Hill Farms Officers and Directors 2015

**President** - Henry Hempe is an Attorney and Arbitrator. He is a long time resident of Trempealeau Trail with his wife Corkie and their two dogs.

**Vice President** - Peter Hughes has resided at 305 Cheyenne Trail for 28 years with his wife Mary-Beth Rolland. They have 3 grown sons and currently 4 grandchildren. Peter is a retired hydrologist from the U.S. Geological Survey and has taken to bee keeping as one of his expanding list of hobbies.

**Past President** - Jacki Lawton has lived on S. Eau Claire Avenue since 1985. She is a retired highway engineer. Mike and Jacki have two adult sons. She has been a Block Captain, Area Leader, Newsletter Editor, President, and provides traffic control for the July 4th Parade and has served food at the picnic.

**Treasurer** - Chris Klein lives at 5039 Marathon Drive with his wife Sarah and two boys Rhys and James. He is the Government Relations Director for the American Heart Association. Chris also serves as a member of the UHF Planning Committee for the City Plan. 608.320.9026  chris.klein@heart.org

**Secretary** - Ron Harris has lived on Waukesha street since 2009, along with Marjorie Rhine, and their daughter, Mathilda, who attends West High. He is a faculty associate in the English Department at the UW and a Certified Public Accountant. He also serves as treasurer of the Friends of Hoyt Park.

**Safety Director** - 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 28 years. They have one daughter. Joe has been active for many years in our Fourth of July celebration, Halloween Party and Santa Visits. He has served as president, treasurer, newsletter director and a member of the UHF planning committee. 238-9556, joe.keyes@tdstelecom.com

**Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Director** - 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.

**Membership & Directory Director** - Marilyn Howell and her husband, Neil, have 2 grown children and have lived on South Hill Drive since March, 1985. Marilyn retired from the WI Department of Natural Resources as an administrative assistant for the Conservation Wardens. Marilyn has been the Chair of the Membership & Directory Committee since
2010 and a Block Captain for 20+ years. She previously served as President, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, coordinator of the 4th of July, and Santa Visit Coordinator.

**Combined Fund Director** - David Lewandowski is retired from the Wisconsin Investment Board as well as from the Wisconsin Air National Guard. He previously worked as an Environmental Engineer with Mead and Hunt Engineers and with the Wisconsin DNR. He has lived on La Crosse Lane since 1985 with his wife Alice. They have an adult daughter and son. He and Alice are longtime members of the Hill Farm Swim Club.

**History and Social Events Director** - Daina Penkiunas works at the Wisconsin Historical Society. She and her family have lived on Richland Lane since 2000. Daina and her husband John have two children - a son working as an engineer in Florida and a daughter in college. Daina is also a member of the Architectural Review Committee and the UHF planning committee.

**Parks and Schools Director** - Deanna Stadler has lived on Marathon Drive since 2008. Deanna and her husband have four beautiful children ranging in ages 3-11 years.

**Fourth of July Director** - Nick Schweitzer has served as the Fourth of July Parade and Picnic Coordinator for 18 years and the Hallowe’en Parade and Pizza Party Coordinator since the event began in 2009. He has also been responsible for the various timelines and similar exhibits along the sidewalk in Rennebohm Park, one of which has become Planet Trek Dane County, the solar system installed along the Southwest Bike Path. He and his wife March live at 4713 Regent Street.

**Technology Director** - Brendon Dybdahl is a marketing and communications professional, currently working for the Division of University Housing at UW-Madison. He lives on Shawano Terrace with his wife, Debra, and two kids. In their five years in Hill Farms, they have enjoyed all that the neighborhood has to offer, including the pool, Rennebohm Park, and tree-covered routes for walks/runs.

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**Newsletter Co-Editor** - Kathleen Thompson - lives on Marathon Drive since 1978. She is a retired civil servant. She has one adult son. Kathy attends the Board Meetings as the Newsletter representative.

**Newsletter Co-Editor** - Deb Elsas lives on S. Whitney Way. She was raised in Hill Farms. She has two adult sons who were Hill Farm Swim Club coaches and guards for many years.

**Director at Large (Planning)** - Mike Lawton is an attorney with Boardman Clark. He also serves on the Police and Fire Commission. He and his wife Jacki have lived on S. Eau Claire since 1985.

**Board Meeting Dates for 2015:** Feb 14, May 9, Aug 8 Nov 14, Annual Meeting Oct 10; 10:00 at Covenant

**Schools of Hope**

Schools of Hope is a unique collaboration of the Madison Metropolitan School District, United Way of Dane County, and local area non-profit agencies serving children and youth. Its mission is to work with school staff to increase the academic performance of students of color and those from low-income families.

The Schools of Hope Project can find a tutoring opportunity that fits your schedule and is just right for you. Contact us at (608) 441-7895 or email tutor@schoolsofhope.org.
SANTA CLAUS RETURNS TO HILL FARMS!

Santa will make his annual visit to the Hill Farms neighborhood on the evening of Wednesday December 10th, to children and grandchildren nine years of age and younger. Be sure your cameras are ready and batteries are charged to record great memories for years to come! Your neighborhood association dues cover these fun visits free of charge.

If you would like Santa to stop by, please sign up on our website at http://www.hillfarms.org/santa.html

Reservations must be sent in by December 6th. If you prefer to fill out a paper reservation, a paper copy will be included in the winter newsletter, which will be arriving around December 1st.

To help Santa find your home on December 10th, please make sure your porch light is on and house number is clearly visible. If Santa has not arrived by 7:30pm, call Boss Elf Donna at 228-9610 or The North Pole at 233-6297. Thanks in advance to the volunteer Santas and drivers for their help.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED
Calling all Jolly Gentlemen in the neighborhood. If you'd be willing to donate a few hours to the neighborhood children, to help them get in the holiday spirit, please consider volunteering as Santa. Currently, there are a few men who have graciously given their time over the last several years to this time honored tradition. It would be helpful if we could recruit some more "Santas" in case someone has a conflict in the future. Please consider helping out.

Please contact Donna Stark if you'd be willing to consider helping this year or next year.
phone: 238-9415 email: donna.stark@dhs.wisconsin.gov

Please mail or drop off form to Donna Stark, 5114 Door Drive by Saturday, December 6th.

Family’s last name ________________________________
Address _________________________________________
Phone ___________________________________________
Child’s name & age ________________________________
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(Anything else Santa should know, e.g. birthdays, special events?)
HALLOWEEN PARTY - THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

The Halloween Party was another success this year with over 150 children and parents in attendance. It was windy and cold but we had happy revelers dressed in varied and elaborate costumes. We had great service with tasty pizza from the Market Square Pizza Pit. The Halloween Party could not take place without dedicated volunteers. This year’s volunteers were: Norm and Darlene Olson who set up & cleaned up, served the pizza and brought the Halloween tablecloth, serving baskets, and donation sign; Ingrid Kallick, Bart Wakker and Petra Wakker who brought those wonderfully carved pumpkins for decorations; Julia Stein who brought the plates and napkins; Steve and Sarah Ales who provided the many boxes of raisins; Diane Graczyk who provided the baby carrots; Rosemary Barrientos, Donna Stark and Kevin & Jennifer Mirror who brought the gallons of cider; Wendy Chacon who brought two flats of water bottles; Andrea and John Murray who brought garbage bags, served beverages and cleaned up; Joe Keyes who brought the cups; Jacki Lawton who passed out plates and cleaned up; and Nick Schweitzer who organized the party. A gain, thank you volunteers!

BELATED JULY 4TH THANK YOU

A n inexcusable error took place in the fall newsletter’s July 4th Thank You. It missed Margaret Fuguit who organized the food and beverage servers. Margaret has been dedicated to this task for many July 4th picnics. Thank you Margaret!

RENNEBOHM PARK SKATE RINK PREPARING FOR WINTER 2014

The Rennebohm Skating Rinks (hockey/public and children) will be operational for this winter’s skating season. The Madison Parks Department has already placed the stakes supporting the hockey boards. As in prior years, the Adopt Ice Partnership volunteers have been maintaining the ice with the help from the Madison Parks Department. (The Adopt Ice volunteers are independent of the neighborhood association.) Adopt Ice Partnership volunteers are still needed. If you would like to help, even on a limited basis, please contact Mark Borns (mborns@msn.com) We hope to see you enjoying the ice this winter!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE 2014 COMBINED FUND DRIVE!

The 2013 Hill Farms Neighborhood Combined Fund Drive collected $12,853 for area nonprofit organizations. Thank you for your overwhelming support and generous donations. Following is the list of contributions that will be sent to each organization:

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Total $ 12,853
Each charity is appreciative of the gifts provided by our neighborhood every year. They respond to our yearly donations with wonderful thank-you letters explaining how the money will help their specific cause.

NOTE: The Combined Fund donation form will be part of the Hill Farms Neighborhood newsletter that will be published in March next year. Be sure to watch for this form in your March newsletter to be included in next year’s fund drive! If you have any questions, please contact Dave Lewandowski, the new HFNA Combined Fund Chairperson for 2015, at 233-7278.

Personal note from Diane Graczyk: Thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with this very special neighborhood and for all the wonderful neighbors I met over the years. I especially want to thank the terrific area leaders and block captains I have worked with for all your help and support.

UNIVERSITY HILL FARMS HISTORIC DISTRICT

The University Hill Farms Historic District was approved by the Wisconsin Historic Preservation Review Board at their meeting on November 21 in Milwaukee. This identifies properties in the area generally from Segoe Road to Rock Road and N. Whitney Way, and Mineral Point Road to Sheboygan Avenue as an Historic District worthy of preservation. This recognizes the area as a unique planned community with mid-century homes and apartments, commercial, schools, churches, parks and employment areas.

A consultant study of each property in the area was undertaken during the last few months, including a photo and ownership history of each property. The consultant’s study of the area is on the following web site http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Content.aspx?dsNav=N:1189. It can also be reached on the following web site www.wisconsinhistory.org/architecturehistoryinventory Each property in this area is listed by street address on this web site.

Being designated as an Historic District, most properties will find this to be an honorary designation. However, property improvements can be eligible for 25% state tax credit for approved projects exceeding $10,000. Projects must be pre-approved by the Wisconsin Historical Society and completed within two years, or phased over a five-year period. For income producing project improvements, a federal tax-credit can also be realized for pre-approved projects. Questions about tax-credits can be directed to Jen Davel at 608-264-6490 at the Wisconsin Historical Society.

We are looking for a Champion for developing an Oral History project for Hill Farms. This is an appropriate time with the Historic District research completed. As many of our long-term neighbors are leaving the neighborhood, it would be a good time to capture their stories of building their homes, of changes in the Hilldale mall, of the changes they’ve seen in the schools, and other memories of the neighborhood. Volunteers? Contact Jacki Lawton (238-6601 jacki.lawton@gmail.com The Westmorland neighborhood has prepared a book on oral history of their residents for sale at the Sequoya library.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Most residential properties between Segoe Road and South Rock Road (Mineral Point Road to Sheboygan Avenue plus apartments to Old Middleton Road) have deed restrictions requiring review of plans by the Hill Farms Neighborhood Architectural Review committee (ARC) before you build. Any addition that changes the building footprint on your property or the exterior appearance of your house needs to be reviewed. Generally, any project that needs a city building permit also needs to be reviewed by the ARC for compliance with the deed restrictions. The neighborhood directory includes a list of projects needing ARC review on page 4. An application form and Fact Sheets are located on the neighborhood web site www.hillfarms.org. Deed restrictions and covenants for Hill Farms properties are listed by street address on the web site, or you can phone the ARC chair for a copy (238-4943).
Members of the nine-person neighborhood ARC committee are Tom Favour Chair (238-4943) email tfavour@aol.com, and Brian Ohm Vice Chair (238-3751) and Eileen Kelley as Secretary/Treasurer. Russ Kowalski (233-4330) email Russgmk@gmkarch.com is lead of the Plan Review Subcommittee, and Mike Lawton is lead of the Legal Subcommittee. Daina Penkinuas is lead of the Communications Subcommittee. Additional members are Greg Ericson, Gary Peterson and Mike Pudelwitts. Election of committee officers for 2015 will occur at the next ARC meeting.

You can contact Tom Favour ARC Chair or any of the other committee members for information or questions you may have.

**MEET OUR NEW BLOCK CAPTAINS AND AREA LEADERS**

**New Block Captains:**
- Susan Kittleson will be replacing Jan Emmerich who moved out of the neighborhood. Susan will be covering the even numbered homes 202-230 South Kenosha.
- Kristen Uchtmann will take over the duties from Helen Kroll and cover the homes on 5413-5601 Regent Street. Thanks, Helen, for your past efforts as Block Captain.
- Stefanie Freyberger is replacing Maryln Grimm. She will be the Block Captain for the homes on 5046-5067 Marathon Drive. Thanks so much to Maryln Grimm for all the work she has put in for many years as Block Captain on Marathon Drive.

**New Area Leaders:**
Tammy Radeug has volunteered to replace retiring Jan Rom as Area Leader for the South Hill Area in addition to her duties as Block Captain for Pepin Place. We sincerely thank Jan Rom for her long service (24 years) as Area Leader for the homes in the Marathon and Pepin Place area and her diligence about keeping the Block Captain positions in her Area filled.

Mary Whitcomb has volunteered to replace retiring Lynn L'Heureux as Area Leader for the University Highlands Area. Mary also serves as a Block Captain for part of Carillon Drive. We sincerely thank Lynn L’Heureux for the 20+ years she served as an Area Leader. She always saw to it that Block Captain vacancies remain filled in her Area. Lynn will remain as a Block Captain for the even-numbered houses on Rock Road.

**JOIN THE HILL FARMS FACEBOOK GROUP**

The “Hill Farms Neighborhood” Facebook group is a great place for residents to post items for sale, community notices, services, events, tips, photos, safety issues, feedback, lost/found items, and more! It's an easy way to share messages with your neighbors, and it's one of the many benefits of becoming a paid member of the Hill Farms Association.

This is a closed group, available only to dues-paying members, and you must have a personal Facebook account of your own to use it. This Facebook group does not replace the email list, which is still the main tool used by the Hill Farms board to send out official notices.

To request access to the group, please visit [www.facebook.com/groups/hillfarms/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/hillfarms/) and click on the “Join Group” button in the upper-right corner. We hope you enjoy this group as a way to connect with the neighborhood.

**Garage Sale Dates for 2015**

May 29-30 for the Neighborhood Garage Sale, in hopes of better weather.
Thinking of selling your home in the spring?

Let’s create your to-do list now!

Mary Whitcomb – Realtor
First Weber Group
608-828-5117

whitcombm@firstweber.com
26 year Hill Farm resident
SAVE PAPER AND RECEIVE YOUR HILL FARMS NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL!
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