

# ASTOR OUTLOOK

NEWSLETTER

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[www.astorneighborhood.org](http://www.astorneighborhood.org)

Greetings fellow Astor Neighbors;

I want to thank all of you who turned out for this year's annual meeting who were able to enjoy the chili and root beer donated by Titledown Restaurant and our fellow residents Brent and Joanne. Also, thank you who came to listen to our guest speakers Stephanie and Jason. With all of you present, we had a great turn out this year.

A big "Thank You" to those of you who signed up to volunteer for upcoming ANA events, we really need you in a big way! In that spirit, I would like to welcome our three newest members of the ANA board; Emelie Heil, Denise Parsley, and Dr. Skip Heverly. With their commitments, we now have 9 strong members.

Summer is a great time in our Astor neighborhood where so many people walk, run, and ride their bikes. We have two great parks to visit and we are all aware of the Fox river trail where folks come from all over the city to walk and bike and enjoy the mighty Fox. Speaking of parks, City Band recently announced their schedule for the summer at St. James Park and once again we will be selling refreshments for all to enjoy. Please support your neighborhood association at these events by purchasing our treats. This is one of our major fund raisers and a great place to discuss ideas you may have for other summer events and activities.

With all this in mind, please have a great, safe summer and please plan on participating in some of our activities which you will hear more about in the rest of this letter.

Regards,

**Ron Dehn**  
*ANA President*

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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.

# Astor Park Easter Egg Hunt Recap



This year over 300 people made a point to hip-pity hop their way to St. James Park for this year's Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Thankful for the beautiful sunny weather compared to last year's snow storm, I was blessed to have the help of 55 beautiful volunteers. This team of pure AWESOMENESS helped with pre-set up tasks, event set up, run games & activities, and to ensure park clean up. The event could not have run so beautifully without their helping hands, friendly welcoming demeanors, and commitment to making this event fun, welcoming, and engaging for all. As I looked around the park, I saw many smiling faces, neighbors talking with neighbors, people meeting new people, and kids laughing and playing together. It sure was a beautiful sight to see and something you wish all communities could experience. Sure, some Easter Egg Hunts are all about the egg finding and candy bits, but ours was just good old fashion neighborly fun and families spending time back in our community making memories together. We were able to showcase the heart of our neighborhood that day and it was spectacular.

As you visit some of our sponsors for this event, please take time to say thank you for their support. They care about our neighborhood and have contributed toward the family geared fun of the event: Astor Neighborhood Association, Schreiber Foods, Union Congregational United Church of Christ, George's Secret Elves, A&W Downtown Monroe, Happy Joe's Pizza & Ice Cream - Green Bay, DePere Cinema, Riveria Lanes, Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley, Greater Green Bay YMCA, Roxy's Rocks, gems, minerals and Jewelry, Neville Public Museum, Avenue Beauty Salon LLC, Howard City Lions Club

Have a beautiful day,

Kathleen Johnson - ANA Board Member



## Brown County Historical Society 2019 Road Rally Fundraiser

Saturday, August 17, 2019 • Voyageur Park in De Pere • 9:00AM-4:00PM

Fill up your gas tanks, start your engines, and join us for the Brown County Historical Society Road Rally 2019 Fundraiser! Assemble a team and explore back roads, city streets, and unique locations in Brown County. As a team, compete to win by solving clues, playing games, taking selfies, completing challenges, enjoying scenery, and discovering history! Upon returning to Voyageur Park, enjoy good food, enter our 50/50 Raffle, and win cash prizes!

**Photos & selfies are a part of all the fun, camera phones or digital cameras are required.**

**Cost for Car Teams:** \$35/Person, \$30/BCHS Members, \$15/Kids 15 & under

**Cost for Bicyclists:** \$25/Person, \$20/BCHS Members, \$10/Kids 15 & under

Sign up for the Road Rally by visiting:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bchs-2019-road-rally-tickets-58032036383> or  
[www.browncohistoricalsoc.org](http://www.browncohistoricalsoc.org) to download the Registration Form



Call us at 920-437-1840 with questions!

*We look forward to sharing the road with you!*





Hello neighbors, this has been one wet cold spring and I hope you are all weathering it as well as possible. During my three years as your alderperson, I have received many calls, and emails from you with your concerns or ideas for our City. I pass that information on to the proper city department and if you want

to know what I find out, I contact you to give you the information back. I know I am not always the fastest resource and I would like to make you aware of the City's new Request for Service program.

To access the Request for Service, you can go to <https://greenbaywi.gov> on the main page in the center of the Page you will see an icon that says Request for Service below it. Click on it and it will open to a page that will

give you 11 choices to make a request on. Another way to access it would be to google Green Bay request for service and it will take you right to the page with the 11 choices.

Once you select the area you want to services from, you will need to fill out the address in question, description of problem. You can also indicate if you complained before, fill out your contact information and check if you want an email update. You can even upload images to help show what you are contacting the City about.

I would ask if you do use this service and do not receive an adequate response, please let me know.



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**Homeless Outreach Team (HOT)-** Is a real boots on the ground effort to solve homelessness in our area.

The Green Bay Police Dept together with the Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition have partnered to create a Homeless Outreach Team (HOT). The team is dedicated to doing street outreach. The collaboration is a very big step forward in solving homelessness in our area. The HOT Team will impact the community in two ways.

#### *Outreach:*

- Outreach is the meeting with people where they are geographically, philosophically and emotionally. This is the essence of outreach to people who are experiencing homelessness.
- The Homeless Outreach Team is a bridge between homelessness and the Continuum of Care within our area

#### *Goals:*

- Establish Rapport with the homeless
- Make arrangements for treatment, shelter, safety & stability
- Provide onsite case management
- Document, verify homelessness
- Encourage, motivate, mentor

Agency partners in the HOT team program are: NEW Community Shelter, Family Services, Newcap, St. John's Homeless Shelter, The Veterans Outreach Program, NEW Community Clinic, Brown County Mental Health Treatment Center, Freedom House, HSHS St.Vincent, St Marys

If you see someone who is experiencing homelessness, please contact us.

The HOT Team is coordinated by:

#### **Paul Van Handel**

Community Police, GBPD

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Basic Needs Committee

Homeless Outreach Team (HOT)

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The Homeless Outreach Team

# 2019 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 (ANA) and the Brown County Historical Society (BCHS) to document the social and architectural history of the Historical Astor Neighborhood. This year's guided walking tour will take place on September 21st, 2019 throughout the twenty-five-block Astor Historic District bordered by Mason, Van Buren, and Grignon Streets and the east bank of the Fox River.



This year we are looking for up to 8 homes to view the interior of the property. We have at least two so far. Due to the fantastic involvement of our neighbors in the past two years the tour route has become too lengthy for some of our participants. This year we would like to offer two venues. First is a self-guided walking tour that will include past volunteered homes and any others that would like to put a descriptive sign in front of their home talking about the history of that property. This tour will be a free self-guided tour through-out the neighborhood and signs will remain up all weekend. The second venue will be ticketed with a tour guide leading the way to view the interior of the historical properties on the route.

Please consider opening your home to the public to tell the story of your home during the Tour. We don't need to view the entire property but get a glimpse of the past and see the architecture of the home. 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 2019 Tour by August 21st.*** If you are willing, please email or call **Deby Dehn** at [deby.dehn2@yahoo.com](mailto:deby.dehn2@yahoo.com) or **Chris Dunbar** at [bchs@netnet.net](mailto:bchs@netnet.net). Past contributors, you have the sign! Just let

me know you are in! We also can talk you through designing your sign and provide resources for researching your home.

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





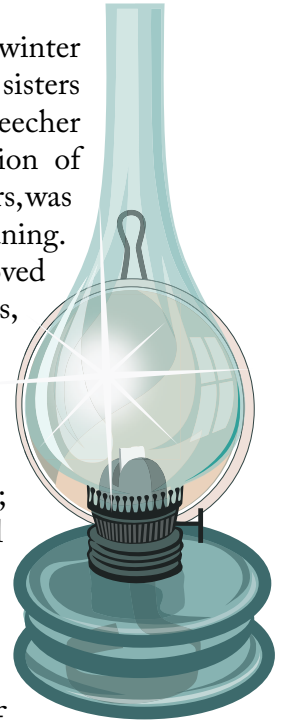
## Spring Cleaning *by Jason Flatt – City of Green Bay Historic Preservation Specialist*

Cleaning an old house can be a significant chore, even in an era of Swiffers and Roombas. If your household is like mine, some rooms are dusted only when visitors are expected, but even when some rooms are neglected for prolonged periods it can seem like cleaning demands too much of our time. Of course, it could be worse. In 1908, a study (*The Cost of Cleanliness* by Ellen Richards) was conducted to calculate how long it took to maintain cleanliness in a typical 8-room house. Removing dust and dirt alone was calculated to require 18 hours a week. Add to this the time required to tend to oil & gas lamps as well as the seasonal needs of a furnace, heating stoves, and fireplaces – including the time required to keep windows clean in a house generating so much soot from lamps, a furnace, stoves, and fireplaces. The study concluded that the total time required to keep a house clean amounted to an average of 27 hours per week. This does not include other household tasks such as cooking, laundry, and dish washing.

Spring cleaning was, and to some extent still is, an annual series of chores intended to shake out the dirt and clutter acquired over a winter. In the 19th century and the early 20th century, spring cleaning was typically a week-long event that began in April or May. Removing the ash and dust generated by burning an average of 4 tons (long tons,

so nearly 9,000 pounds) of coal each winter for heat (per an 1869 estimate by sisters Catherine Beecher and Harriet Beecher Stowe), along with the accumulation of mud & muck tracked in from outdoors, was the primary objective of spring cleaning. Carpets and draperies were removed for cleaning; all windows, mirrors, and floors were washed; winter clothes were put away (and moth-proofed); furniture was polished; painted walls were scrubbed; furnaces and fireplaces were cleaned; heating stoves were put away; and all pantries and bins were given a good once-over. Outside, storm windows were removed and screens put in their place. Some other exterior tasks, such as an annual painting of the porch or fences, were often tackled as part of spring cleaning. Painting the entire house was done once every 4 to 6 years, on average.

Fall cleaning was also an important annual event, but we have a few months before we have to worry about that.



## Did you know?

Your old house may have had a coal room in the basement. Coal was delivered by wagon and shoveled through a chute or window in your basement foundation. If you find shiny black rocks in a room in your basement (also check the foundation walls and ceiling joists), that is probably coal. Another give-away can be found on the doorframe –

a slotted channel that would allow for boards to be inserted to build up a temporary wall is typical for a coal room. Nobody wanted to open the door to their coal storage room and end up with an avalanche of coal pouring into the rest of the basement.



*A coal room in the basement of an 1881 Queen Anne*



*Note the slotted channel in door frame, at left. Boards were inserted and dropped down to form a wall roughly 4-feet high in the doorway opening. Boards were removed as the coal level went down.*

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## Summer Events in 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 19 - August 21, come join us for a fun night of great music, popcorn, and ice cream. Please contact **Ron** at [dehno4@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

Don't miss the **Back to School Potluck** hosted by the ANA. It will be held **Tuesday, September 3 at 6:00 p.m.** A main course will be provided. Feel free to bring a dish to pass if you choose. Rain location will be across the street at First Evangelical Lutheran Church.

*Bring your appetite and get a chance to catch up with your neighbors.*

