



UNIVERSITY HILL FARMS

— Hill Farms
Neighborhood Newsletter
University Hill Farms Association

Winter 2018

Santa to visit Hill Farms!



Santa will make his annual visit to Hill Farms neighborhood on the evening of Wednesday December 5th to children and grandchildren nine years of age and younger. You had your cameras and phones ready and batteries charged to record great memories for years to come! Your neighborhood association dues cover these fun visits free of charge. Be sure your dues payment is in for next year if you wish to participate.

Thanks to the volunteer Santas and drivers for their help. If you'd like to help with this event in the future, we are always looking for volunteer Santas and drivers especially.

Neighbors helping neighbors!

Meet your new Hill Farms board members

Officers

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| Newsletter | Mary Whitcomb & Kathy Thompson |
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| Parks Liaison | Anita Sprenger |
| Planning | Mike Lawton |
| Technology & Website | Ryan Deverman |

Thank You, Brendon Dybdahl for all your help!

Brendon Dybdahl joined the Hill Farm Board 8 years ago as the Technology and Website Director and made a big difference:

- Revamped and improved our website to what it is today;
- Developed a Mail Chimp email distribution list for sending Email announcements and the Newsletter via email;
- Worked with Hill Farms neighbor **Ben Hansen** who developed a way to synchronize the HF database with the emails list in our email program, Mail Chimp. **Thank you, Ben!**
- Developed an online form in our website for neighbors to update their Newsletter and email preferences;
- Composed numerous email announcements and sent them out via the Email distribution list informing neighbors of upcoming events;
- Set-up an electronic form for neighbors to sign-up for a visit from our neighborhood Santa's and used those forms to produce a list of addresses for Donna Stark to develop Santa's route;
- Developed our Facebook Group and compiled the guidelines by which we manage it.

Welcome to our new Technology and Website Director, **Ryan Deverman!**



Thank You Halloween Volunteers!

University Hill Farms had a wonderful Halloween Party and Parade. The weather was beautiful and we had about 200 children and parents in attendance with a great variety of costumes. The Halloween Party is a great way to meet your neighbors across the neighborhood. Special thanks goes out for the following neighbor volunteers: Norm and Darlene Olson for set up and serving the pizza, Ingrid Kallick for the jack-o-lanterns, Julia Stein for bringing plates and napkins, Wendy Chacon for bringing bottled water and cider, Diane Gracyk for bringing the bags of carrots, Mattia Sussman, Connie Li and Mike Pudelwitts for bringing the gallons of cider, Nick Schweitzer for organizing the event and lending event supplies, Jacki Lawton for general help and serving the pizza, and Joe Keyes for general support and parade leader. Finally, if anyone has been missed being recognized in this thank you, your help was greatly appreciated. It is neighbor volunteerism which makes University Hill Farms the great neighborhood that it is.



Winter is Coming!

We're looking forward to another great skating season at the Rennebohm Park Ice Rink and are seeking volunteers to help make ice this winter. The process is simple:

1. Send an email to HillFarmsIce@gmail.com saying "Yeah, sure. I'll volunteer."
2. Await an email with a link to ice making days/times.
3. Volunteer for the time(s) you can handle.
4. Show up.

Have you never made ice before? No worries! We'll teach you how. Worried about standing outside in the cold for a long time? You probably already have the clothes/gear to keep you warm and you'll usually be working with another person so you can each take a break in the shelter if you get cold.

We might also need volunteers to help shovel snow. The City Parks Dept will clear accumulations over 2", but we're responsible for clearing the light er snowfalls. Volunteers might get an email asking for your help with this.

Winter is long in Wisconsin and it's great for you, and your family, to be able to get outside and have fun. Help us make a rink that everyone can enjoy.

Questions?

Marshall Flax
HillFarmsIce@gmail.com



Architectural Review Committee

Are you planning a house update or new construction in 2019?
Please remember your covenants and deed restrictions!

Please remember if you have a house renovation project for 2019; please check with the neighborhood Architectural Review Committee. The University Hill Farms Architectural Review Committee reviews projects for compliance with the deed restrictions, covenants and easements. Compliance with these guidelines protects your property values, preserves the quality and beauty of the neighborhood, and helps to identify water retention problems. A list of various types of projects needing review is listed on page 4 of the University Hill Farms directory.

To help you with your application, the form for “Plan Review and/or Variance” along with four fact sheets can be found on the Hill Farms web site at <http://hillfarms.org/arc.html> . The application form and information can also be obtained from Russ Kowalski (233-4330) or email russgmk@gmkarch.com, Plan Review Chair, or from Joe Keyes (238-9556) ARC Chair.

The neighborhood properties subject to the covenants and deed restrictions are generally bound by Mineral Point Road to Sheboygan and Segoe to Rosa Road To find your specific covenant please refer to the list of covenants and deed restrictions found at the following link: <http://hillfarms.org/covenants.html> They are listed by neighborhood addition and by street address.

Discover

Grace

Lutheran Church at the corner of Rosa & Regent
A small, friendly, Bible based church

Sunday Schedule -

9:00 - Sunday School

9:00 - Adult Bible Class

9:45 - Coffee Fellowship

10:00 - Divine Worship Service

Phone: 233-2985 Madison, WI 53705 Online: www.grace-els.org



Covenant Presbyterian Church

326 S. Segoe Road, Madison, WI

Help us kick off the new activity year at Covenant,
Sunday, September 9 for Celebration Sunday!

We have opportunities for people of all ages and in all walks of life!

9:00 am New Day Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Worship

Our Middle & High School Youth Groups will start back up mid-September.
Visit us for the latest news and to learn more at covenantmadison.org.



On the Home Front

Hill Farms Real Estate News by Mary Whitcomb
Realtor and Hill Farm resident since 1989

Winter is here and the housing market has quieted down. If you're thinking of selling next year, now is the time to empty your home of the things you won't be taking with you. Surprisingly, activity picks up again by mid-January with sales peaking between March and May. Here are some ideas to prepare for a sale -

- *Costly updates are not something we recommend* - buyers would rather add their own touches to a new home.
- *Declutter* - the less you have in every room, the larger they will look. This includes furniture, books, knick-knacks, etc.
- *Clean, clean and clean some more!* A clean home shows better and sends the message that it's been well taken care of.
- Paint if need be. Neutral colors are safe, or use a cohesive color palette
- Expose wood floors if your carpet is old - hardwoods are a big selling point.

Call, text or email with questions about your home's value or to set up a visit.
Mary Whitcomb - thewhitcombgroup.madison@gmail.com 608-712-4399

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Save energy and money this winter. Turn back your thermostat while asleep or at work. Each degree can save 1% on your heating bill. If we all setback 1°, we'll save enough gas for 3,100 homes. Bigger setbacks save even more.

Visit mge.com/setback to calculate your savings
or call 252-7117.

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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!