



Hill Farms Neighborhood Newsletter

University Hill Farms Neighborhood



Santa Clause is coming to Hill Farms!

Santa will be making his annual visit to the Hill Farms Neighborhood on the evening of Tuesday, December 13 to children and grandchildren nine years of age and younger. Be sure your cameras are ready and batteries charged for these visits will be great memories for years to come.

Run solely by neighborhood volunteers, these visits are one of the benefits of your membership in Hill Farms Neighborhood Association. Those involved organize the Santa visits, and serve as Santas or his drivers. Santa spends time with each child and gives a small treat bag before leaving. It's a wonderful tradition for the young children in the neighborhood.

If you would like Santa to stop at your home fill out the form at the bottom of this page and mail or drop off to Kathy Belaire, 205 South Kenosha Drive, Madison WI 53705. Your reservation **MUST** be in by Saturday, December 10. In order for Santa to find your home, ***please make sure your house number is clearly visible and your front porch light is on by 5:30pm.*** If Santa has not arrived by 7:30pm, please call the North Pole (Covenant Church) at 233-6297.

Thanks in advance to all the Santas and drivers for their help. Please contact Kathy if you are interested in lending a hand!

Please mail or drop off form to: Kathy Belaire, 205 South Kenosha Drive, Madison WI 53705

MUST BE RECEIVED BY SATURDAY DECEMBER 10

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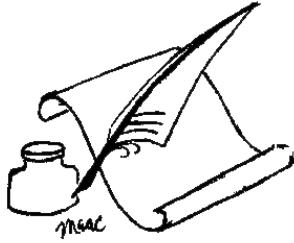
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Presidents Notes - Winter 2011

The Halloween Parade used the new paths at Rennebohm Park. There was a good crowd, cute and scary costumes, and pizza too. The Rennebohm Park paths seem to be well used already; and the plantings screen the Segoe Road buildings.

The University Crossing project should be getting underway soon at University Avenue and North Whitney Way. The utilities are being prepared for next year's reconstruction of University Avenue from Allen Boulevard to Segoe Road. There should be only one more year on the rough road for the trip west. We can anticipate major congestion next year west of our neighborhood during construction. We are also anticipating utility work and resurfacing on Regent Street next year.

We'll keep trying in 2012 for a planning grant. This is especially important because of possible future re-development north of Sheboygan Avenue and in the area east of North Whitney Way near Old Middleton Road. Our neighbors to the east of Midvale are in the midst of their planning effort and we are observing. We are still pursuing National Register historic status, to provide tax credits for certain home improvements.

There are several technology initiatives in the works to hold down UHFA expenses and provide timely communications. Email can be useful to give you timely information on items of neighbor interest, but we'll try not to abuse it.

Thanks to everyone who helps with our neighborhood activities.

Jacki Lawton

***Rennebohm Park skating
rink... maybe next year!***

News from Jackie Lawton



It looks like the Rennebohm Park ice rink will not happen for this winter. We were unable to get the cost of the pipe heater into the city budget. Alder Chris Schmidt thought he might be able to get a mid-year amendment next year, depending on the state of the City budget at that time.

Many people have worked hard to make this happen this year. The work has not been in vain. We do have committed volunteers and we know what we need to do to make the rink a reality. We will target next spring to make the push for the pipe heater and get a firm commitment from the Parks Department knowing that it will take some time.

2010 – 2011 Architectural Review Committee Actions

From September 2010 through August 2011 the Hill Farms Architectural Review Committee has approved the following additions or changes to properties in the Hill Farms neighborhood area:

- Replace a carport with an enclosed garage at 5118 Regent Street.
- Window replacements with fiber glass windows with same appearance at 4701 Lafayette Drive.
- Addition to the rear of the house at 13 South Whitney Way.
- Addition of a 28' x 13' family room to the rear of the house at 4722 Lafayette Drive.
- Addition of a 20' x 18' family room to the rear of the house at 4809 Regent Street.
- Addition to the garage and roof line changes to the house at 214 S. Segoe Road.
- Addition of 31' x 12' to the rear of the house and roof line change at 109 S. Segoe Road.
- Addition of 20' x 16' to the rear of the house plus an 8' x 4' storage addition at 4809 Marathon Drive.
- Addition of a one car garage at 17 Kewaunee Court. The house previously had no garage.
- Addition of 20' x 24' to the rear of the house at 5218 South Hill Drive.
- Additions to the rear of the house at 5110 Shawano Terrace for a family room and a master bedroom.
- Addition of an 18' x 16' screened porch to the rear of the house at 17 S. Segoe Road.

In addition, the HFARC hosted Neighborhood Information Meetings on January 8 and April 2, 2011 to present the detailed steps for the possibility of seeking designation of our neighborhood on the National Register of Historic Places as a Historic District to permit tax credits for home rehabilitation work. If so designated, it would be optional for property owners to request tax credit or not. (Note: the City chose not to request state funding during 2011. Need to re-apply in 2012.)

A second project to initiate the steps to begin the process of preparing a Hill Farms Neighborhood Plan was also presented at each of the two Neighborhood Information Meetings. The neighborhood should seek City funding assistance to prepare the Neighborhood Plan during 2012 – 2013 to hire consultant assistance to prepare the Plan. Actions during 2011 are for the City to budget funds to begin each of the projects during 2012. The Hill Farms Neighborhood Association President Joe Keyes submitted letters of request to the City to initiate each of these two projects. (Note: The City did fund the 2012 Neighborhood Grant Program. Application to fund preparation of the Hill Farms Neighborhood Plan will be requested in January 2012.)

The Architectural Review Committee is a nine-member committee of design professionals and interested citizens from the neighborhood generally meeting at 9 AM on the first Saturday of each month when there are plans for proposed additions and changes to properties in the neighborhood. Proposed projects should be submitted 10 days or so before the meetings to permit member reviews prior to the meeting. For more information, see the www.hillfarms.org web site or contact Tom Favour, Chair of the HFARC (238-4943), or Russ Kowalski (233-4330) Chair of the Plan Review Subcommittee.



About our 2011 - 2012 Hill Farms Officers and Directors...

President - Jacki Lawton has lived in Hill Farms for 26 years. She has served as a Block Captain, Area Leader, Newsletter Editor, and brought cookies for Santa's elves. Recently she has been attending meetings on the development project at Whitney Way and University Avenue and serves on the Citizen Advisory Committee for the momentarily dormant water well project proposed for a City owned lot near Garner Park. She is currently on the Hill Farm Swim Club Board. Jacki has retired from her professional career as a civil engineer.

Vice President and Past President - Joe Keyes is a certified public accountant (CPA) and certified management accountant (CMA). He is a manager at TDS Telecom. He and his wife Ramona have lived on Regent Street for over 25 years. They have one daughter. Joe has been active for many years in our Fourth of July celebration, previously in running the games and currently grilling the food. He has served as president, treasurer and newsletter director.

Treasurer - Jim Hamre, a Certified Public Accountant, retired from the UW-Madison School of Business in 2006 where he taught accounting and information systems courses. He and his wife Mary moved to Hill Farms in 2000. Jim is an area leader and is active in the Rotary Club of Madison and the UW-Madison Retirement Association.

Secretary - Nick Schweitzer and his wife, March, have lived on Regent Street for over seventeen years. They have two daughters. Nick retired this year from the Department of Regulation and Licensing where he was an administrative law judge. He is also a playwright whose plays have been performed at various venues. Nick has organized our Fourth of July parade and picnic for ten years. Nick is now coordinating the Halloween parade and pizza party.
Past President Joe Keyes (please see above)

Fourth of July - Nick Schweitzer - please see 'Secretary' above

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) - Tom Favour and his family have lived on Marinette Trail since 1971. Tom retired in 1998 following a career working in public planning agencies; most recently, 27 years with the Regional Planning Commission staff. Three sons were active in school and sport activities through Van Hise and West High. Tom continues to assist with statewide planning association conferences.

Combined Fund - Diane Graczyk who is a computer software specialist at St. Mary's Hospital. Diane and her husband, Dave, have two daughters and have lived on Cheyenne Trail for sixteen years.

Membership - Marilyn Howell and her husband Neil bought their home on South Hill Drive 26 years ago. They have a son and a daughter. Marilyn retired in 2007 after 38 years with the Department of Natural Resources where she worked as a Human Resources Specialist. Marilyn is also a Block Captain and has held the following positions on the Board: President, Secretary, 4th of July and Santa Visit Committee and Newsletter Editor.

Newsletter - Mary Whitcomb and her husband Scott have lived in Hill Farms for 23 years. They have three college age children. Mary has been a Block Captain since 1989 and was active with the Santa visits when her children were small. Mary is a Real Estate Broker with the First Weber Group specializing in the Hill Farms and Parkwood neighborhoods.

Safety - Steve Hoke and his family have lived in Hill Farms for 7 years. He's married with 3 daughters, two are at Van Hise and one goes to the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire. Steve is a Product Manager at CUNA Mutual Group. He and his family are active members of Hill Farms Swim club and enjoy all the neighborhood has to offer.

Schools and Parks - Deanna Stadler and her husband have lived in the Hill Farms neighborhood since buying their first home on 12/28/01. She has been married for 11 years and has 4 beautiful children ages 8 years, 4 years, 3 years and 2

months. Deanna is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and is active with the Van Hise PTO. Deanna and her family's favorite activity is spending time at the Hill Farm Swim Club during the summer.

Special Events/History - Daina Penkiunas is an architectural historian and lives on Richland Lane with her husband, John Swisler, and their two children. Daina also serves on our Planning Committee.

Technology Director – Brendon Dybdahl and his family moved to the Hill Farms Neighborhood in 2009. He is Director of Marketing for the UW Division of University Housing, after several years of marketing and website management in the healthcare industry. Brendon is also a volunteer webmaster for Tenney Nursery & Parent Center, and enjoys runs and walks in the neighborhood.

Director at Large (Planning) - Mike Lawton is an attorney with Lathrop Clark. He served two terms as the association's president and is heading our Planning Committee. Mike also serves on the Police and Fire Commission. He and his wife, Jacki, have lived on Eau Claire Avenue for 26 years. They have two children. If you have questions, comments or concerns about the various redevelopment projects in the neighborhood, please forward them to Mike.

Get to know your neighbors!

***Become a Block Captain – commitment is less than two hours a year
or an Area Leader – commitment is less than five hours a year***

The Hill Farms neighborhood is broken down into Areas and Blocks. A list is available in the front of your Hill Farms Directory. There are 11 Area Leaders and 89 Block Captains. There are currently 11 Block Captain vacancies in the neighborhood. Block Captains and Area Leaders are vital to the operation of the Hill Farms Neighborhood Association. They distribute membership information, Combined Fund Drive materials and deliver the neighborhood directories. This is a fun way to meet neighbors and takes a ***total of just a few hours a year!*** Please look over the list below of where we need a Block Captain and consider accepting a Block Captain position (you don't need to live in that Block to be their Block Captain):

North East Hill

Block 2: even-numbered houses 106-218 Richland Lane

Block 5: even-numbered houses 102-222 S. Segoe Road

Parkway

Block 5: even-numbered houses 2-110 S. Kenosha

Block 9: even-numbered houses 118-230 S. Whitney Way

Robin Park

Block 4: Oconto Court & 213 S. Segoe Road

Block 6: 302-329 Robin Parkway

South West Hill

Block 1: 5015-5031 Manitowoc Parkway

Block 2: 5102-5121 Manitowoc Parkway

Block 3: 5122-5213 & 5215 Manitowoc Parkway

Block 5: odd-numbered houses between 5217-5319 Manitowoc Parkway

Block 8: 5213, 5221, 5301-5326 South Hill, 305-314 Marinette

Area Leader Vacancy: Cloverdale Area Leader (responsible for 6 Block Captains)

If you would like to volunteer for one of these positions or would like more information on the duties of a Block Captain or an Area Leader, please email Marilyn Howell (231-1144; neil.marilyn.howell@gmail.com).



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Lioness

Saturday, December 17, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Discussion afterwards

How did five female Army support soldiers — mechanics, supply clerks and engineers — end up fighting alongside the Marines in some of the bloodiest counterinsurgency battles of the Iraq War? Directors Meg McLagan and Daria Sommers give an intimate look at war through the eyes of the first women in U.S. history sent into direct ground combat, despite a policy that bans them from doing so. Through harrowing personal stories, these women candidly share their experiences in Iraq as well as from their lives back home to form a portrait of the emotional and psychological effects of war.

Watch the trailer: <http://www.itvs.org/films/lioness>

Daisy Bates: First Lady of Little Rock

Saturday, January 21, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Discussion afterwards

Daisy Bates was a complex, unconventional, and largely forgotten heroine of the civil rights movement who led the charge to desegregate the all-white Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1957.

Watch the trailer: <http://www.itvs.org/films/daisy-bates>

A ghoulishly good time!



The annual **Halloween Parade and Pizza Party** was held on October 31st. The evening was chilly but not cold or rainy, and for the fourth year in a row our attendance grew, with an estimated 175 kids and adults attending. Unfortunately this caused a few people to miss out on the pizza. (Sorry - we'll order more next year!)

The event was free, though donations were encouraged, and between the items supplied by volunteers and the cash donations, the event paid for itself. Thanks to all of you who helped and turned out for the fun!

Home for Sale Listings

The Hill Farms website is rolling out a new feature that will allow residents to post homes for sale in the neighborhood. Many Hill Farms residents look for other homes in the neighborhood when they consider moving to a larger or smaller house, and non-residents considering a move to Hill Farms often visit our website to research the community.

For \$30, dues-paying members can post their home listing on our site for a 90-day period. Listings will consist of an address, a link to their MLS listing, and the posted date. To learn more, visit www.hillfarms.org/homelistings.htm



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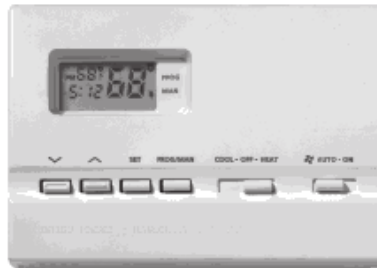
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THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL 2011 COMBINED FUND DRIVE!

The 2011 Hill Farms Neighborhood Combined Fund Drive was held this spring and the neighborhood response was over-whelming! A total of \$22,142 was raised to benefit 18 local agencies. A very big thank you to all of the area leaders and block captains for distributing the materials and collecting the payments. And heartfelt gratitude to all of our very generous neighbors who contributed to this year's successful drive. The organizations receiving these payments are always very appreciative and grateful for the tremendous response to this campaign. Here is a breakdown of the money collected:

Name of Organization	Payment
Alzheimer's Association of Central Wisconsin	\$1,901.78
American Cancer Society, Wisconsin Division	1,415.60
American Heart Association of Wisconsin	1,380.60
American Red Cross, Badger Chapter	1,054.60
ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION, WI CHAPTER, SW DISTRICT	1,193.60
Briar Patch	952.60
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF DANE CO, INC	1,267.60
HOSPICE CARE, INC	2,354.60
JUVENILE DIABETES FOUNDATION, GREATER MADISON	769.61
MENTAL HEALTH CENTER OF DANE COUNTY, INC	1,727.60
Muscular Dystrophy Association of WI	786.61
National Kidney Foundation of WI	609.61
National Multiple Sclerosis Society, WI Chapter	1,251.60
Porchlight	1,520.60
Prader-Willi Association	526.61
Second Harvest Food bank of Southern WI	1,876.60
United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Dane County	849.61
Westside Senior Coalition	702.61
Total	\$22,142.00

Descriptive information and yearly financial reports from each organization are available. Please contact Combined Fund Chair Diane Graczyk (238-8241) to review these reports.

Newcomers to the neighborhood may not be aware of the function of the Combined Fund Drive. The agencies benefit by having the Hill Farms Association pay the cost of the drive and provide the volunteers that do the work. In exchange, agencies are asked not to do door to door solicitations or phone calls to our residents.

Thank you for a very successful year, especially in a tight economy!

The 2010 Combined Fund Committee
Respectfully submitted by Diane Graczyk

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Receive Hill Farms Newsletter by Email!



Residents who have subscribed to the Hill Farms email list are now receiving an online version of the neighborhood newsletter in addition to the usual paper copy. Starting with the spring 2012 issue we hope to reduce the number of paper copies sent to residents who prefer an online version. More details about this transition will be communicated in advance.

As an Email member you can manage your preferences by clicking on individual links to determine which emails you will receive from the Hill Farms board.