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2nd Annual Fall Fest

If you think the Wine Tasting Event is fun, you won't want to miss out on our 2nd Annual Fall Fest. We had such a good turn out last year that we

decided to make this an annual event. Please join us Saturday evening, October 19, at 7:00 p.m. at Title Town Brewing. Come taste various specialty beers that are all on tap for your enjoyment. The Astor Neighborhood Association will provide the hors d'oeuvres and fun! Fall Fest will be held in Title Town's private party room on the second level. You can play darts or shuffle board, enjoy a fine brew and good eats, and relax and hang out with your neighbors and friends.

There will also be a raffle for 4 club seats to the Packer/Redskins game, which is the next day at 3:15 p.m. You must be present to win!

Make a Difference Day

The ANA will sponsor a river/trail clean-up for Make a Difference Day. The event begins at 9:00 a.m. on October 26. Please meet at the Fox River Trail head, located at the corner of Porlier and Adams.

We will focus on the Astor Neighborhood Association sponsored portion of the trail, which extends from Porlier Street to Marine Street (by Zeller's Sport Shop).

The ANA will supply bags, gloves, and refreshments. We thank you in advance for helping to Make a Difference in Astor!

Summer Potluck – First Day of School: September 3rd

Astor Neighborhood's Annual Summer Potluck is Tuesday, September 3 at 5:30 p.m. in Astor Park. We always have a great turn out and look forward to seeing more old and new faces joining in the fun. As always, ANA will provide utensils, plates, and lemonade. Below, you will

see a listing for what dish to bring. Just match the first letter in your last name to the appropriate category:

A-K Main Dish L-R Dessert S-Z Salad

Farmer's Market

The Market is once again held in the parking lot just east of Monroe, between Cherry and Pine Streets, from 7:00 a.m. until noon. It has operated since 1917 and currently features over 75 vendors with fresh vegetables and fruits, bakery, herbs, meat, crafts, and more. All vendors grow or produce the items that they sell at the Market. Please contact Dave Nennig with questions at 448-3006 or e-mail Dave at FarmersMarket@Cl.Green-Bay.Wl.US.

Calendar of Events

September 3 – First day of school, Potluck in Astor Park

September through October 26 – Farmer's Market on Saturdays, 7 a.m. - Noon

September 16 – Board Meeting

October 19 - Fall Fest

October 21 – Board Meeting

October 26 – Make a Difference Day

November 18 - Board Meeting

President's Message

It has indeed been a great summer in Astor. The completion of the new band shell and the celebrations at St. James Park were the highlights of a busy summer. We are currently busy planning events for this fall and winter and look forward to seeing you at the social events the ANA will host; please see the *Calendar of Events* for the Summer Potluck, Fall Fest, and Make a Difference Day.

As autumn approaches, your ANA Board continues to work towards finishing neighborhood enhancement projects by year end. The Mason/Monroe exit ramp project should be completed in early fall and will greatly enhance the entrance to our neighborhood. If you weren't aware, the boulevard being constructed will no longer be concrete, but a grass island with trees and possibly flowers. Your ANA Board worked with the City to establish electric service to the boulevard so that we can install lights in the trees to further enhance this major road improvement. Thank you to our Alderman, Tony Theisen, for helping us to gain approval of this request.

Our next major project will be to replace our existing green and white street signs with decorative, historic street signs. We are hoping to receive all approvals by early fall, with installation occurring either late this year or early next spring. These signs will also further enhance our neighborhood.

The cost of the street sign project is approximately \$12,000. We are about half way to our goal of raising the necessary funds, but we could greatly use your help! We are asking Astor neighbors to make a small donation to our street sign fund. Since ANA is a not-for-profit organization, your contribution will be tax deductible. There are two ways in which you could contribute.

 A direct contribution to the ANA Street Sign Fund Purchase a Carolyn Barnard Print (can be seen on astorneighborhood.org).
 The ANA retains 50% of all proceeds.

If you are interested in contributing to the Sign Fund, please contact me at michaeln@astorneighborhood.org or call me at 430-3226. You can send your contribution to:

Astor Neighborhood Association c/o Michael Nass 715 South Monroe Avenue Green Bay, WI 54301

Michael Nass, President

Historic Plaques

We've all seen them, and if you don't have one, you want one. Made by the Erie Landmark Company, the bronze 10" x 7" oval-shaped plaque with black background reads "Astor Historic District – National Register of Historic Places", with the year your house was built.

If you are not sure whether you house is located within the boundaries designated by the State of Wisconsin, you can check at www.astorneighborhood.org/images/astrmp.pdf. Wondering when your house was built? Click on "Search the Inventory" at www.wisconsinhistory.org/ahi/searchcity.as p.

The price of the plaque is \$118.50, which includes shipping and handling. To order, make your check or money order payable to Erie Landmark Company and forward to the Astor Neighborhood Association, 526 S. Monroe Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54301. Please contact Trini Veverka at 884-1941 or at triniv@astorneighborhood.org with any questions that you may have.

What's Happening

A great place to check-out other neighborhood associations and Green Bay events is at www.green-bay.org.

House Kudos/Meet Your Neighbor: The Altrusa House

The Altrusa House is a Home Away From Home for patients and families that need to stay overnight in Green Bay during a medical emergency. Located at 1116 East Mason Street, it offers a safe, caring, and interactive environment to guests referred to the home by the local medical community. As at home, families can cook meals, launder clothes, enjoy television, or just relax. The Altrusa House also provides an atmosphere in which families can be supportive of one another.

1012 Porlier Street is the location of the first three-bedroom Altrusa House, which opened in Green Bay in 1989. It soon proved to be too small, so the Altrusa Club of Green Bay began the task of planning for a new home. With the wonderful support from businesses, hospitals, individuals, and other clubs, the new Altrusa House opened its doors on September 17, 2001. Two sister clubs of the Altrusa House, Door County and Escanaba, Michigan, each furnished a bedroom in the house. Karen Wodill is the director.

A \$5.00 key deposit, which is returned, is the only real cost required of the guests. They must also bring in their own food, which they can store in the kitchen refrigerator. Altrusa does accept donations.

The house has four handicap accessible bedrooms, a full kitchen, a dining room, and full living room on the first floor. Eight more bedrooms, a large lounge, and a kitchenette make-up the second floor.

Six of the bedrooms share a bathroom (two bedrooms to one bathroom), and the remaining six bedrooms come with private bathrooms. One bedroom has a queen size bed and the rest have twin beds. The limit is two guests per room. All of the rooms have been furnished by individuals or groups.

The Altrusa Club was formed in 1917 as an international service organization. The Green Bay Chapter formed in 1930 and currently has about thirty members, all from varying professions. Altrusa provides support to the Salvation Army and Tank School, in addition to the Altrusa House.

Area hospitals contribute to the house as well: Bellin Hospital provided the land, and it still provides some snow removal and landscaping; St. Vincent Hospital provides the laundry service; and St. Mary's provided the computer system and some office equipment.

The Altrusa House is a community effort. It does not receive government funds. Altrusa is always looking for volunteers in the area of landscaping and snow removal, cleaning, and front desk check-in. If you are interested in assisting with not only a community effort, but a neighborhood effort, please contact Karen Wodill at 884-6677 or 606-6688.

Congratulations to Altrusa on providing a beautiful home to those in need and those cared for by our health care neighbors in the Astor Neighborhood.



House Kudos: If you know of someone in the neighborhood who has worked hard at fixing, improving, or updating a home, please call or e-mail any board member for some <u>Astor Outlook</u> House Kudos

ANA Is Online!!

Read current and prior editions of the *Astor Outlook* newsletter and minutes from the ANA board meetings, sign up to receive email on current events in the neighborhood, send e-mail to board members, request an Historic Plaque order form, order the ANA calendar, view its sponsors, and link to other sites of interest to Astor neighbors at www.astorneighborhood.org.

McGruff House

The Howe Resource Center would like you to help our kids by becoming a McGruff House participant. A McGruff House is a haven for children who find themselves in emergency or frightening situations, such as being bullied, followed, or hurt. The program relies on participants who display the McGruff House sign in their windows 24 hours a day and are generally available to children in the area. McGruff House participants make emergency calls for children in trouble and watch-out for neighborhood children as they go to and from school and when they are playing in the neighborhood.

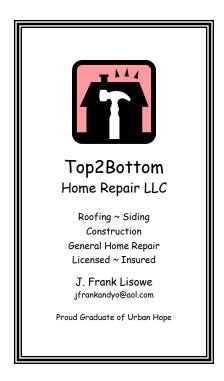
Participants must be
eighteen or older, and
can volunteer by
completing, signing, and
returning an application,
which includes
permission for a criminal
history and background
check. All applicants will
be screened.

If you are interested in volunteering for this program, please contact

Lisa Clark, Howe

Neighborhood Family Resource Center, at 448-7340.

TREASURER'S REPORT – is available on request.



Movie Night

The first Movie Night was a comfortable evening with over one hundred people in attendance. We look forward to another pleasant evening in late August. Movie Night is in its third year. We are thinking about adding a third evening to next year's schedule, with an emphasis on black and white classics, something that would appeal to older teens and adults. Please give us your feedback on this idea: you may contact John Corpus at 430-1429, Mike Nass at 440-3226, or any board member.

The ANA would also like to thank the following for their contribution to Movie Night, past and present:

- Dan Madigan and Feeco International Inc. for use of the LCD projector
- St. Vincent Hospital for use of the large screen
- John Corpus for providing the sound system and rest of the equipment
- City of Green Bay for the use of the band shelter and electric power
- Hollywood Video on Webster for providing the videos this year
- All of the neighborhood volunteers who have served refreshments

Astor Beat Cops

Terry and Mike would like to thank residents and businesses in their beat area for the tremendous support, assistance, and cooperation given them. Such a community/police relationship is what forms the foundation of a safe and crime-wise neighborhood.



Mike Hansford, Terry Tyler, Pat Bundauer

Officer Hansford attended a two-week school in Phoenix, Arizona and received a certification to instruct the GREAT (Gang Resistance Educations and Training) Program to middle school students. It is a national program that promotes positive goal setting, esteem building, decision making, and handling peer pressure. Its long-term purpose is to help students avoid gangs, drugs, and violent behavior.

Both officers participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run by traversing the route between Green Bay and Stevens Point; Officer Tyler was on motorcycle and Officer Hansford was on police bike.

The officers gave-out 210 bicycle helmets to children in need of the accessory at the annual Family Fun Fest in June at Tank Park. Habush, Habush, and Rottier donated the helmets.

Mike and Terry continue to work with area landlords by doing background checks on potential renters. They have screened over 100 renters in the past few months. The officers appreciate this active role by area landlords.

Warmer weather finds an increase in car break-ins, bike thefts, and burglaries in general. Remember to lock your cars, bikes, and homes when unattended. Criminals look for an easy target – make them look elsewhere!!

Please e-mail any comments, questions, or concerns that you may have to the officers at www.gbpolice.org.

Green Bay City Band: 100

The Astor Neighborhood Association was happy to help the Green Bay City Band celebrate its historic 100 Year Anniversary on July 17. It was a beautiful evening of music and memories for our neighborhood. We had donations of free ice cream treats from Good Humor-Breyers Ice Cream Company Inc. and A&W Restaurant. The Brown County Historical society donated a wonderful pictorial display of old pictures of the Green Bay City Band. We thank these groups for their contributions, which helped to raise funds for the ANA historic street sign project.

The turnout was fabulous as well. With the large number of people in attendance and splendid music, the evening was a huge success. Please, join us in wishing the Green Bay City Band another 100 years of playing music.



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The board wishes to thank John Corpus for editing the *Astor Outlook*. You may contact John with any newsletter questions or concerns at 430-1429 or mendingwall@msn.com.

The mission of the Astor Neighborhood Association is to maintain the integrity, vitality, and diversity of the Astor community through the protection and preservation of its history, neighborhoods, and architecture.

Board meetings are open to the public and are held from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the East Central Family Neighborhood Resource Center, unless otherwise indicated. All residents of the Astor neighborhood are welcome. The next three **board meetings** are on:

September 16th October 21st November 18th

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