

ASTOR OUTLOOK



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President's Letter

I was recently reading an article about what makes a neighborhood great. When asked to pinpoint what puts an area on the map for buyers and visitors there were some common threads amongst the urban planners, a geographer, an architect and real-estate agents. These included:

- People
- Location
- Tree-lined streets
- Landmarks such as fountains, historic theaters, gazebos or clock towers
- A complexity of architecture, building materials and color

As you examine the Astor Neighborhood you will notice all of these elements are in place: people taking walks, children enjoying the parks and the Fox River Trail, the proximity to downtown, and diversity of architecture. All of these traits come together to make the neighborhood great.

This year has seen some great work from your Astor Neighborhood Association, including sponsoring an East High School student on a band trip to Washington, D.C. and a \$1,000 donation to the Howe Community Resource Center. We received a mini-grant from the City of Green Bay to support beautification of our neighborhood sign, with the labor being donated by the residents of the Ethan House. We also had the annual rummage sale, Easter Egg Hunt, and Popcorn and Pie in the Park.

Please keep an eye out for information on the annual Back to School Potluck and other fall and winter events. Check out the Facebook page or sign up to receive emails on the Astor Neighborhood website. You are always welcome to attend the monthly meetings on the third Monday of the month at First Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Molly Martzke

President

Astor Neighborhood Association

What's Happening With **OUTLOOK?**

No, you haven't missed any copies of the *Outlook*. The ANA pursued moving to an online format, and we appreciate the time and effort that many neighbors put into creating a great online version. However, based on feedback from neighbors, the board has decided that for now we will stick with a paper version. It's our goal to eventually move to an online-based newsletter.

We are still looking for a neighbor who would like to write the "House Kudos" section of the *Outlook*. If interested, contact Skip Heverly at 436-0332.



Meet The ANA Board

My name is Tina Rybak and I recently joined the Astor Park Neighborhood Association Board. I have lived in four homes in the neighborhood, all within a six block radius. I currently live at 824 S. Jackson Street in a brick English tudor with my family and our dog Josie. She is a black standard poodle and makes the rounds of the neighborhood on a regular basis during her walks. I love the neighborhood and have enjoyed all of the events they have sponsored over the years like the Wine Tasting, the Easter Egg Hunt, and the Back to School Picnic. I enjoy watching all of the renovation I see when I go on my walks, and it is fun to see all of the improvements families are always making. It's a great place to live with a strong sense of community and an interesting history. I look forward to serving on the Board and getting to know even more of the neighbors!

Hello! My name is Jennifer Lenz, and my husband Tyler and I moved to the neighborhood in the summer of 2012. We purchased the white Victorian on the corner of S. Jackson Street and Cass Street. Since then, we have been very busy working on our house! Several neighbors have told us how happy they are that we have moved in, due to the fact that the house was vacant for a few years before we came along. We are the happy ones to have moved into such a welcoming neighborhood! I look forward to serving my neighborhood as a member of the ANA Board.

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Wine Tasting

By Sara Wall

On a snowy and cold Friday evening, the annual wine tasting was held at two homes in the neighborhood. Over 50 neighbors enjoyed red and white wines from Captain's Walk Winery and food from several local restaurants. With the proceeds from the silent auction and 50/50 raffle, we were able to donate \$1,000 to the Howe Neighborhood Resource Center.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Wine Tasting a great event:

A Bag Lady, Aster Park Floral, Justin Challe, Cliff Wall Subaru Mazda, Greater Green Bay YMCA, Skip Heverly, Katie Houle, Jimmy Seas, Kavarna, Lorelei, Molly Martzke, Republic, Runway Scissors Salon, St Brendan's Inn, Sassy Girl, Titledown Brewing, Sara Wall, the Steffel Family, Webster Ave Market, Wild About Birds, and the Zochart Family.

Plans are already underway for next year's Wine Tasting. Would you like to open your home or would you like to help plan? Contact Molly Martzke at mpmartzke@yahoo.com for more information.



Easter Egg Hunt

By Jennifer Lenz

The Easter Egg Hunt was a great success this year! The day was sunny and mild, Mayor Jim Schmidt counted down the beginning of the hunt, and the Easter Bunny even made an appearance! New this year was a special area designated for children ages 3 and younger. All in all, it was a great time for everyone to connect with neighbors, push the kids on the swings, and enjoy the sunshine. Thank you to Christina Kime for the time and effort put into organizing!

Charlie C. found a couple Easter eggs in no time!



The mayor and the Easter Bunny pose for a picture.

Summer Events at Hazelwood!

Heritage Players - at Hazelwood

Friday, July 4 • 1:00 PM • Immigrant Stories

If Tombstones Could Talk - Allouez Cemetery

Tuesday, August 5 & Wednesday, August 6

6:30 PM • \$6.00/person, \$14.00/family

Flower Fairy Tea Party

Saturday, August 9 • 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

\$15.00/adult, \$5.00/children

Reservations Required

Recommended for children ages 5-8

If Tombstones Could Talk - Woodlawn Cemetery

Tuesday, September 9 & Wednesday, September 10
6:30 PM

September 13 • 2 PM • \$6.00/person, \$14.00/family

For more information, contact **The Brown County Historical Society** and **Hazelwood Historic House** -
920-437-1840.

bchs@netnet.net or www.browncohistoricalsoc.org

A Note From Officer Paul Van Handel

The official first day of summer was Saturday, June 21st. Many of us like to attend events like concerts in the park, events on the CityDeck, and the Farmers' Market. Not to mention the annual 4th of July festivities. With a lot of events compressed into a few short months it's easy to forget about safety.

If you leave your house for an event -- even over a short period of time -- remember to lock your doors if no one else is home. If leaving for the weekend it is always a good idea to have a trusting neighbor keep an eye on your property while you are gone. Leave that person your contact number and the day you plan on returning so they know how to reach you if something happens while you are gone.

If you are out jogging, biking, or just a simple walk with the kids, try to wear bright clothing and reflective strips on shirt sleeves at night. Anything that helps you stand out to someone driving is important. Some important facts to consider are that at a city driving speed of 35mph, an average driver reaction time to acquire an object and safely stop is approximately 138 feet and 3.6 seconds. After dark, low beam headlights on a motor vehicle only provide usable light for a distance of about 100 feet. The pedestrian fatality rate is three times higher at night. Taking simple precautions can make all the difference.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Paul Van Handel

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Impact Of Our Yearly Lawn Maintenance

By Justin Challe

The sights and sounds of warmer weather are finally all around us. If you are anything like me you can't wait to get outside-even if that means doing yard work. In our rush to create our own outdoor paradise please consider for a moment the effects that our annual yard maintenance routines can have on our health and the environment.

According to statistics compiled by Tobias Hatten of the University of Stony Brook, New York:

"Pesticides kill between 60 and 90% of earthworms (which are important for soil health) where they are used; lawn-care pesticides kill approximately 7 million birds in the US each year."

"Pesticides can be tracked into homes, where they can build up in carpets, clothing and other material, putting families, especially children, at risk of chronic exposure."

"A standard 19L/minute lawn sprinkler uses more water in an hour than a combination of 10 toilet flushes, two dishwasher loads, two 5-minute showers and a full load of clothes."

"Each year, over 800 million gallons of gasoline are consumed by lawn mowers in the United States, which can produce the equivalent of 10 billion kWh. Lawn mowers are responsible for approximately 5% of the US's air pollution, and an even higher percent of the air pollution in metropolitan areas."

"Seven gallons of gasoline must be used just to manufacture enough fertilizer to cover one average-sized family yard"

Here are some of Mr. Hatten's suggestions for reducing the impact of our activities:

- Reduce lawn size
- Leave as much land as possible in its natural state.
- Choose native and drought tolerant species. Native species require little if any watering, fertilizer, and maintenance since they are adapted to the climate and soil.
- Water your lawn in the evening or early morning to minimize evaporation.
- Collect rainwater for landscaping needs.
- Leave clippings on the lawn to provide nutrients equivalent to one application of fertilizer.
- Use Alternative Mowers.

Imagine if we each did a small part in reducing our impact as we set about our lawn maintenance this year. This would mean a great deal less harm would come to our nearby rivers and lakes, our wildlife, and our own health.

Source: Hatten, Tobias. Lawn Care. Retrieved from <http://www.mrhatten.com/Environmental%20Action/LawnCare.pdf>

Back To School Potluck

Every year, the residents of our neighborhood gather together at St. James Park for a Back-To-School Celebration. Join us this year on Tuesday, September 2, at 6:00 PM. The Astor Neighborhood Association provides the meal. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know your neighbors. See you there!

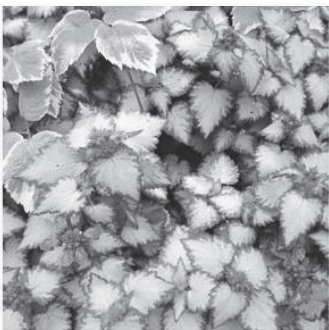
Upcoming Events in the Astor Neighborhood

Every Wednesday June 18-August 20, 7:30 p.m., **Green Bay City Band Concert**, St. James Park

Tuesday, September 2, 6:00 p.m., **Back to School Picnic**, St. James Park

Calling All Volunteers

Do you have an hour or two a month to donate to the neighborhood? The Astor Neighborhood Association is in need of additional board members, as well as neighbors to help plan and coordinate events for the neighborhood. Join us on the third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, or contact any current board member for more information.



Ask A Gardener

Do you know how to protect your roses from disease? Are you aware of the benefits of mulching? How can you maintain the beauty of that perennial bed from year to year?

If you are lost when it comes to taking care of your outdoor plants, contact our very own Astor Neighborhood Gardener with any questions! We will publish questions and answers in future newsletters. Please send your gardening questions to **AstorNeighborhoodGardener@gmail.com**, or write them down and mail them to:

Astor Neighborhood Gardener

704 S. Jackson Street
Green Bay, WI 54301.

Happy gardening!

Popcorn In The Park

By Sara Wall

During the City Band concerts on Wednesday nights in summer, the Astor Neighborhood Association sells concessions. The proceeds from the sales provide funding for the association to support neighborhood events, as well as local non-profit agencies. The ANA needs your help! Would you consider volunteering to help sell popcorn and concessions during the

City Band concerts on Wednesday evenings during June, July, and August? Volunteers are needed from 6-8:30 p.m. This is a great way to help the neighborhood, get to know your neighbors, and have a little fun. To sign up, contact Sara Wall at sararwall@gmail.com.



Home Plaques

By Tina Rybak

Is your home in need of one of those oval-shaped plaques that states the year your home was built? We are now able to place orders for them. The plaques say Astor Historic Neighborhood Association and the year your home was built. They are about 10" wide and 7" high.

If you do not know the age of your home, you can go to the City of GB website, www.greenbaywi.gov and click on the "agencies" tab, then select "assessor" and enter your street address. Once it finds your home, simply click on the "residential assessment" tab.

The plaques will be \$185.00 each and all we need is your name, address, the year your home was built, your e-mail address, and a check written out to the Astor Neighborhood Association. To place an order, email the above information to tinarybak@mac.com. To save on shipping, we will try to order three plaques at a time.

Stay Connected With Astor

Stay up-to-date on all things Astor by visiting the Astor Neighborhood Association's Facebook page! Just go to www.facebook.com/AstorNeighborhood and click the "like" button.

Another way to stay connected: Create your own account on our neighborhood's Nextdoor page! Nextdoor is a private social network for you, your neighbors and your community. It's the easiest way for you and your neighbors to talk online and make all of your lives better in the real world. And it's free! Lost cat? Need a babysitter? Want to find a new home for that bike that your kids have outgrown? Nextdoor Astor is the perfect place to connect with your neighbors. Join the 58 neighbors already using Nextdoor Astor and see what all the commotion is about! Visit https://astor.nextdoor.com/choose_address/ to sign up.

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