long time ago that I was running to represent you as your alderperson. A lot has happened since then, and I would like to update you on several things happening in the city. I want everyone to know, that I realized as I was campaigning, talking to as many of you as possible, that everyone has a story. That story tells who you are and what you are about. Some stories are similar and some very different. Some have the same concerns, and some are at odds with each other. When I sit in Council or on one of the two committees I am on, I try to keep in mind always that I am trying to represent all of you, and my decisions should be dedicated toward the goal of making this community a place that you are safe and happy in. That our decisions work to the goal of not only maintaining that vision but improving

on it so that our children and others want to live or move here and raise their families.

I have a lot to talk about which is too much for this newsletter in one sitting, so today I will talk about the Ethics Committee, of which I am a member and some of the issues we have or are dealing with. On Council we face some challenges: some good and some bad. Alder Wery’s case before the Ethics Committee was the first time an ethics complaint was filed in many, many years. The Ethics Committee is made up of one city employee, one alderperson, and two civilians, with one alternate. When considering a complaint, the Committee acts as judge and jury. They either find probable cause that a violation was made or not. If the Committee finds probable cause, it is then sent to the City Council for them to hand out a punishment, if any.

The Ethics Committee has two documents with which to guide itself. The Ethics Ordinance was written to regulate elected officials and city employees as it pertains to them profiting financially through their office or position and their use of city equipment for non-city uses. The other document is the code of conduct which is exclusively for elected officials and their conduct while acting as an elected official of the city.

Alder Wery's actions were done while not acting as an elected official. The complaint against him was filed under the Ethics Ordinance. The Ethics Committee recognized that he was not trying to gain financially through his actions, nor was he using city equipment. Instead the Committee looked at the 3 paragraphs that are considered the preamble of the ordinance. In those three paragraphs it describes expectations the public should have for ethical conduct of elected officials. It was those three paragraphs that the Committee used when they found probable cause that Alder Wery violated the Ethics Code. The case was held in closed session on the request of Alder Wery. When that happens, whatever takes place in that hearing cannot be discussed outside of the Committee. Alder Wery did not believe that it was proper to use the Ethics Ordinance as he did not attempt to gain financially or use city equipment to his personal gain.

When the Council considered the findings of the Ethics Committee, the city attorney, Vanessa Chavez, advised that we could either find that we did not accept the findings of the Committee, in which case nothing would be done, or if we did accept the findings, we could pick punishment that went from censure to termination with several steps in between. Alder Wery was not allowed to participate. As you may have heard, Alder Zima did not accept or agree with the whole process and walked out of the deliberations. The rest of the alders could not come to an agreement whether the ordinance applied to Alder Wery as

the Ethics Committee thought it did. In the end a majority voted not to accept. We did adopt a letter condemning Alder Wery's actions and seven of us signed it.

I can't say I disagree with the results purely on technical reasons, but I feel that Green Bay elected officials need to answer to a standard that is the same for each other, that the bar is set high, and covers our conduct, both while acting as an elected official and while not acting as an elected official. While I was a police officer, I witnessed officers who were disciplined for off duty conduct that was not illegal but was unethical and reflected on our department, and the citizens and city they represented. To that end I am working with the City Attorney's office to adopt an ordinance that will hold elected officials accountable for their on duty and off duty conduct, whether it is illegal or not.

The next issue concerns our Mayor. There are very many possibilities that could take place. Several would include the State using the statute from 1996, an ethics complaint, Council action as dictated by State Statute, or a recall petition. All I would ask is that everyone remain patient and let the process work as it has been designed to. We cannot jump to conclusions based on news articles which do not always have all the information, or social media which is not always very accurate. When his case has been adjudicated, that will be the time for the Council to take action.

I appreciate hearing from you on whatever topic concerns or interests you as it pertains to the city. Please feel free to contact me by phone or email.

Sincerely,
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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 177 neighbors already using Nextdoor Astor. Visit https://astor.nextdoor.com/choose_address/ to sign up.



Luminaries by Jennifer Lenz

Each holiday season, the Astor Neighborhood Association encourages the residents of our neighborhood to participate in the beautiful tradition of lighting luminaries on Saturday nights in December. You can make your own by putting a few scoops of sand into the bottom of a paper lunch bag, then placing a candle in the bottom of it. You could also use a canning jar or a tin can with holes punched in it to make a beautiful design. LED candles are also a big hit, as they won't be blown out by our December winds!

Please consider participating with us this year. Here are the dates when we would like to have our luminaries lit:

December 3, 6-8 p.m.
December 10, 6-8 p.m.
December 17, 6-8 p.m.
December 24, 6-8 p.m.
December 31, 6-8 p.m.



Movie in the Park by Katie Houle



This year's third annual Movie in the Park was held August 24th at St. James Park. It was another great turnout with families spreading out their blankets, sleeping bags and lawn chairs under a starry sky. Our movie pick was ***The Sandlot***, an old classic baseball movie, which hopefully was attractive to a wide audience. Our wonderful volunteers popped delicious popcorn, and was free to all, thanks to the Astor Neighborhood Association.

Thank you friends and neighbors for spreading the word and making this year's Movie in the Park a success!

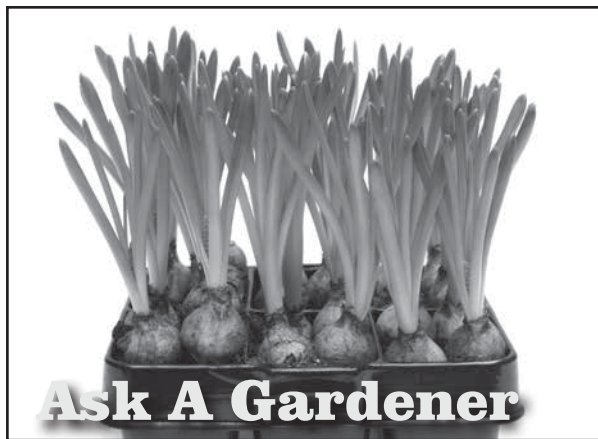
ANA Wine Tasting – Help Needed!

We're looking forward to the **ANA Wine Tasting** again this year, but we need volunteers! Please consider helping out by securing or providing donations, or more importantly, by hosting the event in your home. We can help with logistics if you can help with manpower, contributions, or most importantly by sharing your beautiful home!! For more information contact **Ron** at **920-737-6502** or **dehno4@yahoo.com**.

Please consider helping out this year!

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Dear Astor Neighborhood Gardener,

I want to plant some tulip and daffodil bulbs this fall, but I don't even know where to begin. Can you give me some guidance?

Sincerely, Nancy on Webster

Dear Nancy,

There are two basic methods for planting bulbs. You can use a garden trowel or a bulb planter to dig individual holes for each bulb, or you can plant them in a larger area by digging an entire bed to the correct depth. As a general rule, bulbs should be planted as deep as 2-3 times as deep as the bulb is tall. The nice thing is that these flowers only require minimal care during the blooming period, and we can leave daffodils and tulips in the ground over the winter. Just protect the soil by placing a layer of mulch over the top, and all should be well. Take care to not over water them in the growing season, however, as they can start to rot in the soil. If you see standing water, you've watered them too much. Usually, in our area, regular rainfall should do the job, but if we go through a dry spell, you will have to water them.

Hope this helps! Happy gardening.

Astor Neighborhood Gardener

Send your gardening questions to
AstorNeighborhoodGardener@gmail.com.



Hazelwood House Full of Original History

by Patrick Walker, Jr.

The Hazelwood Historic House Museum was built in 1837 overlooking the Fox River by Morgan L. Martin for his bride, Elizabeth. Martin moved from New York to Green Bay in 1827. He became a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Wisconsin's Territory at Large in 1845. Later he became the Brown County Court Judge until his death in 1887 at the age of 82. Currently there is an elementary school named after him located on the city's northeast side.

Hazelwood has a total of 10 rooms where one can enjoy original paintings, furnishings, family photographs and artifacts. The architecture is Greek Revival which reflects the late 1800's Victorian period. In 1964 the museum, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Hazelwood was then purchased by the Brown County Historical Society in 1989. Undergoing a 5-year restoration project, the museum was completed in 1995.

In the summer, Hazelwood is open for tours on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from noon until 4 p.m. The tours last approximately 45 minutes and there is a small gift shop where historical books depicting Northeast Wisconsin can be purchased. Admission is \$5/adults, \$4/seniors, \$3 for children age 5 to 17 and free for ages 4 and under. Tours are also available to Boys & Girl Scouts during the summer on weekends. Private group tours of 10 or more are available throughout the year.



Photographer Needed!

Do you like taking photographs? Would you like to see some of your work published in the **Astor Outlook**? We have events throughout the year that we like to tell the neighborhood about, and we would love for you to be a part of it.

Email **jennifermmlenz@gmail.com** if you're interested in taking pictures for the **Astor Outlook**!

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