



ASTOR OUTLOOK

A newsletter of the Astor Neighborhood Association

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Astor Egg Hunt

Ghostly wisps of fog dance across patches of wet spring grass, while eager children wait in anticipation, planning their strategic journey through the



canvass of brightly colored candy-filled prizes. Once again it is time to circle Saturday, April 10th for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, to be held at 10:00 am at St. James Park. Have your basket or empty egg carton ready to fill

and prepare for fun! A donation of \$1.00 per child is greatly appreciated to help with the cost of filling the more than 1,200 eggs that it takes to keep these eager egg-hunters happy! If you are interested in helping with this event, either prior to or the day of, please contact Mike Bielski at 884-1941 or mikeb@astorneighborhood.org.

Annual Meeting

Monday, April 19th is the date of the Astor Annual Meeting! Please join us at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 743 South Monroe St., at 6:30pm. We will begin with neighborhood business and updates. 2004 Astor goals and projects will also be discussed. This is a very important meeting to attend because we will be voting on a neighborhood resolution regarding the Hospital Corridor Parking Situation. We will also be electing new board members that evening. Then, our very own neighbor and Mayor, Jim Schmitt, will be our keynote speaker. Feel free to bring questions or concerns that you may have for the mayor. Refreshments and cookies will be provided by the ANA Board

Fox River Clean Up

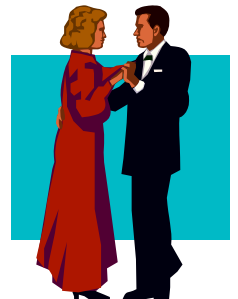
In honor of National Volunteer week, which runs from April 18-24, the ANA will sponsor a spring cleanup on the Fox River Trail. Please join us at 9:30 am on Saturday, April 24th at the Fox River trail head, located at the corner of Porlier and Adams Streets. We will focus on the ANA-sponsored portion of the trail, from Porlier Street south towards Marine Street, near Zeller's Sport Shop. The ANA will supply the bags, gloves, and refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there!

Put on Your Dancing Shoes!

Calling all area neighbors who are Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers "wanna-be's" who like to strut their stuff! The Astor-East River Neighborhood Association is hosting a fun-filled Sunday afternoon of **Ballroom Dancing!** Kevin Shepardson of Green Bay Dance Studio will be there to provide basic instruction and to play the finest music to showcase what you've learned! We're looking for neighbors of all ages to join us for an afternoon of good times and reliving many memories. The tentative date is Sunday, 7 March 2004 from 1:00-3:00 at Howe School. The AER is inviting the neighbors from Navarino Neighborhood Association and Astor Neighborhood Association.

This will be a great opportunity to meet new people and perhaps make new friends. Cost for this event is \$1.00 per person. Please RSVP to Bobbie Lison at 490-0034 or by e-mail at travelmongers@tds.net, or Sara Huens at 431-0712.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!



President's Message

Happy New Year! I hope you have a blessed and successful 2004. I can't believe it has already been a year since I became your President. I have thoroughly enjoyed the position and I look forward to new endeavors. The past year has been filled with numerous events, projects, and changes for our neighborhood. Speaking of changes, it is time for me to make one. I hopefully will be able to remain on the Astor Neighborhood Association Board but I will no longer be acting as your President. My husband and I are adopting a child from China and I feel it would be unfair to the board and the neighborhood to continue as the lead. We are not confirmed yet on when we will travel to China, but I feel it is best to hand over the reins and help the board prepare for the future instead of leaving people hanging at the last minute. I know my first and foremost focus will be our daughter and we look forward to that joy and, as many have reminded us, frustrations as well.

As this being my last message, I want to assure you that I will always be available to the Astor neighborhood and its residents. I would still like to finish the street sign project this spring, be involved with the hospital corridor parking situation and, hopefully, help out as a board member.

Please remember that board elections are at the April 19th Annual Board Meeting and we look forward to some new faces on the board or old faces coming out of retirement to rejoin the Astor Board. Please contact

any one of us if you are interested in being on the ANA Board. Also, the Annual meeting will be a great opportunity to talk to Mayor Jim Schmitt regarding neighborhood and city issues pertaining to Astor Park.

I will sincerely miss being in the Presidential position (yes, because there are so many perks, private jet, a large bonus, stock options, etc. ha ha) because I have found out so much about our neighborhood and our city. I am amazed at how much I have learned regarding our local city government. I truly am grateful for the experience and support of all of you especially my board. You all have been great!

I just love this neighborhood and the people! Teppie Schueller, President (for a little while longer)

Changes in Community Policing

The Community Police that cover the Astor Neighborhood have been changed to:

Pat Blindauer and Terry Tyler 448-3143

Office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 3-6 pm

Joannes Policing Center, 325 S. Baird St.

Please stop in during these office hours if you would like to address a neighborhood problem with an officer.

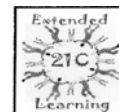
Howe Family Resource Center Presents:

- **Standard First Aid CPR – 2 week class**
Tuesday, March 2, 5:30 – 9 pm (*English*)
Tuesday, March 9, 6 – 8 pm (*English*)
Tuesday, April 6, 5:30 – 9 pm (*Spanish*)
Tuesday, April 13, 6 – 8 pm (*Spanish*)
Register at least one week prior to class: (920) 391-4655
- **Positive Discipline Techniques for Parents**
Tuesday, April 20, 6 – 8 pm
Register at least one week prior to class: (920) 391-4655
- **Women's Self Defense Class (In English)**
2 Part Series
Tuesday, May 4, 6 – 8 pm
Tuesday, May 11, 6 – 8 pm
Register at least one week prior to class: (920) 391-4655
- **How to Deal with Difficult Situations**
Wednesday, May 19, 6 – 8 pm
Register at least one week prior to class: (920) 391-4655

ALL CLASSES HELD AT:

526 S. Monroe Ave, Next to A&W

UW
Extension



FREE!

Please recommend long-term residents or renovated houses to Trini Bielski at trinib@astorneighborhood.org for *Meet Your Neighbor / House Kudos* features.

Tax Tips

The Wisconsin Historical Society's Division of Historic Preservation (DHP) administers a program of 25-percent state income tax credits for repair and rehabilitation of historic homes in Wisconsin. To qualify, your personal residence must be one of the following:

- Listed in the state or national register;
- Contributing to a state or national register historic district; or
- Be determined through the tax credit application process to be eligible for individual listing in the state register.

To get the tax credit, you must spend at least \$10,000 on the following types of eligible work within a two-year period:

- Work on the exterior of your house, such as roof replacement and painting, but not including site work such as driveways and landscaping;
- Electrical wiring, not including electrical fixtures;
- Plumbing, not including plumbing fixtures;
- Mechanical systems, such as furnaces, air conditioning, and water heaters; and
- Structural work, such as jacking up floors.

If you cannot meet the \$10,000 minimum investment requirement within the two-year period, when you apply, you may request a five-year extension period. You must apply for the credit **before** having the work done.

For more information, contact your professional tax preparer or visit

Meet Your Board Members

It all started with a loaf of bread. A loaf of bread which a neighbor and ANA board member brought over to welcome the Schleis family, who had just moved into our Astor neighborhood in April, 1999. Pastor and Denise Schleis, along with their four boys, moved to First Lutheran's parsonage at 740 S. Quincy just after Easter, 1999. Paul had accepted the call to be Pastor at historic First Lutheran, and Denise would soon be starting as an x-ray technologist at Bellin Hospital.

Well, that loaf of bread led to an invitation to an Astor Neighborhood Association Board meeting, which led to Denise becoming Treasurer and Pastor to become Secretary. Pastor Schleis is no stranger to the Green Bay area, since he grew up in Mishicot, about 30 miles away. Prior to serving in Green Bay, he served for seven years as Pastor in Elkton, MI, and nine years in Marathon City, WI. This past year, he celebrated the 20th anniversary of his ordination into the Pastoral Ministry. Denise has worked as an x-ray technician over the past twenty years, in MI and WI, as well. Their four boys Keith (freshman, Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN), John (sophomore, Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton), Greg and Adam (8th and 2nd grade, St. Paul Lutheran School) can be seen working at the local A & W, talking with the "parkees" in St. James Park, fishing along the Fox River, and playing with their dog Ila.

The Schleis's enjoy the neighborhood, and the friends they have made through the Astor Neighborhood Association. "The

Astor Neighborhood truly is a gem of Green Bay, and we support all the efforts of the Neighborhood Association to promote and preserve this gem. This is a handy, friendly, and historic place to live," say Pastor Paul and Denise Schleis.

Alderman Update

- 0% 2004 CITY PROPERTY TAX INCREASE. Mayor Jim Schmitt worked aggressively to freeze your 2004 Green Bay property taxes. This was approved by the City Council. To continue looking for efficiencies in city government, Mayor Schmitt is forming the 'Budget Task Force Team 2005'. There will be 4 alderman and 8 citizens on this committee. If you would like to be considered for an appointment call the Mayor's assistant at 448-3006. Also call if you have any ideas that would make city government more efficient.

- BOSTON STORE. The vacant Boston Store will be renovated starting this spring by Baylake Bank. Tenants will include the Children's Museum, the bank, and other offices. The exterior will be renovated with "old downtown Green Bay" design storefronts of burgundy brick with lighter brick accent patterns. The plans can be seen at the Green Bay Planning Dept.

-ASTOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS. The new playground equipment designed with the help of neighbors was well received last summer. More recently, the basketball court was resurfaced. Later this year the tennis courts will be resurfaced.

- HOSPITAL CORRIDOR TRAFFIC AND PARKING STUDY. The City Planning and Traffic Departments continue to meet with neighbors and hospital representatives to review the traffic issues. The public is welcome at any of these meetings.

Please call me with comments or questions on any of these or any other issues.

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the continued support of*
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A poster with a border of many small hands holding each other. The text inside reads:

**HELPING
HANDS
NEEDS YOU!**

**If you want to help people
living in Green Bay, sign up to be a
Helping Hands 'HELPER'**

**Helpers will be dispatched to
elderly neighbors' homes when they
need a helping hand around the home.**

**Just a small commitment of time and
effort will go a long way!**

**If you and your family want to learn
more about being part of this
community service phone:
448-7340**

Come Grow With Us!

Howe Neighborhood Family Resource Center

Snow Removal Ordinances

City of Green Bay Ordinance Chapter 9.30
SNOW REMOVAL.

(1) SIDEWALKS. The lessee, occupant of first or ground floor, or person having charge of a building, or if there be no lessee, occupant, or person having charge, the owner of each parcel of real estate in the City abutting or bordering upon any street, avenue, highway, or other public place shall remove or cause to be removed all snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of or adjacent to such premises to the full paved width of such sidewalk within 24 hours after such snow or ice has fallen or accumulated thereon; provided where footways or sidewalks have not been paved or duly established, snow and ice shall be removed to a width of not less than 4' from that portion of the street or way which is used in common as a



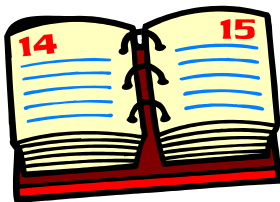
footway.

(3) DEPOSIT ON STREETS PROHIBITED. No person shall throw or put, or cause to be thrown or put, any snow or ice into any street, avenue, or other public place in the City.

Historic Plaques

If you're wondering when your historical home was originally built, you can visit www.wisconsinhistory.org/ahi/serchcity.asp and find out if your home is located in the boundaries of the National Historical Area designated by the State of Wisconsin, along with much more information on your home.

Erie Landmark Company is the provider of the attractive plaques that you see on many of our neighborhood's homes. The price of the plaque is \$188.50 which includes shipping and handling. To order, please contact Trini Bielski at 884-1941 or trinib@astorneighborhood.org.



Calendar of Events

02/16	Astor Board Meeting
02/17	Spring Primary – Vote!
02/24-25	Chamber of Commerce Business Fair - ShopKo Hall
03/06	NEW Zoo Animal Birthday Party
03/07	Astor East River hosts Ballroom Dancing (see article)
03/15	Astor Board Meeting
04/03	Big Event for Little Kids – at ShopKo Hall – 6\$; call 338-8034 for more info.
04/06	Spring Elections – Vote!
04/10	Easter Bunny visits St. James Park
04/19	ANA Annual Meeting (see article)
04/24	Fox Trail clean-up (see article)
05/17	Astor Board Meeting
05/22	Second Annual Astor Neighborhood Rummage Sale (see article)
05/23	Green Bay Marathon, Downtown
05/26	Astor Park Historic House Walk

ANA is Online

Read current and prior newsletters and the

minutes from ANA board meetings, sign up for the neighborhood e-mailing list, connect with the e-store, send e-mail to ANA board members, get the latest information about hospital parking, and link to community sites all at www.astorneighborhood.org



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WANTED!

A McGruff House is a safe house for children going to and from school or playing in a neighborhood.

If you are home most of the time when children are going to & from school-

Be a McGruff House Volunteer!

Call 448-7340

Wine Tasting Event

The cold and snow did not prevent over 70 neighbors from gathering at the Wine Premiere on Friday, January 23, 2004 for the Astor Park Neighborhood Association's largest social event of the year. Vineyards from Chili, Australia and California were represented at this year's annual wine tasting, complemented by the appetizers of Kreative Katering. Initial introductions between neighbors included the location of one's home but conversations quickly moved into countless areas of interest. Watch the newsletter and flyers for future opportunities to get together with Astor

neighbors in social settings and community projects.

TREASURER'S REPORT – is available on request.

Second Annual Astor Neighborhood Garage Sale

Who could have known when we held our first rummage sale last year that we had begun a wonderful new tradition in our neighborhood. Crowds of eager bargain hunters descended upon our somewhat startled neighbors and...presto! We had liftoff. The large numbers of people coming into this neighborhood prompted some people to simply start putting stuff out into their front yards in a charmingly impromptu manner. All the better, say we. Be it carefully planned or put together the morning of the sale, anything that clears out your basements and attics is a good thing!

As we did last year, the Astor Neighborhood Association will put up general information signs on Monroe and Webster a few weeks before the event. We will also put ads in the local papers with general information. Of course, those persons wishing to put up their own signs or buy their own ads may do so. Although some neighbors were hoping to develop a map of the individual sales, we feel that this would overly complicate the process.

The sale will begin officially at 8:00 a.m. Expect people to show up much earlier. As to when to end your sale, we leave that up to you. We encourage the people having sales to be particularly careful about leaving money out in the open during their sale. Numerous horror stories by persons who have attended other neighborhood rummage sales prompt us to make this warning. You also want to ensure that the wind doesn't blow your earnings away!

This event is an opportunity to show off our neighborhood and our hospitality as people walk from house to house. We encourage

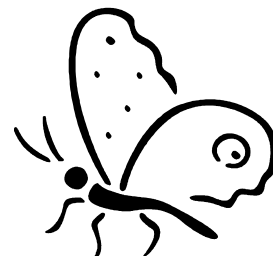
people to talk up our neighborhood, and tell people how great it is to live here! Feel free to offer up some coffee and a cookie. Have your kids do a lemonade stand. It all shows our neighborhood unity which is something to be proud of. See you May 22!

Gypsy Moth "To-Do" List

-Mid October through Mid April:

DESTROY EGG MASSES:

Destroy egg masses by spraying them with Golden Pest Spray Oil (formerly Golden Natur'l Oil) or by scraping off egg masses and killing them. If you plan on participating in a suppression spray, treating egg masses with Golden Pest Spray Oil is preferred, because it leaves the egg masses in place to be counted by the program surveyors. Golden Pest Spray Oil should be mixed 50/50 with water and then spritzed onto the egg mass until it is soaked. If you scrape off egg masses, use a knife to scrape all of the eggs into a jar. Eggs can be killed by microwaving them on high for 2 minutes or by soaking in soapy water for 2 days before discarding them in the trash. Don't just scrape egg masses onto the ground or try to crush them with your shoe as they will survive to hatch next spring.



Late April:

PLACE BARRIER BANDS ON TREE

TRUNKS: Barrier bands will prevent caterpillars from climbing back into trees after ballooning or when they have fallen. Barrier bands can be purchased or made using duct tape or other nonporous material that can be wrapped around a tree trunk and coated with a commercially available sticky material such as TangleFoot®.

NEVER put sticky material directly on the tree trunk. On thin-barked trees, tie butcher paper or paper bags around the trunk before using the duct tape. The sticky material may need to be re-applied periodically due to rain and other environmental conditions as well as when the bands are covered with caterpillars.

For more information, call 1-800-642-MOTH or contact your local DNR gypsy moth suppression coordinator, Bill McNee at 492-5930.

The Cellcomm Green Bay Marathon Unveils Course

Sean Ryan, race director, announced course details of the 5th annual Cellcom Green Bay Marathon, which will take place on Sunday, May 23, 2004. Scenic highlights include the historic Broadway district, residential tree-lined streets of Green Bay's near west side, the Veteran's Memorial, St. Norbert College campus, the shady boulevard of Ridgeway in east DePere and the Fox River Trail, including the downtown Riverwalk. The 2004 course will once again pass through the hallowed grounds of Lambeau Field. The marathon, half marathon and five mile events will include the opportunity to enter the stadium, pass through the player tunnel and onto the field.



The course is USATF certified and is a Boston Marathon qualifying run. The course is considered flat, with elevation changes of no more than 50 feet from start to finish. This year's course will have more than 20 water and sport drink stations, six split timers, eight medical/aid stations, pacing teams, plenty of porta-potties and race-day shuttles. In a true Wisconsin style, the finishing area will offer participants beer, brats and cheese in addition to usual runner fare.

Cellcom call stations and bike teams will again be available, giving runners the opportunity to place wireless calls during the 26.2-mile course. Cellcom's sister company, NetNet, will provide real-time text messages and email race results.

Over the past four years the race has generated more than \$80,000 in proceeds for local charities. The Cellcom Green Bay

Marathon seeks to create community spirit through a world-class marathon for people of all athletic abilities.

If you would like to help out at our drink station located on the Fox River Trail, please contact Mike Bielski at 884-1941 or email mikeb@astorneighborhood.org

Neighbor in Need

Our neighbor at 827 S. Jackson Street, Mrs. Raihala is looking for someone to plow her driveway this winter. If you are interested, please contact her at 432-5508.

Historic House Walk

The St. Vincent Hospital Auxiliary is sponsoring the Astor Park Historic House Walk on Wednesday, May 26, 2003, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The houses had not been announced at press-time. Tickets for this popular event are available at the St. Vincent gift shop for \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of (if any remain). Contact the gift shop at 433-8266 or St. Vincent's Volunteer Services at 433-8266 for more information as the featured houses are announced.

Meeting to Discuss Property

Union Congregational Church is exploring the possibility of developing the property on the south-west corner of the church (Cass & Jefferson) that was occupied by derelict housing. They are considering building handicapped/elderly condos with a building that will keep with the architecture of the neighborhood. They would like you to see their plans, talk with them, & give them your input. To do this, they are having an open house on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the church. Stop in anytime between 5:00 to 7:00pm. Hope to see you there!






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The board wishes to thank Erik Hoyer for editing the *Astor Outlook*. You may contact Erik with any newsletter questions or concerns at 437-3671 or ewhoyer@hotmail.com.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Please contact any board member with comments, questions, or concerns about the neighborhood or the Astor Neighborhood Association.

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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.

Board meetings held at the Howe Neighborhood Family Resource Center from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. All residents of the Astor neighborhood are welcome. The next three **board meetings** are:

March 15th

April 19th *

May 17th

*** Annual Astor Meeting, see article inside!**

Advertising

Postal regulations prohibit the non-profit Astor Neighborhood Association from advertising the phone number and address of any for-profit entity; however, email addresses and weblinks are allowed.

To place an ad, contact Erik Hoyer at 437-3671 by the second meeting date listed above. Cost: \$20 per business card sized ad.