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Happy Spring! Well, almost. I'd like to take the time to highlight some exciting events we have planned for the coming weeks and months. But first, I wanted to recap some activities that we've enjoyed this winter.

Check out the piece in this newsletter on the results from our **First Annual Holiday Lights Competition!** We're hoping our winners inspired others to join in the fun next year. The **10th Annual ANA Wine Tasting** event was held on January 31, and was a huge success. As the article inside indicates, the event was once again very well attended, and we were able to raise over \$1,000 for the **Howe Neighborhood Family Resource Center!** Thanks to all those who volunteered and attended for making it a great evening,

We'd like to encourage you to attend the **Astor Neighborhood Association's Annual Meeting**, to be held on Monday, March 16, 2009, at 6:30 pm at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 743 S. Monroe Ave., in the basement. Free chili will be served! Don't miss this great opportunity to catch up on what is happening in Astor, hear from Mayor Schmitt and Alderman Theisen, and meet your neighbors. With a new year



starting, we're looking for neighbors to consider joining us on the Board. Don't be shy—stop by the meeting and introduce yourself!

After a tough winter, we're all looking forward to the annual **ANA Easter Egg Hunt**, to be held on Saturday, April 11, at St. James Park. See inside for details. Always a family favorite!

Finally, our **Spring Fox River Trail Clean-Up** will be held on Saturday, April 18. Volunteers should meet at 9:30 am at the trail head at Adams & Porlier. Embrace the spring fever and help keep our strip of the trail clean!

As always, please feel free to contact me, or any other board member, to get involved, volunteer at an event, or express an idea or concern.

See you around the neighborhood!

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The ANA is responsible for a portion of the bike trail along the Fox River, and twice a year, we pick it up. In the spring, our clean-up event coincides with the beginning of Earth Week. Please join us on Saturday, April 18 at 9:30 am, meeting at the Mile 0 trail marker where Porlier meets Adams Street. Garbage bags and gloves will be made available. If you have any questions, contact **Andrew Higgins at andrewh@astorneighborhood.org**. Please join us to help beautify this important part of our neighborhood for the enjoyment of all!



ANA Annual Meeting & Chili Supper

March 16 , 6:30 PM, First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 743 S. Monroe St.

Party for the Animals

March 25, 10 AM, Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary

ANA Easter Egg Hunt

April 11, 9:30-11 AM, St. James Park

Spring River Trail Clean-Up

April 18, 9:30 AM, meet at the trail head of Porlier & Adams

ANA Meetings

April 20 and May 18, 6 PM at Howe Neighborhood Family Resource Center
All are welcome!

Heritage Hill Spring Celebration

May 3, 10 AM to 4:30 PM, Heritage Hill

Astor Neighborhood Walking Tours

May 9 at 9:30 AM, May 22 at 2 PM and May 23 at 9:30 AM, at Hazelwood Historic House

Mother's Day Special

May 10, 12 PM to 4 PM at Hazelwood Historic House

Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge Workshop

May 16 at the National Railroad Museum

Cellcom Green Bay Marathon

May 17

Memorial Day at Heritage Hill

May 25, 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Heritage Hill

ANA Rummage Sale

May 30

A Day Out with Thomas

June 10 – 14, National Railroad Museum

Bellin Run

June 13

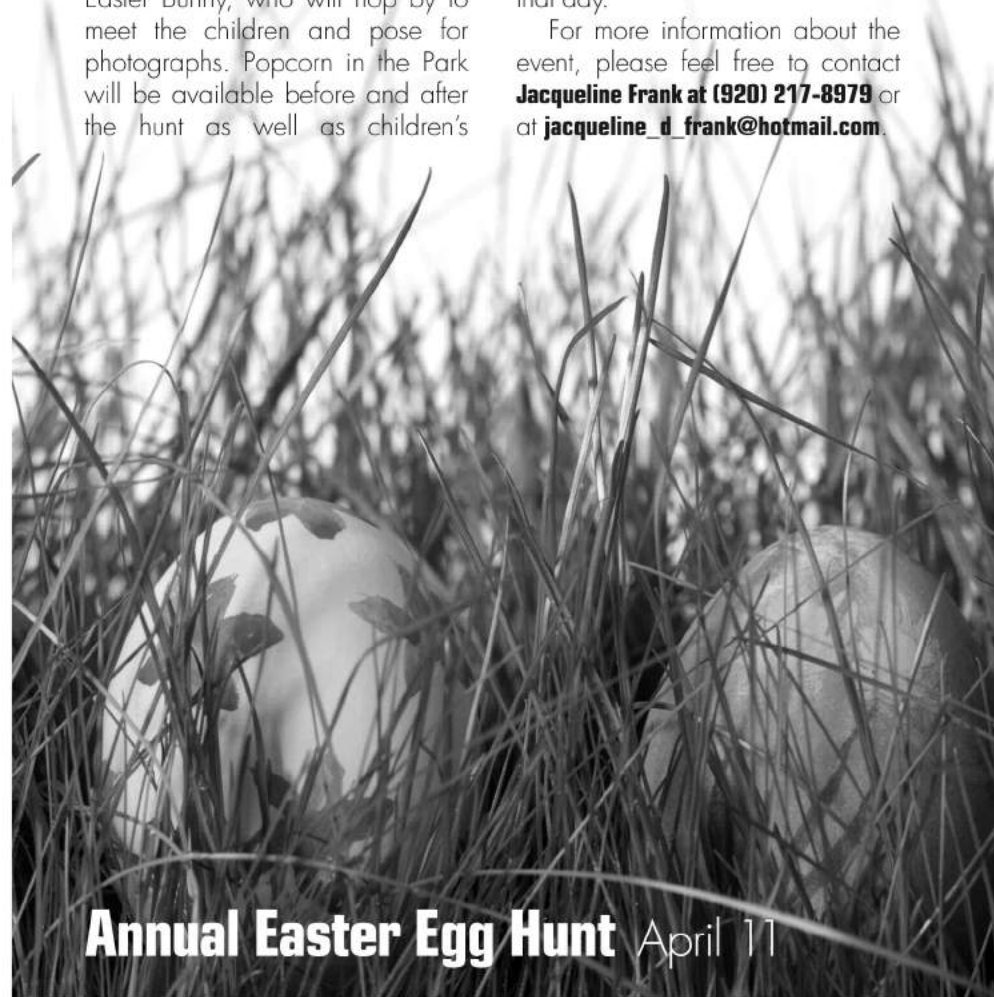
Grab your Easter baskets and join the Astor Neighborhood Association for the **Annual Easter Egg Hunt!**

Returning to St. James Park, this year's event will take place on Saturday, April 11 from 9:30 am until 11:00 am, with a signal for the hunt to start at 10:00 am. Plans for this wonderful family event will have two age-appropriate egg hunting grounds and an appearance by the Easter Bunny, who will hop by to meet the children and pose for photographs. Popcorn in the Park will be available before and after the hunt as well as children's

activities, so guests are encouraged to stay and socialize.

As a note, the Easter Egg Hunt is a "green" event, where the Easter Bunny will provide special plastic egg recycling bins. As we celebrate the emergence of spring, this is a terrific way to help teach children the importance of keeping the environment clean. Event staff will be happy to direct participants to these bins and to answer any questions that day.

For more information about the event, please feel free to contact **Jacqueline Frank at (920) 217-8979** or at jacqueline_d_frank@hotmail.com.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt April 11



ANA Annual Garage Sale

Saturday, May 30

For the past six years, the ANA has held neighborhood-wide garage sales. The response has been tremendous with continued growth in the number of homes in our neighborhood that hold sales on this day and the city-wide attendance.

This year, the event will be **Saturday, May 30th.** We encourage all of our neighbors to go through their basements and closets to find items which they no longer use, but that others might treasure. We also welcome our neighbors from throughout the area to take the opportunity to walk the Astor Neighborhood streets and find those special bargains. The ANA will advertise with street signs and we encourage those holding garage sales to put out their own signs, too. By having a neighborhood-wide event, we are sure to connect people with items for sale with the people that want them.

So on the morning of Saturday May 30th, make sure you either set up your garage sale or start shopping early!

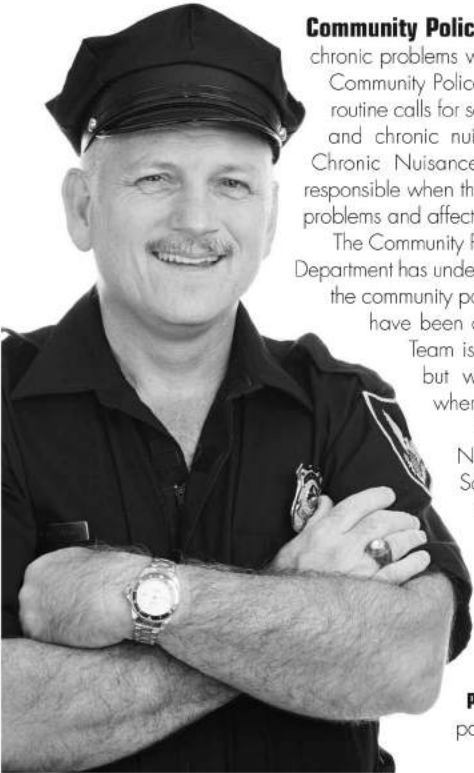


Every year we hold an annual meeting to allow our neighbors to express their concerns, meet members of Green Bay city office and their alderman, learn of the latest developments and changes to our neighborhood, and have an update on all of the exciting events that the Astor Neighborhood Association has planned for the year ahead.

At this year's meeting, representatives from Bellin Hospital will be present to introduce, discuss, and answer questions on changes to their campus that they have proposed to the City of Green Bay. These changes involve a

request of the City, by Bellin, to permanently vacate Cass Street from South Van Buren Street to South Webster Ave. and the easterly half of South Van Buren Street to the vacated Lawe Street.

At this year's annual meeting we will be serving a chili supper—so bring your appetites! The meeting will be Monday, March 16th, at 6:30 pm at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 743 S. Monroe Street, Green Bay. Pastor Paul Schleis is both the celebrant at this church as well as the treasurer/secretary for the ANA, and he has offered us the basement meeting room of his facility.



Community Policing is designed to tackle long-term or chronic problems within a specific neighborhood in a city. Community Police Officers are not dispatched to handle routine calls for service, but specialize in problem solving and chronic nuisance abatement. Green Bay has a Chronic Nuisance ordinance that can hold landlords responsible when they rent to tenants who cause continuous problems and affect the quality of life in a neighborhood.

The Community Policing Program of the Green Bay Police Department has undergone a reorganization process. As such the community policing areas have changed and officers have been added to an Impact Team. The Impact Team is not be assigned to any specific area, but will be assigned to impact problems wherever they crop up.

The officers that cover the Astor and Navarino Neighborhoods—Officer Brian Schilt and Officer Paul Van Handel—are the ones our neighbors should contact with questions and/or concerns. Their phone number is 448-3143, and their e-mail addresses are as follows:

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As the weather warms up this spring, the number of people walking will increase. Please remember to be alert for pedestrians as you drive through your neighborhood and other areas. More children will be walking to school. More of our senior citizens will be walking as the snow and ice melts.

During 2008, 29 pedestrians were hit by vehicles on Green Bay streets. Thirteen of these occurred at signalized intersections. Medical transport by a rescue squad was necessary for ten of these pedestrians.

Also during 2008, there were 1,200 vehicular crashes in Green Bay. Medical transport was needed in 166 of them. Failure to yield, running red lights, driving while intoxicated, driving while using a cell phone and speeding are frequent causes of these crashes. If we are all more attentive we will all be safer.

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

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The 2009 10K Bellin Run is just around the corner! Last year's record participation made for an amazingly successful race, but there were also some challenges with congestion. This year, some changes are planned to help improve the flow of this wonderful community event. Here is what is happening:

- The Bellin 10K Run start and finish line will remain on Webster Avenue in front of the hospital.
- The Friday evening health expo, registration, packet pick-up, pasta dinner and children's event will take place in Astor Park.
- The Friday evening Children's Run will start and end on Clay Street. The 1K course will circle the park on Clay, Porlier, Roosevelt, Eliza and back to Clay.
- The perimeter of Astor Park will be closed to non-resident motor vehicle traffic with barricades and security guards from 2 pm until 8 pm.
- Residents may still get in or out of their driveways by speaking with the security guards stationed at the corners of the park.

- Saturday morning shuttle drop off, race day registration, packet pick up, and pre-race food and beverage will be in Astor Park.
- The Saturday post-race food, beverage, music, awards, and shuttle pick up will be available in Astor Park until 11 am.

Road closures in or near Astor Park in conjunction with the Bellin Run include:

- **FRIDAY: Clay Street, Eliza to Porlier** (2 pm – 8 pm)
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- **SATURDAY: Webster Avenue, East Mason to Porlier** (5 am – Noon)
- **SATURDAY: Webster Avenue, Porlier to Greene** (8 am – 9:30 am)
- **SATURDAY: Clay Street, Hastings to East Mason Street** (5 am – 11 am)

See the Bellin Run website for a detailed course map and additional street closures.



This year marked the beginning of the first **Annual Astor Holiday Lights Competition**. Neighbors who signed up to have their homes considered in the judging were competing to win in one of three categories: **Astor Classic**, **Most Creative** and **Something Special**. Only homes that were entered into the contest were judged.

This year, our judges were most impressed with the use of details at each of the homes. The **Gustafson family**, winners in the "Astor Classic" category, featured the decorative use of poinsettia vignettes on their front porch and front yard. In addition to this, the use of real greenery, white lights and an antique sled created a feeling of history and elegance, two very special characteristics of our own neighborhood.

For the **Ruggles family** at 1126 S. Clay Street, it was the whimsical use of snow men and snow flakes that garnered them the award of "Most Creative." Beautifully hand-

tied gold ribbon secured fresh greens on the front porch before a lit path of white electric snowflakes. Each window of the home was adorned with more greenery and more lit snowflakes. A clever little country-style snow man wreath greeted visitors at the front door.

Also on S. Quincy Street, the **Klein family**, through their use of shiny, metallic, suspended red balls, created an incredible and traffic-stopping holiday display. Complemented by the use of red twigs and balsam branches positioned in clay pots, as well as yards of more greenery draping the home's columns and front porch, the use of the red balls was really "Something Special."

Anyone who finds themselves outside in our neighborhood during the winter months is offered a splendid visual treat. If, perhaps, you noticed a neighbor whose home displayed something spectacular or you would like to have your own home entered into our competition, please sign up next year.

"Astor Classic" Gustafson Family 832 S. Quincy Street



"Most Creative" Ruggles Family 1126 S. Clay Street



"Something Special" Klein Family 817 S. Quincy Street





There are many wonderful features about our neighborhood that get us talking about why it is that we are so very proud to live here, and the **10th Annual Astor Neighborhood Wine Tasting**, held this past January 31, should be one of those reasons. It's an extraordinary gift to live in a neighborhood where folks regularly come out to bolster community and share in the company of their friends and neighbors, but it is even more grand when they do it in the name of a good cause. Just as we did last year, \$500 in proceeds from our neighborhood wine tasting went to benefit the **Howe Neighborhood Family Resource Center**, but with the addition of a friendly gift basket raffle, we were able to raise an additional \$500 for the center. Even the smallest donation will be put immediately to good use at HNFRC and the center was overjoyed to have once again benefitted from our neighborhood's generosity. This year's guests were not only excited to find out who among them had won the raffle, but were just as anxious to find out how much of a direct donation was raised.

Local winery owners and fellow Astor neighbors, **Maria Milano** and **Steve Johnson** of **Parallel 44** provided this year's sampling of wines. Both Steve and Maria were on hand to keep the glasses filled and to offer up specific information about each of the wines. All of their wines can be purchased at Parallel 44, but also at your local Festival Foods Grocery Store.

There was an abundant donation of foods from several local restaurants. Some of these included platters of fresh fruit, hummus and pita, rosemary shrimp and mini beef Wellington as well as red velvet cake, Italian

canoli and hand-made sugar cookies, all of which awaited this year's group of guests at the homes of neighbors **Brent and Joanne Weycker** and **Miriam and Saied Assef**.

A trio of flutists welcomed guests as they entered the Weycker home to sample white wines, and a local renaissance-style music group known as "**Recorders By the Bay**," which included fellow neighbor **Judy Van Ryzin**, generously donated their talents by playing throughout the evening at the Assef home, which featured red wines. Neighbors comfortably sampled wine, nibbled on gourmet treats and enjoyed an altogether enchanting evening. As in years past, it is the diligent work of wine tasting organizer **Katie Higgins**, that brings this all together.

The breathtaking floral displays at each home were donated by **Petal Pusher** and gift baskets to be raffled off were assembled by **Jennie Sykes-Schwenk**. Local graphic artist, **Mark Anderson**, once again designed our flyer and tabletop displays featuring the names of all our vendors. Many, many neighbors and their children came out to support in the set up of this event and without them, none of this would be possible.

We hope that you remember to support our generous sponsors, as well as Maria and Steve at **Parallel 44** the next time you're in the mood for a culinary or wine inspired treat. You won't be disappointed!

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