



ASTOR OUTLOOK

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December Luminaries and other Astor Holiday Celebrations

Luminaries: On the five Saturdays of December (the 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st), we encourage all of our neighbors to place luminaries on their front walks or driveways. A luminary may be a paper bag, a tin can, or a glass jar with a candle inside. The greater the participation, the more beautiful our neighborhood becomes to those walking or driving through. Light a luminary to help Astor shine during this spectacular season.

Pedicabs: Each year, on the 12 days before Christmas (the 12th through the 24th), Pedicabs offer evening-time tours of the Christmas lights on display in our neighborhood. Half-hour rides (with cocoa and a blanket) are available between 6 and 9 pm for 25\$ per pedicab. Reservations are required, call 432-0520.

Christmas at Hazelwood: Visit the home while it has halls decked with abundant Victorian yuletide charm and the air is filled with holiday music. Open December 17, 18, and 26-30th. \$4 charge per person. Open from noon to 4 pm.

Breakfast with Santa: Santa will arrive at St. Vincent's Hospital on Saturday, December 3rd at 9:30 am. A full breakfast and time with Santa and Mrs. Claus are featured. \$6 for children, \$8 for adults. Tickets are available at the hospital gift shop or by calling 433-8561.

Christmas at Heritage Hill: Historical holiday and wintertime traditions will be the focus for wintertime visitors to our cities state park. Open December 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 and 18th. \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$6 for children; Free for children under 4. Open from 3 to 8 pm. Call 435-2244 for more information

Astor – Astor East River Ice Skating Event

An Ice Skating Event will be co-hosted between the Astor and the Astor East Neighborhood Associations. The event will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, January 28th, 2006 at Astor Park, weather permitting. Enjoy great company, cocoa, cookies with our nearby neighbors!

7th Annual Wine Tasting

Plans are being set now for our annual winter celebration of wines. We are planning on holding it on the evening of Friday, January 27th. Make sure you clear your calendar and look for more information about the location and format in the next newsletter and an upcoming flyer!



Neighborhood Improvements

Thanks to the generosity of the Mayor's Neighborhood Leadership Council (MNLC), the Astor Neighborhood Association was awarded two grants to beautify our neighborhood. This year, we repainted the shelter in St. James Park to match the colors of the bandshell. Soon we will be adding a cupola as an additional architectural detail to draw the two buildings together. We were also awarded a \$7,500 grant to help pay for and install a clock at the southeast corner of St. James Park (the corner of Monroe and Congress Streets). Over the next year there will be numerous fundraising efforts to achieve our goal of adding this attractive addition to our park.

President's Message

As another year comes to a close, it is time to take a moment to thank each of you who take the time to show your pride in our neighborhood. I look around, and realize so many reasons to love this great place we call Astor, but it takes only one word to sum these reasons up: Neighbor.

To the gardeners, the lawn manicurists, the friendly exchanges of "hello" from walkers and joggers in the wee hours of the morning or late at night. Thank you, Neighbor. To the smiling faces serving popcorn at City Band concerts, the restorers of the City Gems we call home, the block captains who deliver info to us all. Thank you, Neighbor. To the organizers of Block Party's, the seasonal decorators and even the stroller and dog walkers: thank you, Neighbor. Thank you all for making Astor the pleasant place it is to live in, make friends in and enjoy year round.

"Neighbor" is also the word we would use to describe the people that organize the events that bring us together to celebrate our fortune; they are also the ANA Board of Directors. I want to express a special "Thanks" to these people for the spectacular job they have done this year accomplishing great events and grants.

The very newsletter you read, the website, the flier creation and delivery, the refreshments at band concerts and outdoor movies at St. James, the ice-skating events which may not happen, but are attempted each year, the wine tasting event, Egg Hunts, Fox River Trail clean-up, Back-to-School Potlucks, Annual Meetings and the Grant Proposals that keep ANA afloat – all these and many more matters are handled with great care by the ANA Board of Directors. Thank you, Neighbor. Thank you to each and every one of you.

Wishing you the very happiest of Holidays,
Respectfully, Trini L. Bielski, President

Please recommend neighbors for the "Meet Your Neighbor/Board Member" and the "House Kudos" newsletter articles to Erik Hoyer at 437-3671, or email erikh@astorneighborhood.org.

New Community Policeman

Officer Bob Pigeon is the new Community Police Officer for the Astor Park and Astor East Neighborhoods. Though he has been a member of the Green Bay Police force for 17 years, this is his first community assignment. He wants to hear your suggestions, and hopes that you to feel free to contact him about problem landlords, tenants, properties, pets, etc. His particular focus is eliminating drug houses in our city. He can be reached at 448-3143, extension "0".

Bunco League at Resource Center

The Howe Neighborhood Family Resource Center (526 S. Monroe) is starting a bunco league. The first gathering is December 6, 2005 at 6.00pm. The league will continue to meet on the first Tuesday of each month. It is \$2.00 per person to play, and childcare will be provided with a donation of \$1.00 per child. Come meet some new friends and play this fun dice game. Call Janet VanDreel at the resource center at 448-7340 for more information.



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ANA is Online

You can find meeting minutes, Astor Outlooks, a link to the ANA store (Astor Park clothing makes a great holiday-time gift), contact information, and more at the ANA website. Please visit us at www.astorneighborhood.org. We are hoping to improve our website, so if please share your suggestions with us.

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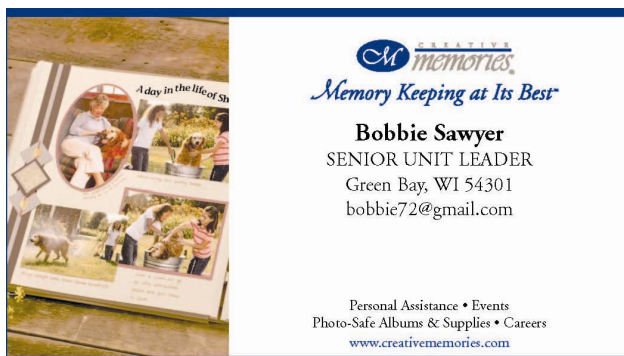
WATER TRANSMISSION CONSTRUCTION

- The water main construction under Grignon from Irwin to Webster is finished for the year. The first layer of blacktop has been completed. The water main will be installed under Grignon from Webster to Monroe starting in late March and should be completed by early June. The water main will then be pressure tested before the second layer of blacktop is completed. There have been many inconveniences to the neighborhood throughout this project, especially to the residents along Grignon St. However, we will realize the benefits for many years. Our agreement to sell water to Ashwaubenon will result in millions of dollars in savings over the next 25 years for Green Bay residents, by stabilizing our water rates.

PORLIER PIER - A fishing and observation pier will be constructed on a portion of the old railroad bridge at the end of Porlier St. This is anticipated to be a Spring, 2006 project. The funding is part of a natural resources damages settlement with Georgia Pacific of approximately \$200,000.

If you have any comments or questions regarding these or any other issues, please contact me.

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Calendar of Events

- 11/18** Peace Tree Lighting, Admiral Flatley Park, 6:00 pm.
- 11/19** 2nd annual Tittletown Turkey Trot, downtown, 8:45 am.
- 11/19** Holiday Parade, downtown, 10:00 am.
- 11/21** ANA Board Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 11/25-27** GB Botanical Garden Annual Garden of Lights, 5-9 pm; also 12/2-4, 9-11, 16-18, 23
- 12/2-4** Holiday Lights at the N.E.W. Zoo. Also 12/10-12, 16-18, 23, 24
- 12/2-1/22** Prange's Christmas Windows Exhibit at the Neville Museum
- 12/ 3** Astor Park Luminaries on Display
- 12/ 3** Breakfast with Santa, St. Vincent's Hospital, 9:30 am.
- 12/3-4** Heritage Hill Christmas Weekend also 12/10-11; 12/17-18
- 12/10** Astor Park Luminaries on Display
- 12/12-24** Astor Neighborhood Pedicabs – call 432-0520 for reservations; 6 to 9 pm
- 12/17** Astor Park Luminaries on Display
- 12/17-18** Musical Christmas Memories at Hazelwood House; also 12/26-30
- 12/19** ANA Board Meeting
- 12/24, 31** Astor Park Luminaries on Display
- 1/11/06** Botanical Garden Tree Walk 10 am.
- 1/16** ANA Board Meeting
- 1/27** Annual Wine Tasting

Monthly 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 Erik Hoyer at 437-3671 or email him at erikh@astorneighborhood.org. Please contact him by 12/15/05 for the next issue.



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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.

Advertising

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 \$20 per business card size ad. For information, contact Erik Hoyer by 12/15/05 at 437-3671 or email erikh@astorneighborhood.org

The next three ANA board meetings are:

November 21 December 19 January 16
Join us at 6:00 at the Howe Resource Center!

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