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## **A Word from Your ANA President**

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself to all the residents of Astor, and share just a little of why I was interested in being the president of this association. My wife Deby and I live at 1010 S. Jackson Street. I have already met some of you at the wine tasting event in January at the “red” house, where I had the opportunity to converse with so many nice neighbors. It’s comforting to know how many generous people support such worthy causes; it was an honor to be your host.

We have numerous items to consider as an Association, and as a neighborhood. This summer, we will be surrounded by construction on both Webster and Monroe Avenues, which will put pressure on our internal neighborhood streets. We are also continuing to monitor and tweak the speeding issue on Monroe where there are three schools in a one-mile stretch.

Also at hand is the future of plans to form a Certified Local Government status within Green Bay’s Historical neighborhoods, a status that would or will affect homeowners’ rights and abilities to upgrade and change their home’s external appearance, and will also modify the process of obtaining building permits. As an association, we will be attempting to work within the drafting process, so that as a board, we can take a stance of whether or not to recommend this status to neighbors of Astor; it is a balance between power and reason.

Please feel free to contact me with your thoughts and opinions on any subject facing the neighborhood going forward, as I brush up on my facts and history of Astor. I look forward to meeting many more of you along the way.

Remember to check out the Facebook page or sign up to receive emails on the Astor Neighborhood Website so you can stay connected. Otherwise, you are always welcome to attend the monthly meetings on the third Monday of the month at First Evangelical Lutheran Church.

**Ron Dehn**  
President  
Astor Neighborhood Association

# Meet the ANA Board

Hello, my name is Debbie Dhein and I am a new member of the Astor Neighborhood Board as of April 18th. While growing up, my father worked for the Chicago Northwestern Railroad. He took every transfer that was available in order to move up the corporate ladder. Because of all the transfers, we lived in 17 different homes before I went off to college. For the last 24+ years I have lived at 1105 S. Jackson St. My husband, Steve and I raised 3 boys who all attended Aldo Leopold School. I am now retired and want to give back by becoming more involved in neighborhood activities. Astor Neighborhood has become my "Forever Home."

Hello I'm Eric Vandeveld. My wife Natalie and I moved into our house on Clay Street in 2000. Shortly after that, I was recruited to take over and build the ANA website. Technology has come a long way since then, and I am happy to provide a brand new website for the Neighborhood Association. I recently joined the ANA Board to make sure that I am able to keep the website updated with all the current Association activity. I hope to see you around the neighborhood.

## Summer Events in Astor

Our third annual **Pie in the Park** is on Wednesday, June 15 at 6:30 p.m. in St. James Park. Join us at the basketball hoop for free pie and ice cream and fun conversation. Stay for the first City Band concert. Would you like to bake or bring a pie? Contact Deby Dehn at [debydehn2@yahoo.com](mailto:debydehn2@yahoo.com) to sign up to bring a pie.

The Astor Neighborhood is lucky to have the **Green Bay City Band concerts** in our very own St. James Park! All but one of the dates falls on a Wednesday night. Join us for a fun night of great music, popcorn, and ice cream.

The concert dates are:

- June 15, 22, and 29
- July 6, 13, 20, and 27
- and August 3, 10, and 17



Please contact Jen at [jennifermmlenz@gmail.com](mailto:jennifermmlenz@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering for the concession stand. We will need three volunteers per concert. Thanks!

We are also excited to announce our third annual **Movie in the Park**! This year, it will happen on Wednesday, August 24 at dusk, also in St. James Park. Bring a blanket and enjoy some popcorn while watching our movie.

Finally, the ANA will be hosting the **Back to School Picnic**. This event is always on the first day of school. This year, it'll be on Thursday, September 1st at St. James Park. Bring your appetite and get a chance to catch up with your neighbors. If you are interested in helping with the event, please contact Jim at [jfriskjr@yahoo.com](mailto:jfriskjr@yahoo.com).

## Connect With Astor

Stay informed with events in our neighborhood by visiting the Astor Neighborhood Association's Facebook page! Go to [www.facebook.com/AstorNeighborhood](http://www.facebook.com/AstorNeighborhood) and click the "like" button.

You could also create an account on our neighborhood's Nextdoor page! Nextdoor Astor is a private social network just for the residents of Astor Neighborhood. Join the 161 neighbors already using Nextdoor Astor to stay up to date on news and upcoming events.

Visit [https://astor.nextdoor.com/choose\\_address/](https://astor.nextdoor.com/choose_address/) to sign up.



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# Brown County District 4 - County Library Updates

**Central/Downtown Library** – The basement of the library, including the meeting rooms and auditorium, are currently going through a full renovation, including furniture, carpeting, new technology, and other repairs. The plan is for this project to be completed by Memorial Day. Additionally, the parking lot is currently being repaved with asphalt. As a result of this repaving, there will be two-way traffic flow and 10 new parking places, as well as some motorcycle parking. While the lot is being refurbished, patrons can park (for free!) at the nearby former Humana building.

**Masterplan** – a masterplan for the library is undergoing final revisions before approval by the library board. It will ultimately be presented to the Education and Recreation Committee and the full Board of County Supervisors. This masterplan will identify the goals and potential paths of the future of the Brown County Library to ensure that we are a fully-functional, 21st century library system.

**East Side Branch** – Part of the masterplan is identifying possibilities for the materials and services of the East Side library. Currently the library is occupying rented space and the lease will be up in February of 2018. Important issues including size, space allocation, computer facilities, and proximity to transportation and parking are all being considered for the future of this branch.

Please feel free to forward any questions or concerns (library or any other county issues).

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## Ask A Gardener

Dear Astor Neighborhood Gardener,

I need to move some shrubs to a different spot, but I am not sure of how to go about doing so. Any suggestions?

Sincerely, John on Adams

Dear John,

If you must move conifers or shrubs, this is the time. Here are the basics: first, don't forget to call Digger's Hotline by dialing 811. Prepare the new site first by digging the hole deeper and wider than you think you'll need- you can always put soil back in. With a spade, make your way around the plant to be moved, gently cutting roots all around the trunk about 15" to 18" around, larger if the plant is larger. With the spade or a pry bar, lift the plant from underneath. If it has a tap root, you may hear it snap, but make sure you're deep enough to get most of the roots. Lay burlap on the ground next to the plant and gently lift it onto the burlap, taking care to retain soil on the root ball. Roots without soil, not good, same as a fish out of water - it only takes minutes for life to be extinguished.

Wrap the root ball in burlap and transport in a wheelbarrow to the new location. Assess your new hole depth. Remember when you actually add the plant to the hole, that it should be replanted at the same depth as the previous site. If the soil on the trunk is too high, it will cause transplant failure. Remove the burlap if you can, add broken soil to the hole, creating a slight well around the plant to hold water. Water, and then come back and water again a couple more times. You can use a rooting hormone; garden centers carry this product, just follow the instructions on the jug.

Astor Neighborhood Gardener

Send your gardening questions to

[AstorNeighborhoodGardener@gmail.com](mailto:AstorNeighborhoodGardener@gmail.com).



# Wrecked at the Weidner

## A Program designed to stop youth drinking and driving

Alcohol and young drivers doesn't mix, we all know that. Every year we see shocking new statistics regarding drinking and driving. Some would say that it's all because of the drinking culture that young people become a part of as they grow up. Alcohol consumption is socially acceptable and too much a part of the lifestyle. So far, I am sure that I am not saying anything new. So the question becomes, how do we break the norms? How do we get through to high school age youth that they don't have to drink to be cool, or be socially accepted by their peers?

I'll save the statistics for a little later as they seem to always provide the "oh my god" factor, but then fall short of really changing any minds. The real reason I write this is to explain a new initiative called **"Wrecked at the Weidner"**. This event will take place this fall at UWGB, right at the Weidner Center. Green Bay High School students will be taken by bus to the campus on November 3rd. What they will get is a stage show, which will center on a drinking party involving high school youth. Then they will see a crash that will present all the horrific steps surrounding a serious accident. Some portions will be on video for reality purposes but for the most part it will be live. Personal accounts from victims and perpetrators will also be given.



The program will be much like one that has taken place for several years in the Fox Valley called "Party at the PAC". This program has seen great success and made youth stop and think about the dangers of drinking and driving. Statistics show that the earlier we can get youth thinking about being responsible drivers the better it is for them and all of us on the road. Here are some numbers that should tell the story:

- teen alcohol use kills 4,700 people each year- that's more than all illegal drugs combined
- about one in seven teens binge drinks, yet only 1 in 100 parents believe his or her teen binge drinks
- 50 to 75 percent of convicted drunk drivers continue to drive on a suspended license
- on average 2 out of 3 people will be involved in a drunk driving crash in their lifetime
- car crashes are the leading cause of death for teens
- an average drunk driver has driven drunk over 80 times before first arrest.

*(Statistics compiled by MADD)*

Back in early February when LT Chad Ramos and I were contacted to join the planning group for this event by Leadership Green Bay and St. Vincent/St. Mary's Hospitals, we simply had to say yes. As a community we have got to show our youth that there is a better way.

Thanks,

**Paul Van Handel**

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# Twenty-Eight Years at WFRV-TV and Still Going Strong

by Patrick Walker, Jr.

Erin Davisson has been an Anchor/Reporter at WFRV-TV Channel 5, our nearby TV station, since 1988. When asked what she likes most about coming to work everyday, she said, "I enjoy the diversity." However, reporting objectively can be challenging at times, as Davisson experienced with the tragedy of 9/11. "For about a week," she vividly recalls, "I came to work, did my job, and left with a sick feeling."

Davisson has met famous people, attended world events such as Super Bowls XXXI and XLV, and has experienced many other travels along the way. Her most intimidating and exciting event occurred in the late 1990's. She was selected as one of a dozen anchorwomen picked from all over the country to appear on an episode of the Oprah Winfrey show. This show was about anchorwomen receiving a complete makeover. After arriving in Chicago, she was put up in a fancy hotel, was treated to wearing cashmere and said, "I was treated like royalty." In addition to appearing on the show, she personally interviewed Mrs. Winfrey for a half-hour time slot. Another time when Davisson had a brush with fame was at an event for the Bellin Health Lifeline Series held at the Weidner Center, in which she was the Moderator. She met such notables as Jane Pauley, Joan Rivers, and her childhood idol Julie Andrews.

Being an anchor or reporter can also have its perks in the world of sports. Davisson was able to get up close to the players and events surrounding Super Bowl XXXI in New Orleans and Super Bowl XLV in Dallas. She enjoyed New Orleans, as everything from the Superdome to

the hotel to the French Quarter was in close proximity. "There was just so much to see and do," she said.

Dallas on the other hand, laid out a plethora of challenges thanks in part to mother nature. The weather had unusually dipped below freezing, creating

a blanket of ice on the roads and streets. The traffic was at a standstill at times. Davisson and her crew were parked about a half mile from Texas Stadium and carefully had to take small steps carrying their luggage and gear. Speaking of the stadium itself, "It was an enormous and beautiful venue," she said. Davisson jokingly told me she must be a good luck charm being that both Super Bowls she was on assignment for, the Green Bay Packers won.

When asked what she thinks of the technological advances through the years, she passionately said, "I embrace it." The advent of the computer and advances in graphics and social media have made her job much easier. Her favorite type of social media is using Twitter, being that it is lightning fast in communicating.

Outside of work Erin enjoys spending time with her husband Mike and her family, listening to music, and her two cats.



A fantastic night at the Howe School Family Dinner. Thank you ANA board members for volunteering your time and supporting this event!

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