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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As I type this letter, a snow storm is in the process of gracing our community with a ten inch blanket of snow. The kids are back inside from playing. My son was reenacting the book **Snowy Day** by Ezra Jack Keats. My daughter was contributing to the reenactment by throwing snow balls at him.

Winters in Wisconsin are long and hard and this one has not been an exception. However, the end of this one is just around the corner and we are looking forward to seeing the daffodils push their way up and to reuniting with our neighbors as they walk around our beautiful neighborhood. Springtime events for the Astor Neighborhood include the Easter Egg Hunt on April 23rd, Spring Trail Clean Up on April 16th and the Annual Astor Neighborhood Garage Sale starting May 21st.

As we prepare for the spring we hope you join us for the Annual ANA meeting on Monday, March 21, 2011 at First Evangelical Church on 743 South Madison Ave. at 6:30. We hope to provide you some important updates about our community including a new piece of art that will be installed next to the Fox River Trail at the base of Porlier Street this summer. We are working on getting an update about the city from Mayor Schmitt and the downtown Green Bay project from Jeff Mirkes.

Big thanks goes out to Katie Higgins and all who helped pull together another wonderful Astor Wine tasting. Together we raised \$2,500 for the Howe Neighborhood Family Resource Center.

Another big thanks goes to Christian Kime for all her work over the past year coordinating the selection of a new piece of artwork for our neighborhood. Come to the annual meeting to see the unveiling!

Hope to see you at the Annual ANA Meeting!

Jesse Sharp

President Astor Neighborhood Association

HOUSE KUDOS

By Skip Heverly

This quarter's house kudos go to Ian and Sarah Griffiths of 1023 South Van Buren Street. They are only the third owners of the house that was originally built for Dr. Nugent in 1928. The Linzmeyer Family then lived there for more than 50 years and now Ian and Sarah have lived there for the past seven years. Built in the French Vernacular style, it is one of the few houses in the area with an unpainted stucco exterior. The mature trees including shag bark hickories and oaks in the west-facing front yard provide comfortable shade in the summer. They have added a bluestone circle patio with integrated grill in the backyard where they can host family get togethers.

Ian, an architect at Berners-Schober Associates, Inc., has an eye for architectural detail that is evident in the entryway. The mailbox to the left of the doorway is a heavy brass, period original purchased off eBay, as were many of the button-type light switches which were replaced around the house. The tile in the foyer is original made from a combination of hex tiles and penny-rounds. The downstairs bathroom tile was replaced with the same material type. Most present day manufacturers produce tile with a slightly rounded top edge that requires more filling grout and lacks the distinctive sharp look but ultimately Ian found a supplier that manufactured by the original process (<http://www.restorationtile.com/>).



One of the large outside projects they have undertaken since they moved is reconstruction of the driveway, front stoop and sidewalks. Out of aesthetic concern, they kept the driveway the original width in spite of the larger size of many present-day cars. In the interior, the old discolored wallpaper was replaced in the entry vestibule, stairway and living room with simple and natural colors. The hardwood floors were re-finished before they moved in. Their furniture is strongly geared toward the period of the house construction with a strong mission-style influence.



The fireplace is made from red-brown textured brick with a quarry stone hearth. They have added a fireplace insert which is lit nearly continuously through the cold months. Ian describes this as the single renovation from which they have enjoyed the most benefit. They have also added AC to their duct heating system.

The Griffiths were attracted to the neighborhood by its architecture, location, and sense of community. Their son Huw shared with me that one of his favorite things about their house was to rake leaves and jump in them!



ANNUAL ASTOR WINE TASTING

By Katie Higgins

The 12th Annual Astor Neighborhood Association Wine Tasting Event was held on Saturday, January 29, 2011. We are happy to report that the event was our most successful ever in terms of attendance, donations and funds raised for the Howe Neighborhood Family Resource Center.

Over 100 people attended the event, held at the homes of William and Jessica Hoban and Mark and Ann Lagerkvist. **Parallel 44 Winery**, owned by our neighbors Steve Johnson and Maria Milano, provided the delicious wines. A number of Green Bay's finest restaurants donated the outstanding hors d'oeuvres. Participating restaurants included **Chefusion, Fetaz, Jimmy Seas, Kavarna** and **Parisi's, Ogan, Republic** and **Urban Frog**. Musical entertainment was provided by **Duffey's Luck**, a Celtic trio. Stunning floral arrangements were donated by **Petal Pusher**. Linens and entry mats were donated by **Bay Towel** and table décor was donated by **Truly Yours**. Most impressively, we were able to raise \$2,500 for the Howe Neighborhood Family Resource Center, from proceeds from the evening's registration and raffle! Our generous raffle donors included **Aster Park Floral, Beernsteen's Candy, Gift Itself, Indira Salon, Little Tokyo, Rich Kime Photography, Koko, Red Awning, Sassy Girl, Tranquility Spa, Truly Yours, Twigs, Vita Raw** and **Yikes!**

A sincere thanks to our hosts, the Hobans and Lagerkvists, and to everyone who helped organize the event, made donations, and attended the event. It's so exciting to see what a small community of people is capable of doing to help others! Please show your appreciation for all the generous vendors who chose to support our event by supporting their businesses.

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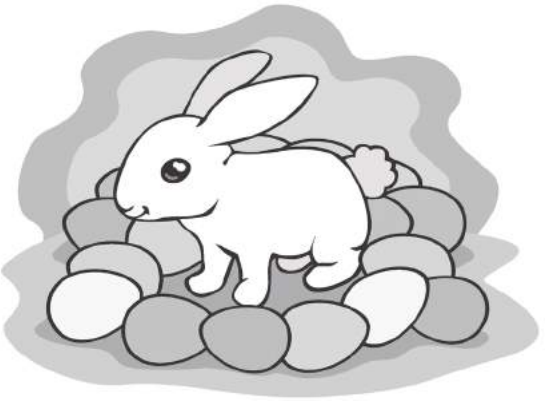
or contact the Howe's Executive Director,

Toni Loch at 448-7340.



ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Bunny is coming! On Saturday, April 23 the Easter Bunny will be making an appearance at the annual Astor Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt in St. James Park. The festivities will begin at 9:30 and the egg hunt will begin at 10:00. Bring your family to St. James for pictures with the Easter Bunny, visiting with neighbors and hunting for eggs. We will again have a spot for our youngest neighbors to hunt without older brothers and sisters getting in the way! Please come out and enjoy the, hopefully, warming weather.



NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION

An art piece has been selected for the ANA Beautification Project!!!

The ANA Beautification Project Committee has been hard at work commissioning a new piece of art for the Fox River Trail. I am excited to announce that an artwork has been selected! The piece is...

...waiting to be unveiled at the Annual Meeting Monday, March 21, 2011. Please join us at the Annual Meeting to hear the latest news about this exciting project!

A huge thank you goes out to the following committee members: **Cheryl Renier-Wigg, Jesse Sharp, Jennie Sykes-Schwenk, Mike VanHandel, Jacqueline Frank, and Timothy Noll.** I truly appreciate your time and efforts in this project!

Christian Kime
Astor Neighborhood Association Beautification Chair

ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

It is back again! The Astor Neighborhood will again have a neighborhood wide garage sale on Saturday, May 21st. We enjoy a huge turnout and many neighbors wandering through the streets shopping through the goods. Please join us in hosting a garage sale at your house and invite your friends to roam the streets of Astor looking for a gem!

MONTHLY MEETINGS

After our annual meeting on March 21st we will be meeting at the First Lutheran Church at 743 S. Monroe. We meet every third Monday at 6:00. Please join us!



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SPRING TRAIL CLEAN UP

The ANA is responsible for a portion of the trail along the Fox River, and twice a year we pick it up. In the spring, our clean up event coincides with Earth Week. Please join us on Saturday, April 16th at 9:00 AM, meeting at the Mile 0 trail marker where Porlier meets Adams Street. Garbage bags will be made available. Please join us to help beautify this important part of our neighborhood for the enjoyment of all!



IS THE WATER GOING DOWN STORM INLETS TREATED?

No! The storm sewer system is separate from the sanitary sewer system. Storm inlets are intended to take rainwater and snow melt to waterways. Storm water is **UNTREATED** before flowing into the bay, rivers and creeks, making it everyone's responsibility to make sure storm inlets and waterways are free of pollutants. As a reminder, only rainwater and snowmelt free of chemicals, oil, anti-freeze, fertilizer, grass clippings and leaves should drain into the inlets.



The City has over 13,000 storm inlets and this year the Department of Public Works is asking residents to Adopt-An-Inlet. This program will ask residents who may have a street storm inlet to make sure that they are cleaned off and unobstructed. Many of our street and backyard flooding calls are directly

related to storm inlets becoming covered or plugged with leaves, grass, and debris. Once the debris is cleared the inlets can drain properly.

If you have an inlet anywhere near your home please be a good neighbor and keep it clear. If the inside of



the roadside storm inlets are full of debris, please call the **Department of Public Works** at **448-3535** so that it can be placed on the schedule to be cleaned out. If you have any questions please call

Pam Freeman at **448-3100**.

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