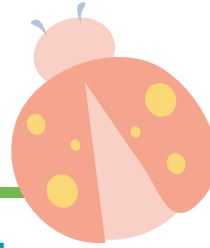




A H N A
 A R B O R H I L L S
 N E I G H B O R H O O D A S S O C I A T I O N



THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF
 THE ARBOR HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD
 ASSOCIATION, MADISON, WI

SPRING 2019 NEWSLETTER

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Can you believe it? The snow melted! The ice is gone, along with one of the roughest January-February periods we have endured in over 15 years. So, talk the flowers into blooming, buy a new supply of sunscreen, dig out your sunglasses, and talk to your neighbors as we all step out of our houses and emerge from hibernation.

I want to compliment our block captains who had to slip and slide on icy sidewalks to deliver the winter edition of the newsletter. In talking with other neighborhood association leaders I keep learning that we have the best team of block captains in the Madison area. That team is becoming a role model for others. If you want to get involved in the neighborhood, becoming a block captain is a proven way to do that.

If you haven't been to arborhills.org in a while, take a moment to do so. It has undergone a total overhaul, and you can even pay your \$20 annual membership dues online. Nearly half our regular members have already paid their dues, which helps to fund our big events, most of which occur in the first seven months of the year. I encourage everyone to do the same. This year we're expanding the number of events in our neighborhood park with food carts—a huge success last year that we are going to build on. Good food, great weather, and an opportunity for lots of kids to play with each other. So come on out, participate, and enjoy the fellowship.

Check out all the events planned for this spring and summer in this issue of your newsletter, or at arborhills.org/events. There are more than last year, and always the types you ask us to organize. As this is being written, we're preparing for the annual Easter egg hunt and Earth Day cleanup event, which promises both a good time and the opportunity to make our community a better place to live.

Your board has been reaching out to Leopold Elementary School to identify additional ways we can provide support, including meeting with our new principal and staff members. We are also lobbying for good traffic planning to help the school when work begins on repaving Fish Hatchery this fall.

As always, please let me know about issues you have and how we can make Arbor Hills better. Meanwhile, see you around the neighborhood!

James W. Cortada,
 President

Arbor Hills Neighborhood Association



Jodi Wabiszewski

EVENTS

- THURS., MAY 16 -**
Food Truck Night in the Park
- SAT., JUNE 8 -**
Neighborhood Garage Sale
- THURS., JUNE 13 -**
Food Truck Night in the Park
- SAT., JULY 6 -**
Arbor Hills 4th of July Party
- THURS., AUGUST 8 -**
Food Truck Night in the Park
- THURS., SEPTEMBER 5 -**
Food Truck Night in the Park
- EARLY OCTOBER -**
Arbor Hills Neighborhood
Association Annual Meeting
- THURS., OCTOBER 31 -**
Neighborhood Halloween Event

AHNA BOARD MEETINGS

The Arbor Hills Neighborhood Association Board meets on the 2nd Tuesday of most months from 6:30-8:30 PM.

Every resident is welcome to attend. Please let a board member know if you plan to join. See page 7 or arborhills.org/board-members for the list of board members and contact information.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE IS MAY 8.

www.arborhills.org





Q&A with Peg Keeler,

Principal of Leopold Community School

By Angie Oler,
Arbor Hills Resident, Leopold
Parent and Leopold Parent Faculty
Organization Treasurer

Peg Keeler started as the new principal of Leopold Community School last fall. For the past decade, she was the principal of Van Hise elementary after serving as a Title 1 facilitator and instructional coach at Leopold. She's taken on her new role with much gusto, and it's evident that she's passionate about doing what's best for the students.

She took a few minutes to share her perspective on her vision for the school and how the surrounding community can support Leopold.

The Leopold Community School is fortunate to have Peg, a committed advocate for student success!



Peg Keeler



Angie: Tell me about your year at Leopold so far.

What have you enjoyed the most?

Peg: In my first year, I've been impressed by the grit and intelligence of the staff here at Leopold, the creativity of the students, and the involvement of the families. Combined, the staff, students and families have a strong desire to improve and fight for equity at Leopold.

Angie: What are your top goals for Leopold?

Peg: One of my top goals is to improve core support and instruction in the classroom through instructional coaching, direct support, and relevant professional development. I also aim to create strong and collaborative teacher teams by utilizing all staff as teachers to the students. These teams would have a cohesive teaching plan to seamlessly support their students. Finally, I want to ensure that staff, students, and families all have the opportunity to contribute to the improvement of Leopold's climate and culture. Leopold is a community school and there's a strong desire for it to be a welcoming and home-like environment.

Angie: What are you looking forward to during the rest of this year and the 2019-2020 school year?

Peg: I'm looking forward to the continuing the success that Leopold has had so far this year. Behavioral calls have been greatly reduced and there is a clear and effective behavioral support protocol in place. This summer there will be a redesign of the Leopold Library Media Center to improve the atmosphere and environment for students' learning. Leopold will also be implementing a new and greatly improved technology plan for the 2019-2020 school year. Each student will have almost sole access to technology that will enable a state-of-the-art learning experience.

Angie: How can the residents of Arbor Hills and surrounding communities support Leopold?

Peg: The community that surrounds Leopold can contribute to the success of students in many ways. Leopold has started a food pantry and we'll gladly accept food donations as well as volunteers. When students and their families are healthy, they can be more successful. As a community, it's helpful to communicate the positive attributes of Leopold. I encourage the community to visit Leopold and see for yourself the many wonderful things that the students are learning and creating.



PLANNING IS UNDERWAY

FOR FISH HATCHERY ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

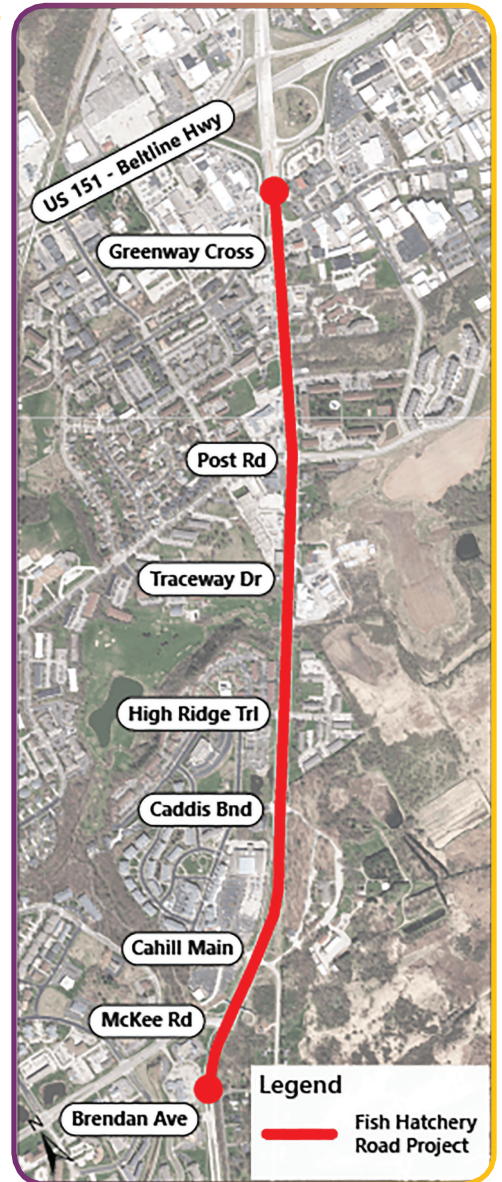
By Ashley Gibson, newsletter editor

In the third and final public meeting for the planned reconstruction of Fish Hatchery Road was held on April 8. Representatives from the City of Fitchburg, KL Engineering, Vierbicher Associates, and Urban Assets outlined plans for the construction that will begin in late 2019 and be completed in 2021.

The changes will affect north Fish Hatchery Road from Brendan Avenue to Greenway Cross. The project includes new pavement, storm sewer improvements, watermain and sanitary sewer repairs, traffic signals, additional bike and pedestrian facilities, and streetscaping.

The construction will require some alternate routes, which could affect traffic in Arbor Hills. Presenters noted that they plan to create a mitigation plan for traffic using local streets, but the details have not yet been made public. Neighborhood navigators have recently been added to the planning team to help address questions and concerns from residents.

For more information and to see the minutes and materials from the all public meetings related to the project, visit the North Fish Hatchery Road Reconstruction page at fitchburgwi.gov.



The North Fish Hatchery Road reconstruction project (CTH PD/ McKee Road to the Beltline) is now in final design, with construction anticipated to occur from late 2019 through 2021.

Welcome to
Arbor Hills!

Have an announcement to share with your neighbors?

Let Ashley Gibson know by emailing newsletter@arborhills.org so it can be included in the next edition!



NEW NEIGHBORS

- Thad & Michelle on Leyton Lane
- Larry & Pat on Irvington Way
- Cortland, Kasumi, & CJ on Irvington Way
- Jason, Laura Jeanne & their 8 children on Wimbledon Way
- Rich & Brenda on Leyton Circle

ANNOUNCEMENT

Baby Clara was born April 5, 2019 to parents Madeline Midbon and Matt Bloss on Sandwood Way.



KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR: Samantha Castro

SHE BUILT HER CAREER AS A TALENTED EVENT PLANNER - NOW SHE'S USING THAT TALENT TO BUILD COMMUNITY.

By Ashley Gibson, newsletter editor

It's no surprise that neighborhood events last year were some of the most well-attended in Arbor Hills history. Samantha Castro, the events coordinator, was the mastermind behind the movie night in the park, holiday celebrations like the 4th of July parade and Halloween party, and volunteer opportunities like Earth Day cleanup. Not only does Samantha have a knack for bringing neighbors together - she has an impressive career in event planning.

Samantha, who lives on Pelham Road with her husband, Matt, and their two boys Jack (4) and Max (2), began planning events as a college student. She was asked by a professor to help with coordinating a brunch, and she found that her talents for hosting and organizing were essential to the task.

"I discovered that I loved the preparation that goes into putting together a big event," said Samantha. "I've always enjoyed throwing parties, and the opportunity I had as a student made me think about event planning as a career."

Her vision as the Arbor Hills event coordinator is to create moments that bring neighbors of all ages together. She sees the power in developing a close-knit community.

"I remember biking around when I was growing and playing with other kids in the neighborhood," said Samantha. "I know my parents felt comfortable with that because the neighbors knew me. I want to create a sense of community here in Arbor Hills by bringing people together to have fun and get to know each other."

A native of a Chicago suburb, Samantha moved to the city after college and began working for an event planning company that worked on corporate meetings



Samantha Castro in front of the Wisconsin Cheese Pavilion at the Midwest Foodservice Expo in Milwaukee in March.

and trade shows. Samantha went on to work in fundraising, on agricultural trade shows, and in an art gallery where she coordinated weddings.

Samantha and Matt moved to Madison when he began his master's degree in biotechnology at UW. They first rented a house in the Nakoma neighborhood, but when it came time to buy, they looked in Arbor Hills.

"We wanted an established neighborhood with green spaces that would be great for raising kids," said Samantha. "That's what we found in Arbor Hills."

Samantha now works for Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin as the manager for buyer missions and trade shows. During the summer, she tours the state tasting cheese, which is definitely one of the perks of the job! One of

continued on page 5



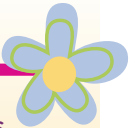
NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

her recent accomplishments is winning the contest for best booth at the Winter Fancy Food Show in San Francisco. The booth featured Guinness World’s Largest Cheese Board.

When she reflects on her time in Arbor Hills, she said that events have provided a great way to get to know her neighbors.

“The events have really come together,” said Samantha. “It’s so convenient since we meet up closeby in the park, and it’s been fun for both kids and adults to get to know each other. I’m looking forward to a spring and summer full of get-togethers.”

See page 1 for event dates and check out arborhills.org/events for more information.



The ‘Know Your Neighbor’ series features stories about the residents of Arbor Hills and their remarkable hobbies, careers, and life in the neighborhood. Know someone who would be a great candidate for a story? Reach out to the newsletter editor, Ashley Gibson, at newsletter@arborhills.org.

COMMUNITY

GARDEN ANNOUNCEMENT

The Arbor Community Garden located at 2509 McDivitt Rd, is looking for Arbor Hills residents interested in growing and harvesting their own food. Eighteen by sixteen foot garden plots are available for \$20 which includes water, cages, and some tools for general use. No gardening experience is necessary and all are welcome. For more information contact Ron Heinrich at 608-515-3288 or by email at reheinrich53@gmail.com.

HAPPY GARDENING!



JR's Mulch Sales

Spread It Around

Mulch, Mulch, Mulch!
Shredded Oak • Colored • Cedar
Playground Chips

608.573.BARK (2275)

608.692.BARK (2275)

4230 Acker Rd. ■ Madison, WI

**WE DELIVER
7 DAYS A WEEK!**

*3 Cubic Yard Minimum For Delivery
1 Yard Covers Approximately 100 Sq. Ft
3-4 Inches Deep



Proudly Serving
The **ARBOR HILLS AREA**

**PRINT A COUPON AT
www.jrsmulchsales.com**



Business & Bagels bring Block Captains Together



VOLUNTEER BLOCK CAPTAINS GATHER FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING TO DISCUSS THE HISTORY & FUTURE OF ARBOR HILLS

Author: Sue Talarczyk,
Block Captain Coordinator

Once a year, the Arbor Hills block captains meet to share ideas and discuss how we can continue to support the community. On February 2nd, over half of the 23 volunteer block captains came together in Board President Jim Cortada's home for coffee, bagels, and socializing (and a little bit of business!).

Jim kicked off the meeting by thanking all block captains for helping to create a sense of community. He's heard appreciative comments from people throughout the neighborhood who notice that this team braves the weather - even throughout our cold and snowy winter - to deliver newsletters and welcome new neighbors. He stressed how block captains play a critical role in bringing important issues to the AHNA Board, especially issues concerning the safety of our residents.

The group reflected on the history of Arbor Hills, passing around old newsletters and neighborhood welcome packets. We also talked about the future of our neighborhood, with new events added to our calendar to bring people together, updates to the newsletter that highlight members of our community, and a new website that brings our communication into the 21st century.

Lastly, we discussed best practices of the block captain position and any new ideas we had for the neighborhood. We're still on the lookout for one more block captain for Todd Drive! Please email me, Sue, (alandsuet@hotmail.com) if you're interested in this great opportunity to serve your community. It's a small time commitment, a great way to get to know your neighbors, and it comes with free coffee and bagels every year!

Not sure who your block captain is? Check out the new interactive map at arborhills.org/who-is-my-block-captain.

REQUEST FOR OLD NEWSLETTERS

Hold on to the History of Arbor Hills

Do you have old Arbor Hills newsletters stored away? There's no time like spring to dust off your filing cabinets and dig through those closets! Please contact Jim Cortada (jcortada@umn.edu) if you have newsletters or other documents about the history of our neighborhood that you're willing to share.



BLOCK CAPTAIN NEEDED

Block captains play an important and fun role by bringing neighbors together and helping to keep everyone in the loop about important events. And we need your help!

We need one new block captain for 2917-3028 Todd Drive.

Interested? Reach out to
Sue Talarczyk at
alandsuet@hotmail.com
for more information!

AHNA Executive Board Members

President:

Jim Cortada
jcortada@umn.edu



Vice President:

David Makovec
dgmakovec@gmail.com

Treasurer:

Neil Dinndorf
nrdinndorf@gmail.com

Recording Secretary:

Jodi Wabiszewski
jodi@wabiweb.com

Corresponding Secretary:

Phyllis Fuller
phylfuller77@gmail.com

Block Captain Coordinator:

Sue Talarczyk
alandsuet@hotmail.com

Events Coordinator:

Samantha Castro
scaastro817@yahoo.com

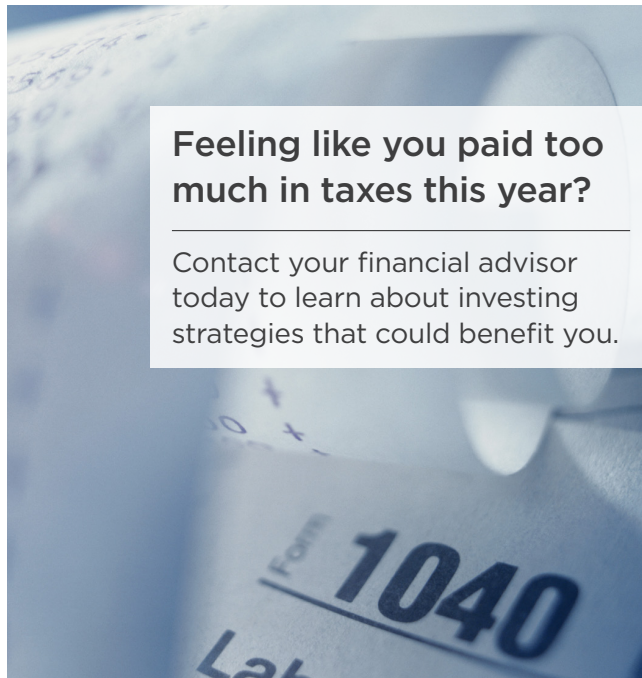
Newsletter Editor:

Ashley Gibson
akgibson17@gmail.com

Board Members at Large:

George Ermert
Josh Grotheer

Design and Illustrations by Kris Grauvogl



Feeling like you paid too much in taxes this year?

Contact your financial advisor today to learn about investing strategies that could benefit you.



Joshua R Grotheer
Financial Advisor

Weston Place
625 N Segoe Rd Suite
108
Madison, WI 53705-3194
608-238-8458

www.edwardjones.com
Member SIPC

Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING





ARBOR
COVENANT
CHURCH

*Inclusive community
...sharing grace...
living out reconciliation*

2509 McDivitt Road
271-1955

www.arborcovenant.org

Sunday morning services at 10:30

follow us:  



♥ev. electric vehicles.
there's a lot to love.

bring an EV home!

There's so much to love about electric vehicles!

- Better batteries to travel farther.
- Faster charging in more places.
- Lower costs to own. EV drivers pay less to "fuel" their vehicles and never stop for oil changes.

Go to mge.com/LovEV to learn more about EV models, cost savings, charging and the great driving experience ahead of you.

You'll become a big fan too!

mgoe

Learn more at www.mge.com/LovEV

GS3270 2/25/2019

♥ev.



Share Certificate Specials

7-Month
1.60%
APY*

13-Month
2.35%
APY*



608-271-5301



www.mbr1cu.org



3401 W. Beltline Hwy.
Madison, WI 53713



Membership eligibility required. *APY= Annual Percentage Yield. Minimum balance to open and earn APY is \$500. Penalty may be imposed for early withdrawal. Rate and offer are subject to change at any time. Federally insured by the NCUA.