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THE PARKWOOD HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Go-Ahead Granted For New Midtown Police Station

After much wrangling between the City Council and Mayor Paul Soglin, a proposed police district and police station made its way to approval in the current city budget. The new station is to be built on the site of the former Mount Olive Lutheran Church, on Mineral Point Road east of Midvale Road.

The \$9 million project is designed to alleviate the overburdened West District, which currently serves over 83,000 residents, much more than any other district. To put that in perspective, that population is more than the entire city of Racine.

Madison currently has five police districts – North, South, East, West and Central. The new district would divide the population more evenly between districts, and relieve some of the strain on the Central District, which deals with many events and entertainment venues, and the South District, which continues to grow with annexation.

The project is set to start in April when the city will review proposals from architectural firms. Demolition of the existing building and site preparation is expected to happen over the summer, with construction of the new station to take place from 2016-2017. The plan is to begin staffing the station at the end of 2017 with it officially opening in 2018.

Calendar of Events

January or February: Sledding Party: A frosty Saturday morning at Garner Park

March 26: Easter Egg Hunt

April 19: PHCA Annual Meeting

April 30: Spring Fling

Bring Your Own Basket To The Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26th, 2016, 10:00 a.m. Everglade Park

Bundle up the kids and bring them to Everglade Park on the Saturday morning before Easter, where they will find that the Easter Bunny has hidden 1,000 goody-filled eggs throughout the park. The search starts at 10am sharp, so don't be late. In past years, the kids have scoured the park clean of eggs within 10 minutes. And one lucky child will find the elusive golden egg filled with a \$5 bill!

In case of extremely rainy or snowy weather (Easter falls pretty early this year), the event will be delayed until noon that day. If the weather is still bad at noon, the hunt will still go on, as the bunny can't store all those candy filled eggs at her house. So bring your baskets or buckets, your boots and your cameras and join the fun!

If you have any eggs to recycle, please drop them off on Sandy Gregorich's front porch at 401 Yosemite Trail. She's the Easter Bunny's Go-To Gal.

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Madison Gets Even Greener

Madison's St. Patrick's Day Parade is a fun, family-friendly event that supports local charities including the Carbone Cancer Center, Coaches vs. Cancer, GiGi's Playhouse, and Logan's Heart and Smiles. The 19th annual Parade will be held on the Capitol Square on Sunday, March 13th. The festivities begin at 1:00pm with costume contests, followed by the Parade around the Capitol Square at 1:30pm. For more information on this incredible local event, including how to get involved, visit www.stpatmadison.org or like Madison's St. Patrick's Day Parade on Facebook. We hope to see you there!



Photo by Veronica Burke

Annual Meeting Slated For April 19th

Find out the latest news and information concerning our community at the Parkwood Hills Community Association Annual Meeting. We will be voting to fill the upcoming vacant board positions, including Board President as David Hoffert steps down. It's a great chance to become more involved with your community. Details on the location of the meeting and this year's speaker are yet to be finalized, so look out for email announcements from the Parkwood Hills Community Association and on NextDoor.com.

Come Out Of Hibernation At The Annual Spring Fling

Saturday, April 30th, 2016, Vintage Brewing Company

Catch up with neighbors and welcome new ones on Saturday, April 30, from 7-11pm at the Parkwood Hills Community Association Spring Fling! The event will once again be held at the Vintage Brewing Company on Whitney Way across from HyVee. Look for us in the banquet room near the rear of the restaurant.

The Spring Fling is a great way to relax, chat with neighbors, and celebrate the end of another Wisconsin winter. It's a FREE event for all Parkwood Hills residents. Enjoy drinks and light food while they last.

Friends who are not residents of Parkwood Hills are welcome to attend for \$15 per person, payable at the door. Last year's event was very well attended, so make sure you don't miss out this year.

Advertise In The Next Directory

We invite and encourage local people and businesses to advertise their products and services in our 2016-2017 Parkwood Hills Neighborhood Directory. By advertising in the Directory you are placing your message in the hands of the more than 500 families in our neighborhood in a direct and economical manner. Your advertisement is visible all year long because neighborhood residents use these directories continuously. Each new family that arrives during the year will be given a copy of the Directory, ensuring that they will immediately associate your business with their new community.

You'll find our ad rates are very reasonable. We also offer a discount of 10% if you pay in advance for two years of advertising. All proceeds go towards the cost of publishing our Neighborhood Directory and in support of the many activities enjoyed by all in our neighborhood. The deadline for ads is March 15, 2016.

Contact Grant Priehs for prices and sizes.
grantpriehs@earthlink.net, (773) 307-5288

Update Your 2016 Directory Information

Even though the new directories won't be coming for months, you can update your personal information at any time. Are you new to the neighborhood? Did your phone number change? Is there a new member in your family? Let us know about it! Email your changes and corrections to Elizabeth Morrison, elizabethmorrison@gmail.com.

From Farm To Table In As Few Stops As Possible

Joining a CSA and the local food trend.

Buy a tomato from a grocery store in January and you'll be reminded of how much you miss a real, homegrown one picked in-season. But modern life has created quite a distance between our plates and the land where our food was grown. You can change that by becoming involved in a CSA that will deliver farm-fresh organic products into the city.

CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture and helps to support smaller, local farms by your investing in them up front and taking your payout in boxes of delicious products throughout the growing season. The farms often carry idyllic names like Harmony Valley, Equinox Community and Two Good. The offerings are typically boxes of a variety of organic produce, while some feature humanely raised meat products. There are even some that offer other specialty items like apples, honey, cheeses, grains, eggs and even wool or yarn at an additional cost. Deliveries generally run from the end of May through Mid-October. According to FairShare, the CSA Coalition, there are over 175 pick-up sites in the Madison Area.

There is a bit of research involved in selecting a farm. You'll want to know what types of produce they grow, where the drop-off site is, what day of the week is the drop-off made, and of course the cost. You may even want to know a bit

about the farmers. Part of joining a CSA farm is connecting to the source, and some encourage visits to the farm or even volunteering with planting and harvesting in trade for the produce. Many offer newsletters or blogs to their shareholders, along with recipes to help you expand your palate in case you receive some veggies you're unfamiliar with. Some pick-up locations also have swap boxes, so if you receive something you know you won't use you can trade it for something someone else doesn't want. Each farm has a limited number of shares available and many sell-out early in the year.

If there are any doubts about the health benefits of farm-fresh produce, consider that several of the local health insurance programs offer rebates (up to several hundred dollars) to people who participate in CSA's.

The FairShare website has a lot of information about the farms participating and answers to the most commonly-asked questions. They are also holding a **CSA Open House at Monona Terrace on Sunday, March 13th, 2016, from noon to 4pm.** There will be approximately 35 farms represented there, as well as workshops, samples and a children's craft area. The event is free.

<http://www.csacoalition.org/events/open-house>

Roasted Acorn Squash Soup

Warm up a chilly winter night with this hearty soup.

- 3 acorn squashes
- 2 apples, peeled and cored
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 Tablespoons butter
- 2 cups chicken or vegetable stock
- 2 (12-ounce) cans evaporated skim milk (NOT sweetened condensed milk)
- ½ cup maple syrup
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ to 1 teaspoon chipotle or Adobo sauce

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Line a large rimmed baking sheet with foil and grease with butter or oil. Cut squashes in half through the stem and scoop out the seeds. Place squash cut side down on foil, placing about a third of an apple into

each seed cavity. Roast in oven about 45 minutes. Allow to cool slightly, then scoop out the squash meat. Don't discard the apples.

Melt butter in a large pot. Sauté the onion in butter until tender and just starting to brown. Add the squash, apples and stock to the pot, bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer for about 10 minutes. The apples and squash should pretty much have fallen apart by now. Remove from heat. Add milk and syrup and stir together. When soup has cooled enough to handle, process in a food processor or blender in batches until smooth. Return to pot, add salt and chipotle sauce to taste and warm soup to desired temperature. Garnish with a swirl of sour cream, chopped chives or shredded chicken, if desired.

Coyote Is No Coward

Lately there have been more sightings of coyotes in our neighborhood and understandably more concerns. Here's some perspective and some advice from the folks at the UW Urban Canid Project.

We have had several reports of a collared coyote displaying some unusual behavior in the last few weeks. We were able to narrow down the potential suspects to a young male coyote that was captured last year in the Owen Park area. Recently, he has been expanding his range, potentially seeking out new territory as breeding season approaches. His unusual behavior includes a marked increase in daytime activity, and a reduced fear of cars/human activity. One of the primary goals of the UW Urban Canid Project is to be able to proactively manage potential conflict with urban canids.

While we do not have any evidence of this individual harming pets or being aggressive, atypical behavior like his can be early signs of habituation and in some cases can lead to aggressive behavior; therefore, we encourage residents to take precautionary steps, especially with pets, including:

1. If you see this collared coyote (or any coyote), make an effort to scare the individual away by yelling, waving arms, or throwing small objects in the direction of the animal. It is important that coyotes associate humans with fear. A proper response for a coyote would be to run away.



Photo by Zylah Kniaz

2. Be vigilant while letting pets out, especially at night. Always keep an eye on them while they are outside, even on a leash.
3. Eliminate any food sources in your yard, including pet food and overfilled bird feeders (spilled bird seed attracts prey for coyotes), and keep compost bins tidy.
4. Report any sightings of coyotes by going to <http://uwurbancanidproject.weebly.com> and click on the Report A Sighting button at the bottom of the page.

We would like to reiterate that this atypical behavior does not indicate that this coyote is going to start attacking pets in the future. If residents of Madison take simple steps to stop potential conflict before it starts, we can avoid costly alternatives to larger problems.

Thank you Madison for your support!

Soliciting Ideas For Neighborhood Projects

A Neighborhood Grant Could Help Fund Your Idea

The City of Madison wants to encourage community and beautify the city, so for years now they have offered grants to neighborhoods to accomplish that goal. The Parkwood Hills Community Association would love to hear your ideas about projects for our neighborhood, and is willing to facilitate the grant proposal process. The two general categories are 1) Beautification and 2) Community/Capacity Building. Extra points are given to projects that fall under "placemaking" – making a private/public space accessible to the public on three or more occasions.

The average grant is around \$2,000 or less. They like projects that have a clearly defined scope, a clear statement of community benefit, and neighborhood participation,

either with volunteered time or fundraising. Examples of grant-funded projects are hiring a local artist and invite the community to participate in an art project, designing a neighborhood outdoor lunch space with decorated tables, or beautifying a bike path with an art installation or landscaping. Some communities have installed a neighborhood sign, but we already have one that's beautified by our own Garden Club.

The deadline for proposal submission is February 22 and there is some groundwork to be done before then, so formulate your ideas quickly and send them to us as soon possible. Email ideas to Editor@parkwoodhills.org or call Grant Priehs at (773) 307-5288.

Halloween Bonfire a Blazing Success!



Moderate weather contributed to a good turnout to watch the bonfire climb into the night sky.



The audience was entertained by the riddles and jokes offered up by the neighborhood ghouls, goblins and princesses.



As they have for several years, Ted and Katie Brenner generously hosted a Halloween Chili Party at their home, offering a neighborly bowl of chili to anyone who wanted a warm up as they headed off to gather treats.



Once again, Parkwood Hills Community Association Board President David Hoffert emceed the joke and story stage.



The bonfire was carefully tended by Peter Olsen and Dave Gillman. Your guess as to who is who is as good as ours.

Making The Argument - Memorial High's Stellar Forensics Program

Forget the fear of heights, spiders, or even death. The fear of public speaking is the #1 phobia to plague people. But you'd never guess that from the enthusiasm and results of the Memorial High School Forensics Team, who has won eight consecutive Division 1 state championships.

When most people hear the word "forensics" they think crime shows and morgues and dead bodies, but forensic competition is a contest between individuals or teams in various argument and advocacy skills. As defined by the Wisconsin Forensics Coaches Association, it's "the art of formal public speaking and presentation." Competitions cover up to 18 different categories of speaking, ranging from informational to entertainment, and presentations can be individual or group. They generally range from 4 to 12 minutes in length.

Memorial's Forensics team is led by Tom Hardin, an English teacher who took over the program in 2000, when there were just five students on the team. Hardin was already doing drama at the school and tapped into that talent pool by asking the actors if they felt they had performed enough the previous year. That's how many were lured into the forensics arena. It was a good fit since competitions include categories like Play Acting for groups, Storytelling, and both humorous and serious Solo Acting. Some categories like Moments In History also provide an opportunity for students to research and write their own material. The team now has more than 90 students and is supported by numerous assistant coaches, including several teachers, former students, and even Hardin's wife, Susan Hardin.

Hardin's approach also inspires other life skills, like a work ethic, accountability, and good sportsmanship. He has a "no gloating" policy for competitions. A school that won Wisconsin championships in the late 90's celebrated with classless chants, a behavior that is not exhibited when Memorial wins. He also expects his students to dress the part, teaching them that wardrobe is part of the presentation.

Unfortunately, the Forensics team still does not garner the amount of attention as athletics. A look at Memorial's website barely offers a reference to the championship team. And, as with many of the arts programs, coaches pay is lagging far behind those of the sports programs. But thanks to the dedication of Hardin and his team, his students are experiencing the thrill of confidence and accomplishment, and gaining the skills that will serve them well throughout their lives.



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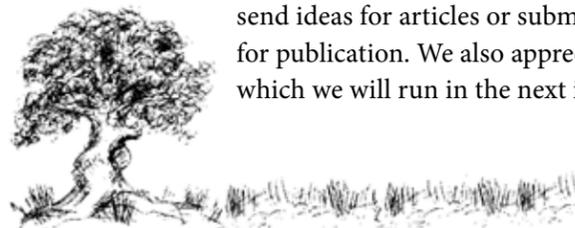
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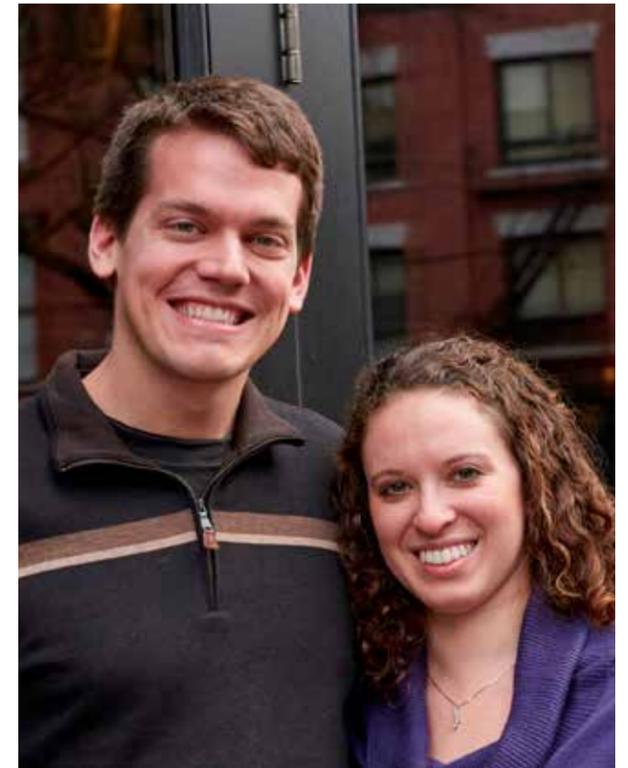
New Neighbors and Newlyweds

Parkwood Hills can now count this pair of optometrists as residents; Stephanie McCaig and Andrew Steinhauer moved into their home at 21 Yellowstone Drive shortly after they were married last July.

Andrew is originally from Madison, growing up in the Wexford and Blackhawk neighborhoods. He attended both Jefferson Middle School and Memorial High School before doing his undergrad work at UW. Stephanie hails from Western Canada, growing up near Vancouver. They met when they were both studying at the Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago. Stephanie now practices at Sokol Advanced Eye Care in West Towne Mall and Andrew practices (with his father, who is also an optometrist) at Steinhauer Family Eye Clinic on University Avenue.

They decided on Parkwood Hills because they liked that it was an established community with trees, lots of people outside walking with their kids and dogs, the parks and the pool. They have been entertained by the trail of wild turkeys that wander through their yard and have seen some of Parkwood's other wildlife - fox, a deer, and what they described as a huge cat.

They both like to stay active. Stephanie has been a swimmer all her life and has participated in synchronized swimming, water polo, and varsity swimming. She also has been an avid downhill skier (growing up near Whistler, Canada). Andrew enjoys golfing and they both are cross-country skiers.



Andrew Steinhauer and Stephanie McCaig moved to Parkwood Hills in July 2015

Start Dreaming Of Spring At The Wisconsin Garden Expo

Hosted by Wisconsin Public Television and UW Extension-Horticulture, the 2016 Wisconsin Garden Expo is three days of seminars, demos, vendors and inspiration for gardening, landscaping and beautification projects. The event is held at the Alliant Energy Center and takes place February 12-14.

The event attracts over 20,000 people and offers over 150 FREE seminars and demonstrations. There are also many exhibitors who have products, seeds, tools and plants for sale. This will be the second year that they will offer a

Farmer's Market on Sunday the 14th, offering greens, pickles and preserves, honey, artisan cheeses and more. There is an admission fee, which varies by how many days you would like to attend, and there is also a parking fee.

Tickets can be purchased at the door, or at a discounted price through a variety of vendors. For more information on ticketing, to view the list of exhibitors, and to check out the schedule of seminars, workshops and demonstrations, go to the Expo website at www.WiGardenExpo.com.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Personal classified ads are accepted for this newsletter, which is mailed to 500 households in Parkwood Hills. Ads may be edited for length. Ads from Parkwood Hills residents are free (up to 6 per year per address). Commercial ads (up to 4 lines) or ads from outside the neighborhood are \$10 each. Email your ad to editor@parkwoodhills.org or mail your payment, name, address and phone number with your ad to Elizabeth Morrison, 6913 Colony Dr. Madison WI 53717. Please make your check payable to Parkwood Hills Community Association.

Dear neighbor, considering a move? I can help you develop a plan of action. Selling a home or purchasing a new one shouldn't be stressful. Let me help you navigate the process and have an enjoyable experience in the process.
Kiki Wessell 608-239-7303 wessellk@firstweber.com "It's good to be home."

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