



UNIVERSITY HILL FARMS

— **Hill Farms**  
**Neighborhood Newsletter**  
**University Hill Farms Association**

**Summer 2016**



# Happy Fourth of July!

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and Picnic

**Kids / Family Parade** Registration starting at 9:30, parade at 10

The Fourth of July Parade is primarily for children, but all ages are welcome to enter the parade as well as to watch from the sidelines. Most participants ride bikes, but most any other mode of getting from Juneau Road to Rennebohm Park, including walking, is welcome. Many bike riders decorate their bikes, but undecorated bikes are just as welcome. Motorized vehicles are discouraged unless decorated as a float. A small American flag will be given to each person who registers.

Parade Directions: Line up at the circle on Juneau Road between 9:30 and 10 A.M. on July 4th. The parade will start at 10, from Juneau Road to Eau Claire Avenue, across Regent Street to Rennebohm Park. If it's raining at 9:30 or 10, wait an hour and try again; if it's still raining, the parade will be cancelled, but go to the shelter in Rennebohm Park anyway, as food will be served and some activities may be possible.

Picnic Activities: Hamburgers, hot dogs, and brats will be provided by Metcalfe's. Contributions will be encouraged at the food service table, especially if you plan to invite family or friends from outside the neighborhood. Beer, soft drinks, lemonade and water will be served.

Face-Painting and Balloon-Sculpting will be provided for children from around 10:30 to 11:30, followed by

Children's Games will be organized by Brad and Jenny Campbell, [bradley.w.campbell@gmail.com](mailto:bradley.w.campbell@gmail.com).

The festivities will end with the Water-Balloon and Egg Toss for all ages.

Marching Band: Anyone who has ever played a musical instrument is welcome to dust it off and join the marching band, which assembles at the circle on Juneau Road at 9:40 and plays as part of the parade. The band plays *The Thunderer* and *On Wisconsin* on the way, and *Salute to Freedom* and the *Star Spangled Banner* at the park. Sheet music is available ahead of time. Contact Jim Peterson, 4814 South Hill Dr., 238-6555, [JOPeters@Wisc.edu](mailto:JOPeters@Wisc.edu), or Roger Rowell, [RMRowell@Wisc.edu](mailto:RMRowell@Wisc.edu), 231-1821. And if you have a lyre for your instrument, please bring it.

Joe Keyes, 238-9556, will be coordinating the food preparation, and Margaret Fughitt, 233-6984 will be coordinating the food and drink service.

#### Volunteer Opportunities:

We could use a few more volunteers to work for an hour or two as grill chefs at the shelter, and we could use a few more volunteers of almost any age to be face painters and balloon sculptors, even someone to pump up balloons. Contact Nick Schweitzer, 231-3941, [inschweitzer@gmail.com](mailto:inschweitzer@gmail.com). 1. Earth Day  
Many thanks to the volunteers who made our first annual Earth Day celebration a success: Marilyn Howell, Peter Hughes, Jacki Lawton, Jim and Carole Peterson, Becca and Gary McKnight, Cindy Koepke, Christine Inthachith, and Larry Fenske. Thanks also to local businesses that contributed materials: Hilldale Ace Hardware, Hy-Vee, and Dane County Habitat for Humanity.



### **Make Music Madison**

World Music Day will be celebrated in 700 cities in 120 countries on June 21st. Make Music Madison organizes free public musical performances around the city that day, including at Hilldale Mall and the Rennebohm Park shelter. Check Isthmus the week before for artists, venues and performance times.



### **Low Power Radio Station Broadcasting Locally**

WIDE-LP is a low-power non-commercial radio station that has begun broadcasting at 99.1 on the FM dial with a range that covers much of the Hill Farms, Midvale Heights, and Westmorland neighborhoods. Visit [widelp.org](http://widelp.org) for the current broadcast schedule and general information about the station.



## **Tree Inventory Aims to Complete by Mid-summer**

The Hill Farms Tree Inventory workers and volunteers are back for another season, and we hope to complete the inventory by mid-summer. We will be working in the area south of Garner Park in the coming weeks. My mid-June project workers should be visiting the areas just south of Rennebohm Park and continuing to work their way south through the neighborhood.

If we did not make it to your property last year, expect project workers with nametags and orange vests to visit your property to identify and map your trees. Each visit takes 5 to 60 minutes depending on how many trees you have. If you would like to make an appointment to meet with a project worker, please email [hillfarmstrees@gmail.com](mailto:hillfarmstrees@gmail.com) or call Project Manager Sarah Bogen at [608-213-9183](tel:608-213-9183). If you would like to opt out of the project, please contact Sarah at the above email or phone.

If you are interested in volunteering with the project please contact Sarah Bogen at the email above. You will have the opportunity to learn how to identify common trees in our neighborhood and help us meet our goal of 1,000 volunteer hours to meet our grant match. This project is an exciting opportunity for our neighborhood to learn more about our trees. The data that we collect will help us to identify areas that will be severely impacted by the impending loss of our ash trees. Our corps of volunteers will serve as tree ambassadors who will be better equipped to advise their neighbors about caring for their trees and finding help from professional arborists.

## **Earth Day Celebration Thank You**

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## **Upcoming Neighborhood Event**

### **Her Madison Half-Marathon & 5K - June 26**

The course for this race includes portions of the Hill Farms neighborhood, including Segoe Rd, South Hill Dr., Marathon Dr, Whitney Way, Old Middleton Rd, Sheboygan Ave, and Hilldale Mall. No roads will be closed, but police will be directing traffic, and street parking may be restricted along the course.

Learn more at [hermadisonhalf.com](http://hermadisonhalf.com).



## Historic District and Potential Tax Credits

The University Hill Farms neighborhood was approved to be an Historic District on November 21, 2014 as a significant neighborhood of mid-century homes. This recognized the mid-century homes are at least 50 years old and have maintained their historic identity and original design elements and features. The following map delineates neighborhood properties recognized as part of the National Register Historic District. (Non-contributing buildings are less than 50 years old or have been remodeled from the original historic identity,)

This permits 25% Wisconsin Income Tax Credit for homeowners to improve their homes to undertake home maintenance projects for the exterior of the building or for mechanical, electrical, or plumbing needs to be in conformance with the Standards for Rehabilitation. Roofs, windows, painting, masonry repairs, upgrading electrical wiring, plumbing furnace, water heaters are examples of eligible projects. Projects must be approved by the Wisconsin Historical Society prior to work being initiated, and must exceed \$10,000 in cost. There are a series of simple forms to be completed and sent to the WHS Architect and approved before work begins. Projects must fit in the \$10,000 - \$40,000 range, and must be completed within two years. You may be able to include some other eligible improvement projects to get the costs above the \$10,000 threshold costs for this program. The Hill Farms Architectural Review Committee review is also required for exterior improvements. For more information contact Jen Davel, Preservation Architect, Wisconsin Historical Society, 816 State Street, Room 312, Madison, WI 53706, or phone 608-264-6490 or email [Jen.davel@wisconsinhistory.org/taxcredits](mailto:Jen.davel@wisconsinhistory.org/taxcredits)



## Hill Farms Neighborhood Watch

We live in a safe neighborhood and have very little major incidents. However, we do have thefts from autos occurring almost every week. Our neighborhood is not alone in this regard. If your car doors are thieves will take anything they can find. To be safe, please remember at night to remove all of your valuables and your garage door opener from your auto. Also please lock your car doors at all times when the car is not in use.

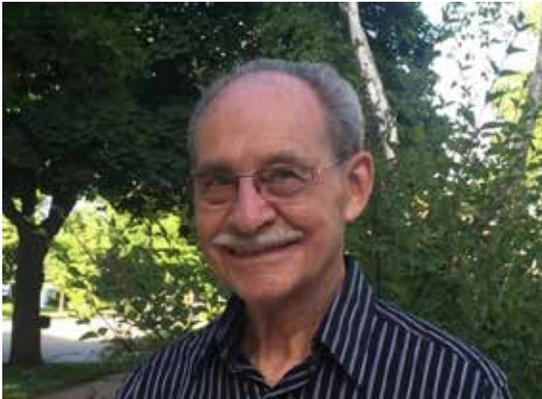
There was an issue of a spontaneous graduation party the night of May 21<sup>st</sup> on Manitowoc Parkway. Over 100 people showed up for the party. The party spilled over into neighbors' lawns. The police were called and they disbursed the crowd with one arrest. The renter on Manitowoc Parkway, who organized the spontaneous graduation party, was in small claims court the following Tuesday for an eviction proceeding. The eviction was upheld and the renter will leave the premise by June 17<sup>th</sup>.

To keep track of the police calls within 5 miles of your house, please sign up for the daily e-mails from Spotcrime.com. If you wish to be a member of the neighborhood watch, please contact Joe Keyes by phone [608-664-4156](tel:608-664-4156) (h) or by e-mail [jkeyes1a1@gmail.com](mailto:jkeyes1a1@gmail.com). Keep Safe!

# *Farewell Friends!*



Two of our original Hill Farms neighbors are moving on – **58 year resident Charlie DiRienzo** and **57 year resident Marv Beatty**, are soon to be living the good life without the demands of yardwork and snow removal.

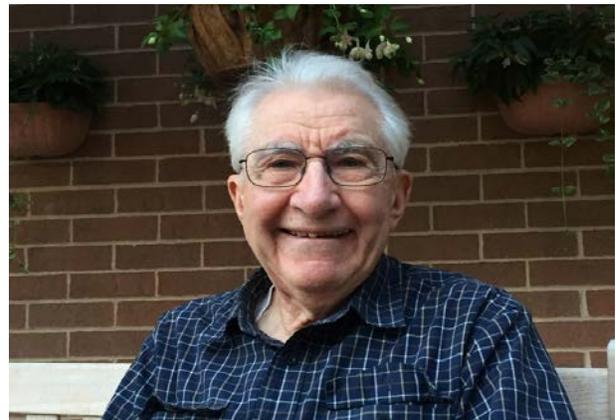


Charlie Di Rienzo

In 1958 Charlie DiRienzo and twin brother Clare graduated from West High School and soon after married sisters Mary and Shirley Engelhart. They then joined the Madison Fire Department and in keeping with all the parallels in their lives, built a duplex together on Manitowoc Parkway where they raised their two families as one. After 18 years in the 2-bedroom duplex, Charlie and Shirley built a home on Shawano Terrace and they and their four children Mike, Teresa, Tammy and Tina spent 40 great years there before Shirley passed last October. Charlie fondly recalls the farm fields surrounding the

neighborhood, where trees were few were few and and far between and the views went on forever. He remembers a sheep farm being located where Hilldale is now and a trailer park for UW students and vets across Midvale Blvd from that. “That was a long time ago” he happily laments.

Marv Beatty and his wife Ellouise built their distinctive home on Waukesha Street in 1959. The road was gravel then and the area was thickly wooded. Marv recalls the neighborhood being full of kids and that they and his four daughters played outside nightly, till dusk brought them home when he would ‘calm them down and put them to bed.’ He also says he and his wife had the distinction of walking their four kids Julie, Janet, Jenny and Joy to school just one time each – on their first day of kindergarten. Marv worked at the UW as a professor in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and Ellouise was an epidemiologist for the UW Dept of Medicine. Ellouise passed last year and Marv now resides at Oakwood but takes with him many fond memories of being one of the first residents of the Hill Farms neighborhood.



Marv Beatty





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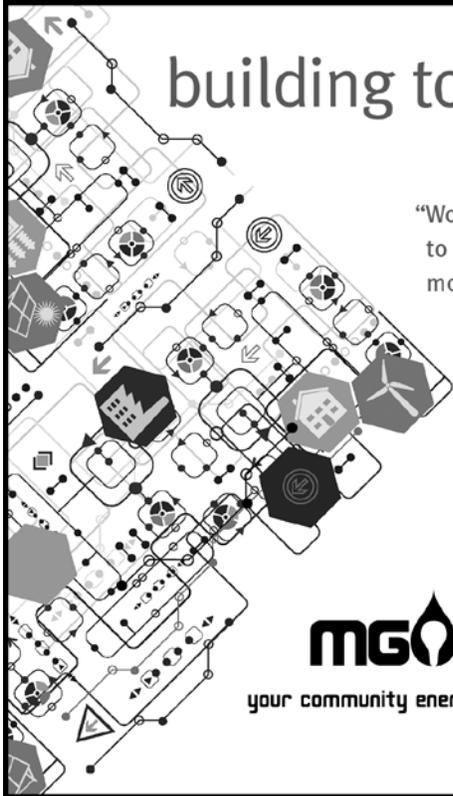
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