

# ASTOR OUTLOOK

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## A Word from Your ANA President

Greetings to all Astor neighbors as fall has once again returned to Wisconsin. For me, this is the most beautiful season of the year, but I will truly miss the sunny summer days out on the pontoon boat floating around and soaking up the sun.

I want to thank all the Green Bay residents who supported our refreshment stand this summer during the City Band concerts. I believe it turned out to be our best summer ever. Thank you to those who attended Movie Night and our Back to School Potluck Dinner. I also want to thank the 150 people who joined us for the "If Homes Could Talk" tour this year. I enjoyed meeting many of you on the tour and sharing some of the restoration work that we are engaging in with our old home. Thank you also to Chris Dunbar of the Brown County Historical Society for all your efforts with this project.

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!! Please, please contact me if you are able to help out in any way. We are expecting to have another highly successful fundraiser this year and are looking forward to meeting and mingling with so many interesting neighbors. As always, we are seeking board members for our organization. We could really use some fresh insight and we could all benefit from the energy that new brilliant minds could provide. We can also use help from volunteers for everything we do. If you are out there and looking for one or two fun activities to participate in, just reach out to any one of us listed on the newsletter.

With that, I hope you all enjoy this fall season and engage with your neighbors to make this an even greater and safer neighborhood.

**Ron Dehn**  
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# Historic Preservation, CLG, & the Path Forward

In August, the Green Bay Common Council unanimously approved a revision to the City's historic preservation ordinance. This change has disbanded the Historic Preservation Commission and formed our new preservation commission, the Landmarks Commission (LC). The ordinance allows that body, as well as City Staff, to do binding design reviews of projects that impact the exterior of historic properties. Going forward, all exterior projects will require a new Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) prior to completing any work. A COA application is completed at the beginning of the process, and after a design review a COA letter of approval/denial will be issued. A letter to property owners will be sent to further detail the new requirements. The ordinance change also now allows the City to apply for designation as a Certified Local Government (CLG).

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 is the federal government's preservation law. This piece of legislation directs federal funding to State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs) so that states are responsible for their own historic preservation efforts. A 1980 amendment to this act created the CLG Program. This brought preservation to the local level. In 1976, Congress established the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF). The HPF is funded through offshore oil and gas lease revenue and funds a significant portion of the annual budget for each SHPO. Each state is required to give at least 10% of their annual HPF funding to CLGs in the form of grants.

Local governments in Wisconsin, like the City of Green Bay, can be designated as a CLG by the Wisconsin Historical Society. To be a CLG, the local government needs a binding preservation ordinance, a preservation commission, a system to track historic resources, and a means for public participation in local preservation programs.

In order to be designated a CLG, the Mayor must submit a letter to the Wisconsin SHPO requesting certification with the requirements listed above attached. Once the new members of the LC are appointed (anticipated date September 18, 2018), we can submit our request. The SHPO must respond to this request within 60 days. If all requirements are satisfied, the SHPO will certify the City and then forward this certification to the Department of the Interior for review and approval. Upon approval by the Department of the Interior, Green Bay will become a CLG. This should all be completed by the end of 2018. We will then be eligible for grants. Annually, we'd have access to up to \$25,000 for projects such as a new intensive survey, nomination assistance, educational activities, development of preservation plans, and administration of preservation programs. This will allow the City to progress preservation efforts in the City without a cost to our tax payers.

We at the City look forward to the exciting new opportunity and cannot wait to start using grant dollars to further preservation initiatives! While these grants are only available to the municipality, State Historic Tax Credits are still available to property owners. The City also recently launched a Historic Preservation Revolving Loan Fund for property owners as well. Please contact the City's historic preservation staff at 920.448.3424 or at [stephaniehu@greenbaywi.gov](mailto:stephaniehu@greenbaywi.gov) if you have further questions.



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# Brown County District 4

## Resolutions at November Elections

There will be two referendum questions on the ballot of the November 6th election. These two referenda, approved by the Brown County Board, are advisory in nature, so there will not be immediate legislative consequences within Brown County. However, how we answer these questions can send a message to our state legislators in Madison, who would be able to create state laws that reflect our opinion on these issues. Below are the texts as they will appear on the ballot, followed by a brief explanation.

**Question 1: “Should the state legislature enact proposed legislation that closes the Dark Store loopholes, which currently allow commercial retail properties to significantly reduce the assessed valuation and property tax of such properties, resulting in a substantial shift in taxes levied against other tax paying entities, such as residential home owners, and/or cuts in essential services provided by an affected municipality?”**

The dark store loophole is when a new development (such as Menard’s which is currently in litigation over this issue) is allowed to be taxed with a property value of an empty store, rather than after the property is fully developed and open. As a result of the lower assessed property value, other properties in the county (such as our residential homes) will end up paying a larger percentage of the set levy. A vote yes will remove that loophole so that these buildings are taxed at their full, operational value.

**Question 2: “Should cannabis be legalized in Wisconsin for medicinal purposes and regulated in the same manner as other prescription drugs?”**

Medical marijuana has been identified as aid to a number of different maladies, including seizures, pain, migraines and other health issues. Though CBD oil is now legally available in the state, there are additional medicines that utilize other components of the cannabis plant. There are currently 31 states in the US which currently offer legal medical marijuana (including all of the states which surround us) and voting yes on this referendum indicates the opinion that it should be available in Wisconsin, as well. However, by ensuring that it is distributed as a prescription, we would be creating a more restrictive regulatory environment than many of these other states.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like other resources to learn more about either of these topics.

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## Movie in the Park by Katie Houle

Thanks to all our neighbors and friends for attending our 5th Annual Movie in the Park night! We had a beautiful evening and a small crowd gathered to watch **Alvin and the Chipmunks**. Thanks to all

who voted for our movie selection - it was nice to have a mix of real people and animation in our selection! The way the Wednesday night concerts

lined up this year, we were a week later than we typically have our movie night. For those neighbors who attend the GRACE schools, our movie night landed on the night before you started school-We hope the calendar lines up a little better next year so you all can attend too! Thanks again to ANA for the free popcorn, and to our wonderful volunteers who made this event possible.



# Ending School Violence Requires Understanding More About Destructive Behavior

You have probably read about or seen plenty of incidents, TV news, and online stories about school violence. School shootings are happening all too often across the country. Just when we think that we have seen the last one, we are shocked into the reality of yet another. Earlier this year - February 14th, 2018, to be exact. Another violent act was repeated with a shooting in Florida at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. By the time it was all over 17 had been killed along with another 17 reported injured. But closer to home just two years earlier we saw an incident happen at Antigo High School here in Wisconsin. On April 23rd, 2016, An alert School Resource Officer was working during the High School Prom and stopped a shooter in the parking lot.

Mr. Chalmers believes these are the following ten causes:

- 1 Unstable family and bullying at school**
- 2 Obsession with violent media/  
pornography**
- 3 Anger and depression**
- 4 Drugs and Alcohol**
- 5 Cults, gangs and hate groups**
- 6 Fascination with deadly weapons and  
easy access to guns**
- 7 Peer pressure**
- 8 Fascination with the criminal lifestyle  
and poverty**
- 9 Lack of spiritual guidance and proper  
discipline**
- 10 Mental illness and personality disorder**

With these causes what are the triggers to an actual event? Chalmers says, again, a variety of things can set young people down a destructive path. The triggers can be very simple things and include: suspension, expulsion from school, an arrest, ticket, or a dispute with parents, a breakup with boyfriend or girlfriend, a bullying event at school. Through all of this we cannot overlook the significance of media. Greg McCrary, former FBI criminal profiler concludes: “The media is the catalyst that pushes them over the edge”.

Or as Dewey Cornell, Director, University of Virginia Youth Violence Project says:

**“You can’t have the kind of saturation of violence that we have today without it manifesting itself somewhere. It’s like a virus spreading through a large population of people. Not everyone gets sick. Just the most vulnerable, and then with varying degrees of illness.”**

Movies have been produced such as “Natural Born Killers” a 1994 film but still a favorite of teen shooters. This along with the film “Elephant” and “Zero Day” both 2003 films inspired by the 1999 Columbine shooting in Colorado. The movies “Hostel- I, II and III”, written and directed by Eli Roth depict kidnapping, torture and death. These and other movies that promote

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If you are like many across the U.S. you probably wonder how we have gotten to this point. Then, what's next? What can be done to put an end to it? Last year I attended a seminar by Phil

Chalmers. He is one of the leading authorities on juvenile violence and juvenile homicide in the country. His books include “Inside the Mind of a Teen Killer” and “True Lies”. He has also been featured on many TV shows and networks including A&E’s “Killer Kids” and Fox’s “Crime Watch Daily”. As part of his research, Chalmers shares that the large extent of his information comes from face to face interviews with over 200 killers including teen killers, school shooters, and mass murderers in prison. What Mr. Chalmers offered to the audience was a real view into a complex problem.

Complex, due to the fact that the issue surrounding the violence and attacks are partly what a young person experiences day to day. It has everything to do with the individual and their own mental health, along with the family dynamics, friends, school, support/guidance and entertainment or “destructive entertainment” choices. What are the ten causes of teen killing?

September 18, 2018

## Residential Parking Ordinance

My attempt to partially remove the Residential Parking Ordinance at the recent Bike, Ped, Traffic Committee meeting ended with the Committee sending it back to staff to further study. This was due to a strong showing by residents who did not want to see any changes to the ordinance. I will keep you posted through your association if I make another proposal based on staff input.

## Sidewalks

I have asked the Department of Public Works to devise a plan to examine all the sidewalks in the City and bring them up to code. Currently the only way a sidewalk is repaired or replaced is if a complaint is made to the city, and that repair can take over a year to happen. I have seen too many people walking in the streets due to the poor quality of our sidewalks and heard of injuries from those that have fallen and feel we can do better. De Pere for example is in the process with an eight year plan to bring all their sidewalks up to code.

## Dogs off leash

For all of you who own dogs and would like to have an area in our district to allow your pet to run and interact with other dogs off leash, please take a look at the pocket dog park at Whitney Park. It is about .4 acres in size and fenced in with a 5 foot fence. It has some picnic tables, and a bubbler designed for pets and their owners. The park was paid for by the city and some fundraising by residents. If something like this is of interest to you, please let me know. I have been in discussion with the park department for potential sites.

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violence along with violent video games are destructive for kids. Phil Chalmers points out the three worst video games on the market that are rated "M" for mature are: Saints Row, Grand Theft Auto and Manhunt. All are not supposed to be viewed and played by a young audience. The video companies are telling you that they are not to be viewed by children. Look for "T" for Teen and "E" for Everyone. Further, Redbox a movie vending machine found at many retail stores and restaurants, rent numerous movie titles to anyone with a credit card and there is no restrictions. Their selections include torture films, horror movies, and violent video games. Make sure you know what your kids are selecting and watching.

During his seminar Chalmers plays sequences from the video game "Grand Theft Auto". This was shocking and appalling, to say the least. What the audience saw was not something that is appropriate for me to even describe in this article. For parents the recommendation is to go to Pluggedin.com, Screenit.com, AZLyrics.com and UrbanDictionary.com to find out more. Learn what is not age appropriate and don't let kids view it. In general, if you see any behavior issues in your children or friends of theirs, be proactive. Talk to teachers, school counselors, school resource officers. Learn what resources are available. Engage the problem early on.

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## Connect With Astor

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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](http://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 514 neighbors already using Nextdoor Astor.  
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