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Meeting for Proposed Changes that Will Affect Astor Neighborhood

Monday, January 18th, 6:30 p.m. - First Evangelical Lutheran Church

In 1993 the State of Wisconsin passed a law requiring cities with properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places to enact local historic preservation ordinances. As a result, the City of Green Bay, like dozens of other communities throughout the state, enacted a local historic preservation ordinance and created a Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) tasked with preserving the community's historic structures, sites, and districts.

Recently the HPC has been considering whether Green Bay's historic resources are adequately protected and whether the City should pursue Certified Local Government (CLG) status. With regard to the question of adequate protection, the HPC notes that the Astor National Register District has lost 60 properties (or 15.5% of the contributing historic properties in the district) since 1980. Certified Local Government status offers the benefit of making preservation grant funds available to the City; however, in order to become a CLG the city must revise its current historic preservation ordinance. A revised preservation ordinance could accomplish two things—it could provide better protection for the community's historic resources and allow the city to obtain CLG status.

The purpose of the upcoming presentation is to generate awareness of the HPC's role in the community, describe the current historic preservation ordinance, and discuss what a possible revision of the historic preservation ordinance would entail. Ultimately, the HPC would like to gauge whether or not the residents of Astor would be in favor of a revision to the historic preservation ordinance or if the ordinance should be left as it currently stands.

Would you be in favor of a revision to the ordinance? Do you think the ordinance should remain as it is? Please join us at this meeting so you can learn more about the proposed changes. We will be in the basement of First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 743 S. Monroe, starting at 6:30.

Molly Martzke
President
Astor Neighborhood Association

The ANA Board Needs You!

If you are looking for a way to become more involved in the neighborhood, look no further than the Astor Neighborhood Association Board! We have a two positions open that we would love to fill. Come find out more at our next meeting: **Monday, January 18 at 6:30 p.m. at First Evangelical Lutheran church, 743 S. Monroe.** If you have any questions, or if you would like more information, contact any of the current board members. Thanks!

Brown County District 4

The county prison population census has regularly been pushing up towards 95% capacity. In an effort to ensure the continued safety of our citizenry while avoiding the construction expense of additional prison pods, a series of initiatives were included in the 2016 budget. These initiatives will also better serve the mental health needs and addiction issues that face our community. 1) Inpatient detox services – before this passed, Brown County was one of the only counties in Wisconsin which did not support detoxification services for those overcoming physical and chemical dependence on alcohol and other drugs. Often detoxification would occur in prisons without adequate medical staff or counseling. 2) Day center – this would be a location for checking in for non-violent offenders as well as health screening, personal and job counseling. 3) Mobile Crisis services – this would not only expand the availability and range of crisis services, allowing for in-person interventions. 4) Transitional residential treatment – continued support services in the follow up period after detoxification.

Also improved during the budget meeting was to start repairs and renovation of the downtown library auditorium. This is not a new expense to the tax levy but is part of the library renovation bonding, which occurred in 2012.

Spring elections for local non-partisan county and city positions, including our District 4 County Supervisor and Green Bay District 4 Alderman, are this spring. Candidates will be collecting signatures for their nomination papers during the month of December. If there are more than 2 candidates for either of these races, the primary will be on February 17th, 2016; the general election will be April 5th, 2016.

Erik Hoyer


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Meet the ANA Board

I live with my spouse Ron at 1010 S. Jackson St., a home we purchased from a former Astor Neighborhood Association President. I have been involved in downtown revitalization since 1995, when I was elected to the Board of Directors for Neighborhood Housing Services, now NeighborWorks Green Bay. Soon after I was hired as the Program Manager and help many new homeowners purchase in the Astor Neighborhood. I still serve on that Board. Shortly after I joined the Navarino Neighborhood Association and served as president for many years. I work as a Business Development Officer for Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority. Keeping neighborhoods viable and community connectedness is important to me, which is why I joined the ANA. I look forward to serving our neighborhood.

Thank you,
Deby Dehn



Comprehensive Plan Needed for S. Monroe Traffic, Not Quick Fixes

This past summer I wrote an article as I usually do for the Astor Outlook newsletter. It was just about time for the August issue and the article was titled "How to slow it down on S Monroe Ave". In the article I talked about how traffic was an issue people talked about. It was about the speed and lack of traffic control in the crosswalks on S. Monroe Avenue. Now, as I read the article back I probably should have more clearly defined the greater problem as being between Eliza and Emilie Streets in front of Aldo Leopold School. Well, regardless of my lack of specificity, by the article's end I asked if anyone had any ideas that they think might help solve the situation. I asked if they did, they should let me or an Astor board member know. I did not receive any responses. Neither did the Astor Board at that time.

That was August, 2015. On October 28th, 2015 we had an unfortunate car vs. dog accident. A pedestrian was legally and rightfully in the crosswalk with the dog on a leash when the incident happened. The Press-Gazette and Fox 11 news, among others, did numerous stories on the incident. The headlines read "Aldo Leopold parents, students, pushing for Monroe Ave drivers to slow down" and "Dog killed by driver spurs traffic crackdown". As much as the accident pushed the traffic issue to the forefront on S. Monroe, we are still no closer to finding a long-term, comprehensive solution. A meeting that took place on November 23rd highlighted among other things the strong need for safety in the crosswalks. Several residents wanted more police traffic enforcement in front of the school. Others wanted more effective signage and environmental designs put in place to slow traffic.

What is really needed is a combined strategy to solve the situation. Enforcement action alone cannot do it. Captain John Laux explained that the Green Bay Police Department cannot commit two traffic cars to S. Monroe on a daily basis for an extended period of time. Doing this

without any other factors in place is not an effective solution. Signage alone will not work for an extended period of time either. As traffic professionals have told me in the past, driver reaction to signs alone is eroded over time. The signs become part of the everyday clutter drivers see, thereby reducing the effectiveness of having them there. Adding to the issue is that S. Monroe is a State HWY 57 traffic corridor and a main artery into downtown Green Bay. So how do we keep traffic flowing and keep it safe? It is a neighborhood, and overall a community issue. The dialogue was started November 23rd. Let's keep the ideas, tempered with rational action going until a more permanent solution is found.



The problem won't get solved overnight; it will take some doing. As I said back in August, if you have any ideas that have not been mentioned at previous meetings and want it to be heard, please let me or an Astor Board member know. The best solution might be the one you have thought about or seen work well in another city, and it could work here just as well.

Thanks,

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St. Paul Lutheran School

by Pastor Paul Schleis

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School has been part of the Green Bay Community since 1882. The original location for the church and school was in downtown Green Bay, now the site of the YWCA. In 1951 the church and a 4 classroom school were built on the corner of Clay and Chicago Streets. Since that time additional classrooms and an Activity Center, which includes a library, youth room, computer lab, and gymnasium, have been added on to the facility.



St. Paul School is a nationally accredited school and offers Christian education to students in Grades 4k-8. Its Christ-centered curriculum includes religion classes, mathematics, science, language arts, social studies, music, and art. The school also offers a class in Spanish to all of the students in the school. Technology is incorporated into the classroom setting through the use of iPads and Chromebooks. Piano lessons are available for students in Grades 3-8 and a Junior Choir and Hand Chimes Choir complement the congregation's worship services. St. Paul School participates in the Federal Hot Lunch Program. Daycare is available until 5:30 PM each day for those families who need the service.

St. Paul School offers the students of the school a variety of additional activities. Band lessons are available for students in Grades 5-8. Soccer, girl's volleyball, boy's and girl's basketball, cheerleading, track, and softball are available to students in Grades 4-8. In addition, the school sponsors Forensics and Math Teams during the school year. Students in all grades perform in musicals that are held in the spring of the year.

You are invited to St. Paul School's annual Family Fun Night on Friday, April 15, 2016, beginning at 6:00 PM. This free activity is held throughout the school and features games, bounce houses, face painting, prizes, and popcorn and will provide you with an opportunity to learn more about the mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church and School.



If you would like to learn more about the school please go to our website www.stpaulgreenbay.com or "like" us on Facebook. You can also contact us at 920-435-8468.

Stay Connected With Astor

Stay informed with events in our neighborhood 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 an account on our neighborhood's Nextdoor page! Nextdoor is a private social network for you, your neighbors and your community. Join the 119 neighbors already using Nextdoor Astor.

Visit https://astor.nextdoor.com/choose_address/ to sign up.



St. Mary of the Angels Garden

by Theresa Umentum

For about the last ten years, St. Mary of the Angels Parish has planted a garden, "God's Vineyard" in the friary yard behind the church. This year a record 2,277 pounds of vegetables were delivered to Paul's Pantry. Each week, a parishioner or parish family "adopted" the garden. This meant watering, weeding, harvesting, and delivering the vegetables. This year the garden produced: cabbage, kohlrabi, tomatoes, leeks, beans, cucumbers, and green peppers. It is a great outreach program for our parish, helping our neighbors, and sharing the bounty of God's earth.



Wine Tasting

by Katie Houle



ANA is excited to announce the Wine Tasting event is back for 2016! This has been a cherished event throughout the years, and we hope many of you are able to make it. Our gracious hosts hail from S. Jackson Street and S. Van Buren Street. The event will take place **January 30th at 7 p.m.** Attendees will enjoy the evening at these two beautiful Astor homes; the first home will be serving white wine, and the second serving red. In addition to wine, both homes will offer delicious hors d'oeuvre style food and desserts. Tickets are \$25.00 per person, and will need to be reserved by January 20th. Proceeds from this event are going to a great nearby cause! To reserve your spot, please contact **Jennifer Lenz** at jennifermLenz@gmail.com, or calling/texting **920-609-7099**.

Please keep an eye on the ANA's facebook page for any additional details!

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