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A Word from Your ANA President

Dear Astor Neighbors,

Things are beginning to shape up to be another exciting summer in Astor. Board members and volunteers are piecing events together and much more will be coming out for your help and input. For the second year, we will be holding the Summer Beer Garden, and this year the event will be on Saturday, June 23rd. The cost is \$15/ticket, but please watch the Facebook page and the new and improved Astor website for the rest of the details. We will probably post on doors with a flyer as well.

The Green Bay City Band is playing once again on Wednesday evenings from June 13th – August 22nd, and we intend to sell popcorn and other snacks for this weekly event. Please, please, please, we need volunteers to work the concession stand. Please call me if you have done this in the past, or would like to have a couple hours of meeting neighbors on any given Wednesday evening. WE NEED YOU!

“If Homes Could Talk” was a huge success last year, and the format is being simplified and better focused for this fall. Please look for my wife Deby’s brief about this event. We would also like to re-focus on the Fox River Clean Up this year. If you have children and students who would like to give back to the community, please contact me or any board member so that we can begin a list of volunteers.

Finally, we need volunteers on all levels: folks that wish to help for one event, for one evening, one afternoon, etc.... we cannot do it without concerned, active neighbors. Last year, our Association was granted the Neighborhood of the Year Award. We are committed to a healthy, vibrant neighborhood and that cannot happen without your help. Please contact any one of us if you are that neighbor.

Please have a safe and fun summer,

Hoping to see you,

Ron Dehn
President
Astor Neighborhood Association

Astor Parking

Dear Neighbors, thank you for your support in the recent election. I enjoyed being able to talk to as many of you as was possible and hear your concerns for our community. I made a list of issues and ideas you had for our district and city and have passed them on to the proper authorities. I will be getting back to you with whatever results come from them.

One thing I heard about a lot in your association area was about the residential parking permits that are required to be able to park on the street during the day. A short history on the permit, is that it started when the two hospitals began to add on to their buildings and staff. The coupled with more patients and visitors resulted in congested parking in your area along with an increased difficulty in maneuvering space on roads and nowhere for your personal visitors to park. This resulted in the need for residential parking permits for the area.

Over the years, the hospitals have added offsite parking with bus service or sites close enough for staff to walk a few blocks to work. St. Vincent's built a parking ramp that at first charged users, but since allows free parking and has open stalls all day long. With these systems in place, many of you have expressed you no longer want to be burdened with obtaining permits every year or calling in for parking permits for visiting friends or relatives during the day.

This city is moving forward to rescind the residential parking permit for a trial period. During this period they will monitor parking and complaints on your streets. The signs will be removed but the sign posts will remain in case it is started up again or if there would be a need for signs to limit the amount of parking time on your streets. I am looking for your input before this trial period starts. The question I need input from you pertains to whether we allow unlimited parking on your streets during daylight hours or if we should have the parking limited to a set amount of time such as 2 hours or 4 hours at a time. We can also have limited time parking in certain areas such as Aldo School and nearer to the hospitals.

Please email me your thoughts as to where you live and what if any restrictions you would like to see on your street. My email is district4@greenbaywi.gov. If you do not have email, you can call me at **920-639-4640**.

Thank you again for your support.

Bill Galvin, Alderman

Summer Events at St. James Park

The Astor Neighborhood is lucky to have the **Green Bay City Band concerts** in our very own St. James Park! Each Wednesday from June 13-August 22, except for July 4, come join us for a fun night of great music, popcorn, and ice cream.

The concert dates are:

- **June 13, 20, and 27**
- **July 11, 18, and 25**
- **and August 1, 8, 15, and 22**

Please contact Ron at dehno4@yahoo.com or **(920) 737-6502** if you are interested in volunteering for the concession stand. It's okay if you've never volunteered for any neighborhood events in the past. The concession stand is a great way to get involved. We will need three volunteers per concert.



Please mark your calendars for **Wednesday, August 29th** and reserve the evening for ANA's annual **Movie in the Park**. We have had great fun over the past four years, and are excited to continue this tradition! Do you have movie ideas? Please message our Facebook page with any. Also, please watch our Facebook page this summer as we will put the movie selections to a vote!



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 **Tuesday, September 4** 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 Ron Dehn at dehno4@yahoo.com or **(920) 737-6502**.

Brown County District 4 - County Updates

First, let me thank you for re-electing me in April – regardless of who you voted for, it is truly a humbling honor, and I look forward to representing everyone in District 4 on the county legislature. The beginning of a new term (and 4 new members of the 26-supervisor board) is always a good time to review some of the initiatives that I hope to pursue in upcoming two years. Many of “my” best ideas are actually yours – when constituents reach out to me and let me know what they think could be done to improve how our county is run. In addition to the important discussions about jail expansion and the construction of the medical examiner’s office, over the next two years, I will be pursuing a number of issues, including:

- Determining ways that our county airport can be sustainable. We have seen declining flight numbers and increased competition from Appleton, so what are we actively doing to ensure that our local facility can continue and thrive?
- To find a grant writer for human services. I have been elected the chair of the human services committee for the second time – over the past four years on that committee we have explored the services that are mandated vs. non-mandated by the state, an important designation. One way to continue, improve, and expand some of our services would be to have a grant writer on staff that could find and apply for opportunities to support our health and human services area.
- To ensure transparency, by recording/broadcasting committee meetings and by improving the county website. Though a board of supervisors meeting might not go viral on YouTube, it is extremely important that the public is always able to oversee our work without having to attend every meeting in person. Additionally, the county website has remained static for too many years – we need a platform that is as dynamic as our county.

These are just a couple of issues that I feel need to be addressed. What other ones are important to you? Feel free to email me with your ideas or other questions/concerns at Hoyer_EW@co.brown.wi.us or call/text me at **920-366-1396**.

Erik Hoyer

Brown County Supervisor
District 4

BROWN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS:

HISTORY TOUR



CELEBRATING
200 YEARS OF
BROWN COUNTY

**Early Bird
Registration Deadline:
July 10, 2018:
\$40/Person
\$20/Kids 16 & under**

**Saturday, August 25th, 2018 starting at Voyageur Park in De Pere
9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Take a drive and celebrate Brown County’s 200th Anniversary! Call on your family and friends and assemble a team between (2-4 people). Explore the hidden gems of our county.

Have fun, play games, solve clues, take pictures, enjoy scenery, and discover history!

Come one, come all, and support your local historical organization!

For more details, <http://www.browncohistoricalsoc.org/history-tour-road-rally/>
or call **(920) 437-1840**

The Growing Crisis of Human Trafficking

We should really call it modern day slavery because in the truest sense that is really what human trafficking is. Some estimates claim that 80% of trafficking involves sex and about 20% involves labor exploitation. About 100,000 children are victims in the U.S. annually. Yet at least 300,000 are at risk according to 5 Stones Trafficking facts. 5 Stones is one of several organizations committed to creating awareness and attempting to educate to stop the exploitation that occurs every year. But why is human trafficking such a growing problem and what is really happening? Most information points to a combination of factors. At-risk youth tend to be runaways, group home placements, or even those placed in foster care. Potential victims are also youth that are misled by someone they come into contact with on a social media site. Although these could be the majority of victims, quite simply, it can happen to any young person anywhere.

Sex traffickers use sites such as Craigslist, Backpage, and Red Book to do their business. The average victim's age is between 12 and 14 years old. As information shows, don't think that this only happens in big cities. Studies show that victims come from all areas, both urban and rural. People need to realize that this is a well organized, billion dollar a year industry. One of the best ways to stop this crime is to do a better job of protecting children. In order to do that, adults need to know warning signs in youth.

These are some of the things to watch for in teens that may be victims of sex trafficking: a teenager that starts showing less interest in age-appropriate activities, avoiding eye contact, shows less social interaction, and develops low self esteem. In some cases, victims may show signs of physical injuries and abuse, drastic changes in attitude, clothing, and friends. Also, a teen that starts using multiple cell phones could be an indication of trafficking.

Dr. Ryan Martin from UW-Green Bay is one of the most knowledgeable people regarding the sex trafficking issue in the area. I had met him several years ago regarding a community outreach project. I was glad to see that he was very involved in this problem. Last fall, Dr. Martin had completed a six episode podcast on Human Trafficking. His program, called "All the Rage," discussed the issues impacting the trafficking problem. You can listen to these very informative

sessions at: <http://blog.uwgb.edu/alltherage/>. As he puts it, "We cannot arrest our way out of these problems...We have to look at vulnerabilities such as poverty, a lack of government regulation, or adequate rule of law. In addition we need to address the absence of meaningful work opportunities, otherwise we won't stop human trafficking."

What can parents do? Part of reducing vulnerabilities is to have healthy conversations with your children. Know who their friends are. Traffickers like to watch victims and study their habits. Statistics show that middle school children are the prime target for human trafficking. So get to know who they interact with on a regular basis.

Predators use social media sites to find girls and boys they want to traffic. Make sure that they keep Facebook and any social media pages private. Professionals suggest looking into an "Amber Alert" GPS device for your child's phone.



What tips can we give to teenagers? Always check in with friends and parents on a regular basis. Do not give a stranger your address. Be wary if someone asks you to do a favor for money. Trust your gut instinct: if it feels wrong or strange, it probably is.

For more information and to watch some very important videos on the human trafficking problem go to: <http://5-stones.org/>. Also go to <https://www.dosomething.org/>, and click on the Human Trafficking icon.

Thanks,

Paul Van Handel

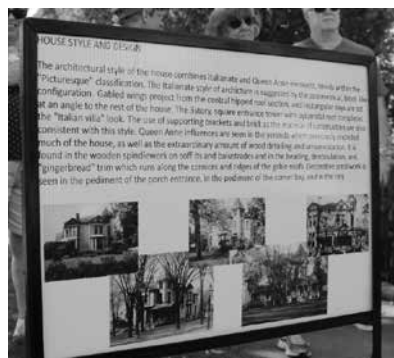
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2018 "If Homes Could Talk" Astor Walking Tour - Volunteer Your Home!



Do you love the history of your house and would like to share it with others? **"If Homes Could Talk"** is an annual event in partnership with the Astor Neighborhood Association and the Brown County Historical Society to

document the social and architectural history of the Astor Neighborhood. This year's guided walking tour will take place on September 15, 2018 throughout the twenty-five-block Astor Historic District bordered



by Mason, Van Buren, and Grignon Streets, and the east bank of the Fox River. The concept is to collect

and present local history and historical anecdotes, in which you, neighborhood residents, will volunteer your home to be a part of the tour. Participants provide written signs and graphics to be placed in

front of their homes, telling stories and offering information from the recent or not-so-recent past. Some homeowners have allowed us in their homes and gardens, or have told us tales of past residents. Last year's tour was a great success and this year will be even better. Thank you for all that participated! **We need to secure your commitment to participate in the 2018 Tour by August 1st.** If you are willing, please call Deby Dehn at (920) 737-6501, or email deby.dehn2@yahoo.com or Chris Dunbar at bchs@netnet.net. Past contributors, you have the sign! Just let me know you are in!

Two workshops facilitated by Deb Anderson, Archivist at the Area Research Center of UWGB on how to investigate the history of your home will be provided for interested residents on Wednesday, June 13th and June 20th at the BCHS at 6pm. To explore an example of an ongoing homes tour, follow this link: <https://walknewburyport.wordpress.com/>



Tickets will go on sales in August through Eventbrite. The link to purchase will be posted on our events page on our websites and our Facebook page. See you in September!

Easter Egg Hunt Recap by Kathy Johnson

Although good ole Mother Nature bombarded St. James Park with the crazy weather mix of rain, snow, fog, and almost 10 mph winds mingled with 30 degrees on March 31st, our Easter Egg hunt still moved forward. Partakers dug out their winter gear and umbrellas to search for over 2000 eggs that were quickly getting buried by the falling snow. Many families came early to play the games that were set up, see the SWAT Team, do a relay race, try yoga poses, play board games with a couple local Veterans, build snowmen, get a hand tattoo, and everyone that signed in had a chance to win some pretty cool prizes. As the kids found their allotted amount of eggs, they turned them in for a Easter treat bag which consisted of treats and various coupons from our local businesses for the kids to come and enjoy with their families. It was great to see everyone join the festivities and have some fun as a community together.

The children also had fun playing games and playing in the snow with our Mayor Jim Schmitt, our District 4 Brown County Supervisor Eric Hoyer, as well as our Congressman Mike Gallagher, all of whom were kind enough to help pull the names for the prize winners. According to our sign in sheets we had 167 people brave the weather to enjoy the event, with 76 children signed in for the egg hunt portion.

Please thank the following business sponsors that contributed towards the Easter Egg Hunt as you visit their facilities: **A&W, Avenue Beauty Salon, Happy Joe's Pizza & Ice Cream - Green Bay, Neville Public Museum, Howard Suamico Lions Club, George's Secret Elves, Associated Bank, Green Bay YMCA • Ferguson Family, 100+ crew, Green Bay Police Department, Astor Neighborhood Association, Schreiber Foods, Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley, and De Pere Cinema.**

Special thanks to the most wonderful volunteers that helped brave the weather, help hide eggs, set up activity tables, sign people in, help with the prize bags and ticket drawing, and help pick up the park after the event even when they were already soaked to the bone from running the event. We literally were picking up the remaining Easter Eggs with a snow shovel during clean up. We were blessed with big hearted souls helping to keep things upbeat and positive. Thank you to everyone for helping to create a Easter Egg Hunt full of crazy-weathered, silly memories for us all to remember for many years to come.

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