



UNIVERSITY HILL FARMS

Neighborhood Association Newsletter

Spring 2019



2019 Hill Farms Ladies Golf League

The Wednesday morning Hill Farms Ladies Golf League plays May through August at Odana Hills Golf Course. This a nine-hole league with alternating front and back nines. The league is open to any ladies wishing to play. Skill levels vary widely. Green fees will be about \$13, with additional cost for a motorized cart. Please contact Jacki Lawton at jacki.lawton@gmail.com or (608)238-6601.



The Hill Farms 4th of July celebration is a wonderful way for our community to gather, connect and celebrate!

This event requires the coordination of many dedicated volunteers to whom all of us in the Hill Farms neighborhood are grateful. This year will be one of transition for the lead volunteers of this event. The following is a list of people who are stepping up to join the team for coordinating this event:

Anjali Sridharan and Marty Mozena—4th of July Board Members

Jennifer Eriksen/Jennifer Feldkirchner: Project Finances

Jack Englehart: Game Master

Roger Rowell: Band

Beth Gunshor: Parade Coordinator

Peter Hughes: Beer Master

Joe Keyes: Head Griller

Steve Eriksen: Food preparation coordinator

Margaret Fuguitt: Food set up and volunteer coordinator

John Krejcarek—Park Permit and Set Up

We are still looking for a **Chief of Activities:** This person will coordinate the DJ, Face painting and balloon-sculpting. If you are interested in joining this team of folks who are coordinating this incredible event on any level—whether you want take on a leadership role or if you wish to simply help out that day with grilling, serving beer, assisting with kids’ games, helping with clean up, and so much more—please contact either **Marty Mozena** (jgrandone@gmail.com) or **Anjali Sridharan** (anjali.sridharan@gmail.com). We can’t wait to work together with you on this fabulous event!



New Neighborhood Directory

The 2019-2020 Hill Farms Neighborhood Directory will be distributed in March to the Area Leaders and Block Captains for distribution to the households that have paid their dues for 2019. If you have paid your membership dues and don’t receive your Directory by the first part of April, please contact your Block Captain.

If you are without a Block Captain due to a vacancy, send an email to info@hillfarms.org and let us know you haven’t received your Directory as yet. Keep in mind it takes a while to distribute to 733 households.

Meet our New Block Captains

Thank you to **Judy Halweg** for all her years as the Block Captain for the homes at 4805-4838 Marathon Drive. Thanks for your service, Judy!

Taking over for Judy are **Andy and Abbie Norderhaug** (4821 Marathon). Welcome Andy & Abbie!

We have 3 Block Captain Vacancies to fill:

- 302-329 Robin Parkway
- 5015-5031 Manitowoc Pkwy.
- 5122-5213 & 5215 Manitowoc Pkwy.

If you are interested in any of these vacancies, please send an email to info@hillfarms.org



Block Captains & Area Leaders – A Vital Part of our Neighborhood

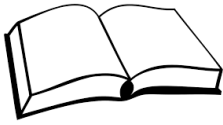
What makes the Hill Farms Neighborhood a great place to live is the sense of community we share. To help us stay connected, the Hill Farms Neighborhood is broken up into 11 Areas with a volunteer Area Leader for each Area. Each Area Leader has a group of volunteer Block Captains. There are 89 Block Captain positions.

The list of these Areas and the 89 Block Captain can be found at the front of the Hill Farms Directory. The Area Leader receives and then distributes materials to the Block Captains in their Area. Block Captains work together with their Area Leader and assist with the following:

Welcome and greet new families on your block if you notice someone new has moved in. Drop off a “Welcome Letter” and let them know you are their Block Captain. The Welcome Letter will explain what membership in the neighborhood association includes.

Distribute Membership Drive information and collect membership dues. The annual membership drive is in the fall (typically September). Block Captains receive their membership packet from their Area Leader. The packet contains a membership form for everyone on the block (members and non-members), a roster which includes the names and addresses of those to contact and a timetable for the membership drive. Completed membership forms and dues collected by the Block Captain are turned into the Area Leader. The Area Leader returns all of their Block Captain envelopes in to the Membership Chair by the membership drive deadline.

Every other year we produce the Hill Farms Directory and distribute it to the paid members. The HF Directory is published and ready for distribution every other year (in odd-numbered years) usually in February or March. Copies are distributed to those households who paid their membership dues. The Block Captains receive their supply of the Directory from the Area Leader with a list of the addresses who will receive a copy.



Hill Farms donation to Community Read Program

During the last University Hill Farms board meeting, current neighborhood safety was discussed. The board felt that the way to address crime was to address its causes. To that end, the board authorized a \$250.00 donation to the Community Read Program administered by the Madison Community Policing Foundation. The goal of Community Read is to hire professional teachers to help struggling students attain their reading grade level thus allowing them to learn at that grade level. The program was started by Madison Police Department Lieutenant Mike Hanson.



The Big Share event is on March 5 and is looking for donors.

The Big Share is a fun, easy and flexible way to donate to and to learn more about organizations that are working to build a stronger community for all.

The Big Share is an online day of giving on Tuesday, March 5, hosted by Community Shares of Wisconsin for nearly 70 local nonprofits dedicated to building an equitable, just community, and protecting our environment. The event is all day, from 12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. online at thebigshare.org, and donations can be made at any time here throughout the day.

Mark your calendars for March 5 for a day of generosity, inspiration, and fun!

Follow #CSWBigShare for updates.

Living Sustainably Includes Using Energy Wisely

Tips from Madison Gas and Electric Company

Do you wash clothes only in cold water? Perhaps you're committed to shutting off lights when you leave the room? Or maybe you have a low-flow faucet in your sink? Many of us recycle. Maybe you also compost to reduce food waste? These actions all contribute to a more sustainable lifestyle. Living more sustainably includes making smart choices about energy.

If we all use less energy, we can help to reduce carbon emissions, which contribute to climate change. Together, we can create a healthier community with individual, eco-friendly actions. We've put together a list of tips and MGE programs to get started.



Lower Your Energy Use

- Use energy-efficient products. LED lights provide better lighting, last longer, and use less energy than incandescent bulbs
- Use a smart thermostat. They make adjusting the temperature of your home almost effortless, helping you to save on heating and cooling costs
- Take advantage of free energy-saving products and incentives. Focus on Energy, our partner in energy efficiency, provides free energy conservation kits containing items like LED bulbs and low-flow shower-heads. Learn more at www.focusonenergy.com/simple. For information on a \$75 incentive for upgrading to a smart thermostat, visit focusonenergy.com/smart
- Use more renewable energy. Consider MGE programs like Green Power Tomorrow and Shared Solar. Clean energy is part of MGE's energy mix for all customers. These programs give customers the option of adding more renewable energy to their household's energy mix. Learn more about Green Power Tomorrow at www.mge.com/gpt and more about Shared Solar at mge.com/sharedsolar. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.
- Use less paper. For a faster, easier, and paperless way to pay your MGE bill, consider paying online with My Bill Pay. Learn more at mge.com/mybillpay

- Reuse bottles, cups, and utensils. Refill a reusable bottle or mug when you need water or coffee. Use silverware instead of plastic utensils.
 - Recycle. If you do use plastic items, dispose of them in the proper recycling bin. The same goes for aluminum and paper. Rethink Your Commute
 - Go electric. If it's time to replace your existing vehicle, consider an electric vehicle (EV). MGE can help you fuel it with our Charge@Home program. We also offer a network of more than 30 public charging stations. All of our public charging stations are powered by green energy. Visit www.mge.com/LovEV for more information about electric vehicles and charging.
 - Carpool. Partner with coworkers who live nearby to ride-share. Carpooling helps to reduce emissions. Transportation accounts for more than 25% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions.
 - Walk or ride your bike. Walking and cycling are not only green options but healthy ones too! To learn more about saving energy, visit energy2030together.com/energyuse
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The **UW-Madison Classics Camp: Meet the Ancient Greeks and Romans!**

is a non-residential summer camp experience for middle school students taking place August 5-16, 2019, Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm. For more information and to register, see canes.wisc.edu/classicscamp

Grace

Lutheran Church
Corner of Rosa & Regent
Madison, WI 53705
Phone: 233-2985
On line at: www.grace-els.org

Sunday School at 9:00
Sunday Worship at 10:00

Easter Schedule

Starting March 6: Weekly Lent Services: 6:30
Easter Breakfast: 8:00 – 9:30 - Easter Egg Hunt: 9:30 – 10:15
Easter Service: 10:30



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Over 50 homes sold in Hill Farms

It's still a seller's market.

Thinking of moving?

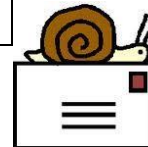
Give me a call - I'd be happy to stop by and tell
you what your home is worth.

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Receive Hill Farms Newsletter by Email!



Paid Hill Farms members 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. Our hope is to reduce the number of paper copies sent to residents who prefer an online version. Only dues-paying members have the option of receiving the newsletter, except for the fall issue which is sent to all homes.

Hill Farms members who are not on our email list will continue receiving a paper copy. If you are an email subscriber but would still like to continue receiving a paper copy of the newsletter at your home, you will have an opportunity to request this later in the spring. If you're not currently on our email list but would like to subscribe, visit www.hillfarms.org to sign up!