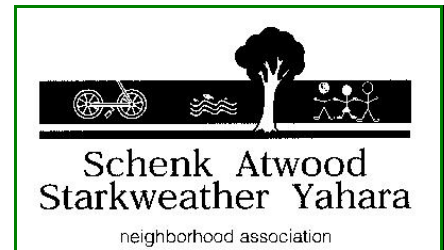


SASYNA NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 2003



UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

May 21st - Kennedy Place Development Meeting

Wednesday, May 21st, 7:00 pm, Atwood Apartments, 2052 Atwood Avenue, Conference Room A, Second Floor, Review the design for a new 4-story, 52-unit apartment/retail building on Atwood Avenue extending from Amoth Court to United Way.

May 27th - SASYNA Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 27th, 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Atwood Community Center
Includes a Kennedy Place presentation. Everyone invited.

June 5th - Pantrython 2003

Friday, June 5th, 6:AM to 6:PM. All day call-in auction and pledge drive at radio station 105.5 Triple M FM. Tune in and place bids at 281-1055. The event raises awareness and funds for local hunger issues, and is sponsored by the Atwood Community Center, second Harvest Food Bank, and 105.5 Triple M FM. Auction items can be viewed on the Atwood Community Center web site at www.atwoodcc.com.

June 14th - Hudson Park Brat and Lake Weed Festival

Saturday, June 14th, 9:00 to 1:00 pm, Take a Stake in the Lakes cleanup of our neighborhood beach and barbeque. More info and pictures from last year at sasyna.org.

June 21st - 2nd Annual Starkweather Solstice Celebration

Saturday, June 21st, Celebrate the Solstice at Olbrich Park. There will be arts & crafts, food, music, dancing, guided nature walks, kite flying, and a bonfire after dark. More info at sasyna.org.

June 24th - SASYNA Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 24th, 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Atwood Community Center

RECENT NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

The SASYNA General Membership Meeting was held Tuesday, May 6th at the Atwood Community Center. About 45 people shared homemade lasagna and discussed current neighborhood activities. There was a short summary of upcoming developments including the Ray O'Vac property on Winnebago. SASYNA will see preliminary redevelopment concepts for Ray O'Vac by July. Betty Chewning announced the upcoming pedestrian flag program at the intersection of Atwood Avenue and Ohio. There was over an hour discussion on reducing the impacts of the county airport on the neighborhood. Sharyn Wisniewski represented County Executive Kathy Falk and fielded questions with the help of three airport representatives including Bill White, neighborhood resident and chair for the airport's noise committee. Neighbors and SASYNA will need to continue pressure for improved noise control measures and contact Rep. Tammy Baldwin to reduce F-16 jet fighter flights over the neighborhood.

The same night, the Common Council approved a 15-unit apartment building at 2132 Atwood Avenue, former site of Gemini Landscapers, despite suggested improvements by SASYNA on behalf of adjacent neighbors. Construction begins this summer. Gemini has moved to 134 Fair Oaks Avenue, will have an open house on May 24th and has long term plans for a café and canoe rental along Starkweather Creek.

NEW CIRCLE PARK SWINGSET NEEDS SUPPORT - Neighbors are raising funds to replace and relocate the swingset in Elmside Circle Park. Tax deductible donations payable to SASYNA, can be sent to Steve Klafka, 508 Elmside Boulevard.

HELP RESTORE ATWOOD FLOWER BEDS - Becky Steinhoff is restoring the flower beds across from the Harmony Bar on Atwood Avenue. If you would like to help, email her at director@atwoodcc.com.

HAWTHORNE PARK IMPROVEMENTS - Friends of Hawthorne Park are developing park improvement plans and a fundraising campaign. Anyone interested in helping out should contact Kathy Stephens at cstephens@education.wisc.edu.

ABOUT SASYNA

The SASY neighborhood in Madison is bordered by Lake Monona, Yahara River, East Washington Avenue and Starkweather Creek. Our neighborhood association is working to preserve and expand the small town character which makes our neighborhood a unique and pleasant place to live, play and work.

JOIN SASYNA

SASYNA meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Atwood Community Center (May 27th, June 24th, July 22nd). Everyone is encouraged to come and share ideas, concerns or get involved. Neighborhood events are posted on our email list and web site: www.sasyna.org. We have an active email information list for discussion of important issues and events. To join the list, visit the council page on our web site or contact neighbors@sasyna.org. Membership dues are \$5 to \$25 annually. You decide what you can afford to support our activities. Direct membership questions to 244-1253 or email: neighbors@sasyna.org. To join, please send your name, address, email address, and membership dues to: SASYNA Membership, P.O. Box 683, Madison, WI 53701.