

ASTOR OUTLOOK



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WHAT IS A BROWN COUNTY SUPERVISOR?

By Eric Hoyer
District 4 Supervisor

As your Brown County Supervisor, I am one on a board of 26 individuals who represent various pieces of the county. We make up the legislative branch of county government, working alongside the County Executive, Troy Streckenbach, and the Judicial branch with some of the traditional checks and balances that you also see in state and national government. Because my civic engagement in Green Bay began with neighborhood involvement, specifically the Astor Neighborhood Association, I like to define District 4 by the neighborhoods that are in it – the area that I represent includes the Astor, Astor East River, much of Navarino and the east downtown neighborhoods.

The Brown County Government and its departments that we oversee include over 1,500 employees and a current-year budget of almost 350 million dollars. Facilities include the county airport, courts, police, mental health facility, library system, and many more (see <http://www.co.brown.wi.us/departments/>). Board Supervisors are also assigned to participate in committees. In my first term as supervisor I have been appointed to the Education and Recreation committee, which includes oversight of the library system, museum, zoo, golf course, parks and fairground, Resch Center, and more.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me by phone at **(920) 366-1396** or email at ewhowyer@hotmail.com. I look forward to hearing from and serving you.

Astor Neighborhood Association

HOUSE KUDOS

By Skip Heverly

When purchasing 1133 S. Monroe out of receivership 30 years ago, John Hurckman's neighbors couldn't sign the variance papers fast enough. Built in 1933, he was attracted to straight lines of the house's prairie school architecture. He knew he had found a diamond in the rough. John set to work on the initial renovations, and lived there for ten years before he married Amy. At that time, deciding they were going to stay in the neighborhood and would require more space, they proceeded to add on to the existing structure resulting in the house as it is today.

Ben Schenkelberg served as architect for the renovations. John was strongly convicted in his decision to hire an architect for the project, stating the longer he has lived in his house, the more he has enjoyed it. He says of the Astor neighborhood that, except for the lack of bathrooms, the beautiful architecture is all there to create a spectacular living space. Double pane overlaid windows do double duty to both insulate and keep the house quiet from street noise. The baseboard trim required a shaper to create the original contours from dimensional lumbar. The tilework in the front foyer, not laid on wood but in cement, re-creates the original layout of the house.



Semi-circular wood burning fireplace with mahogany trim and Egyptian tile inlay.

Other renovations include a new kitchen with meticulously crafted lines, converting exterior porches into a dining room, an office, a first floor laundry room, and a semi-circular fireplace with mahogany mantelpiece and trim. The fixtures in the bathroom were purchased from Trocadero, a French company subsequently bought by Kohler.



1133 S. Monroe



Side gate leading to backyard with guest house in the background.

The original garage in the back of the house has been converted into a comfortable guesthouse, re-using the original door from the main house. More recently they have constructed a wooden fence around the backyard. Intending this to be a long-lasting structure it was constructed of redwood with limestone caps and is adorned with Kohler tiles. John himself made the stained glass that enhances a gate connecting his backyard with that of his neighbor.



Backyard wooden gate-note limestone caps on fence/ posts.

The columns on the front of the house are made from uncommon Roman brick.

Exquisite attention to detail, utilization of architect expertise, original structure/period-authentic style and dimensions has created a pure and vibrant pulse inside and out of this brilliantly revived Astor gem.



COMMUNITY PICNIC

The Odd Fellow Rebekah Home Association is having their 2nd Annual Community Picnic!

Join us for a free picnic style lunch with games and live entertainment on August 4th from 12 to 3. We will be celebrating in our community courtyard shared between Odd Fellow Home, Heritage Gardens and Rebekah Haven.

PLANNING ON REMODELING THIS SUMMER?

Here are some pointers and tips to keep in mind as you plan those remodeling and renovation projects for your home this summer.

Building permits are required for most projects except for purely cosmetic projects such as painting and flooring. An owner/occupant can obtain permits and do their own work. All rental properties require a licensed contractor to pull the permit and perform the work. Following is a list of common projects requiring a permit:

- Siding/Windows/Doors
- Driveway paving
- Sheds
- Garages
- Roofing
- Electrical wiring
- Water heater
- New bathroom
- Basement remodel
- Decks/Porches
- Pools and Spas



It is ultimately the responsibility of the property owner to make sure a permit is obtained. If you hire a contractor, make sure you see a permit card displayed in your front window before work begins. Before signing a contract with a contractor, call **The City of Green Bay Inspection Department at 448-3300** and verify the person is licensed with the City of Green Bay. Permits can be obtained at the **Inspection office, 100 N. Jefferson Street, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Homes within the historic districts of the city must go before the Historic Preservation Commission before any building permits for exterior work will be issued. The commission meets the second Monday of every month at 4:30 p.m. in room 210. In order to get on the agenda for this meeting, materials (permit, photographs, etc.) must be submitted to the Inspection Department by 4:30 p.m. on the first Monday of the month.

The city appreciates the commitment property owners give to keep our neighborhoods healthy and safe. See the Historic Preservation Commission site for more information or to download any brochures related to building and building permits.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Thank you to everyone who helped with our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Again it was a success and we were lucky enough to have gorgeous weather.

Thanks to Christian Kime, Jesse Sharpe, Andy Rosendahl and Skip Heverly for all the help in organizing the event. Thanks also to Charles and Jennie Schwenk for helping the Easter Bunny make an appearance!

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HOWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CENTENNIAL

Howe Elementary School will be celebrating its Centennial in the fall of 2012. Our committee is looking for anyone who may have memories and experiences at Howe, especially any photographs of students or activities. Please contact Jere Sutton at howeschool100@gmail.com

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Your neighborhood association meets ever third Monday at 6:00 at the First Lutheran Church at 743 S. Monroe. Please join us. We discuss and plan upcoming events, discuss neighborhood happenings and have a great time!



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