

# The Garden Gazette

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## Our Neighborhood Boundaries



## Spotlight on Neighbors

Special thanks to Nancy Junio, Ron Jung, Cindy Fischer, and Melissa Maloney for their time spent as members for our neighborhood association. We hope to fill their absence with committed new board members interested in improving and sustaining healthy family-oriented neighborhood

## Association Meetings

Attend one of our neighborhood association meetings at Jefferson Elementary School library every Second Thursday of the month from 7:00-8:00p.m., but please arrive between 6:45-7:00p.m., since doors get locked once custodians leave site.

## Thank You!



## Current Board Members:

Greg Maloney, Sarah LeClaire, Jim Bankes, Dan Junio and Bill Woods.

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## *Coming this summer:*

Rain Gardens

Vegetable gardens

## RAIN GARDENS



Rain gardens are landscaped depressions that receive stormwater runoff and allow the runoff to slowly infiltrate to the groundwater table. As well as intercepting stormwater runoff that could have added to potential flooding problems, the rain garden allows nature to play a role, removing some of the pollutants that would have otherwise affected downstream water quality. During infiltration, plants use excess nutrients for growth, sediment is trapped in the garden and biological and physical processes remove pathogens. Dissolved metals and nutrients bind or adsorb to soil particles and are removed temporarily out of the system. Rain gardens also create important habitat for bees, butterflies and birds.



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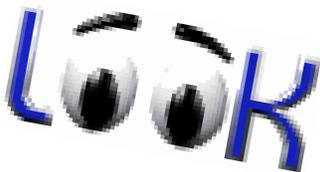
# What is a Neighborhood Association?



By Andy Rosendahl, Neighborhood Development Specialist,  
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A neighborhood association is defined by the City of Green Bay as neighbors living within a designated area of the City who are concerned about issues affecting their neighborhood and, who have decided to work together to protect and ensure a better social, economic, and business climate in their neighborhood.

Neighborhood associations can be all of those things and so much more. Neighborhood associations can take part in all kinds of activities including but not limited to, newsletters, block parties, neighborhood cleanups, and beautification projects but none of that works without active members voicing their opinions and volunteering their time.



## You should be aware of these city Ordinances

- \* No animals are allowed in city parks, unless posted otherwise.
- \* Animal waste must be cleaned up when walking your dog(s).
- \* Dogs are not allowed to be unleashed, they must be contained by leash, kennel or fence.
- \* If an animal is tied up outside, it must be at least 5 feet from sidewalks, streets, or alleys.
- \* All dogs and cats more than 5 months old should be registered through city of Green Bay.
- \* If animals are kept outside, they should have a shelter.

The City of Green Bay now has 33 recognized Neighborhood Associations that are each unique in their own way. Some are very active in promoting crime prevention, while others are gifted with a green thumb and able to brighten the look of the neighborhood with flowers. All of the neighborhoods, however, are working toward the same goal of making Green Bay the best possible city.

The people that make up the membership of the neighborhood association are the engine that keeps everything moving forward. A well-organized group of people can be an influential voice for change within the community. Think about coming to your next neighborhood association meeting, sharing your thoughts and getting involved to make your neighborhood and the City of Green Bay a better place to live.



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- \* Excessive Barking dogs are a violation of city ordinance and may be subjected to fine if not addressed by owner.
- \* Litter and refuse accumulation or garbage out in excess of 12 hours prior to the schedule of pickup day is in violation of Ordinance 9.02.
- \* Tall grass/noxious weeds are in violation of (Ordinance 28.204(6)).
- \* No house number or obscured number is in violation of Ordinance 9.31.
- \* Sidewalk snow/ice must be removed within 24 hours after the end of a snowfall (Ordinance 9.30).

## President's Vision



I became an official neighbor back in April 2009. The things that attracted me to this particular neighborhood were fond memories of the area as a child and adolescent since I resided on Bond Street for nearly eight years, and had many friends who resided in or near our neighborhood. Then I graduated from Green Bay West High School in 2005, and proceeded to earn my Bachelor Level Social Work Degree through University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. Other things that I enjoy about our area are the location since it possesses both traits of City as well as up-north feel to it. Furthermore, the neighbors have been welcoming and seem to reach out towards each other. This area also has gone through a relatively drastic transition with a turnover of new home ownership bringing new thoughts, ideas, and enthusiasm to an area that will soon become under the leadership of new generation(s). Lastly, the improvements being constructed to Velp Avenue, as well as turning our area back into predominantly residential neighborhood will bring increased property value and more of neighborly feel to it.

My passion to help others has continued to manifest and prosper through my personal life. Back in early spring of 2011, I as well as small group of neighbors was interested in forming a neighborhood association in order to ensure that our area continues to prosper as a safe and content area to raise a family. Since forming, our association has promoted variety of social gathering events and soon will begin implementing beautification projects that will be unique to our area. I think

those values fit our mission statement as **“Promoting Old Neighborhood Character and Inspiring New Community Pride.”**

Next year will bring even more projects to our area such as implementing our neighborhood association sign(s) and then landscaping around it. Then our association will begin our second annual rummage sale as a way to promote and provide some return investment on unwanted items. Furthermore, our association will implement two beautification landscape projects to randomly selected homeowners who want to participate. There will be volunteers who can sign-up and engage in above educational and rewarding project, no one will be denied an opportunity to help out in this project if interested, no matter his/her skill level. Our association board can also explore any other ideas that neighbors might offer.

There are more pros to cons towards having a neighborhood association as indicated, and I hope to see some of you attend our board meetings, social events, or project initiatives. Our board would also welcome any new board members since we do have capacity for 11 board members and currently hold 5 members. If you ever have any questions, concerns or simply just want to talk, please contact me at (920) 412-1299 or [Maloney.greg@yahoo.com](mailto:Maloney.greg@yahoo.com). In addition, if you want to send me your email or phone number as a way for me to update you on things that are constantly occurring in our neighborhood please do so, you might find it beneficial.

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## The Report: Community Police

Do you know who your community police are? What are community police? Community police officers seek to improve the quality of life in your neighborhood. They are assigned to a specific area of the city and are not typically dispatched to calls for service but rather, work on long term problems. Working the same part of the city gives them the opportunity to gain familiarity, ownership, and establish relationships with citizens in their neighborhood. They have found that citizens, who may not otherwise report a crime or suspicious activity, are more willing to do so if they know a police officer personally.

Do you have a nuisance in your neighborhood that is affecting the quality of life in the neighborhood? Is there a house that continually has the same reoccurring problems where the police are dispatched quite frequently. If so, the community

police can help by looking into the problem to see if there is something that can be done to abate further problems. Sometimes it is a simple call to the property owner to let them know what is going on. Community officers can also make referrals to the inspection department, animal control or human services.

Neighbors can call their community police to give tips about suspicious activity occurring in the neighborhood and give them the heads up to problem areas in the neighborhood.

Please call your community police if you feel they need to know about an ongoing nuisance or problem in the neighborhood. They are here to help!

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## **The Humane Animal Advocate**

Please let me introduce myself. My name is Sharon Hensen and I am the Sr. Humane Animal Control Officer for the city of Green Bay. I was asked by Mr. Maloney to add an article to your neighborhood newsletter regarding animal control and I am delighted to do so.

I would hope to be able to perhaps add a few lines here and there in the future as well. Animal control is so much more than a job or career. It is a way of life that encompasses so much more than dealing with domestic animals. I hope to be able to give you an insight into this world over the next few months.

First just to give you an idea of whom I really am. I have been in the animal world professionally for over thirty years. Professionally means, getting paid. But I have been dealing with animals all my life. I started working for a veterinarian while living in California. I love the medicine aspect of it but felt the need to go beyond and help the animals, both domestic and exotic, before they were injured. I then went to work for Santa Clara Humane Society, which is the largest humane society in Northern California, housing up to 2300 animals. There I was trained to be a euthanasia technician. I also did rehab work with abused dogs and placed the majority of them into permanent homes. During this time I also worked part-time in pet stores and grooming facilities.

After 10 plus years there I moved south to Arkansas where I went to work for the animal control of Little

Rock. My education continued and I worked very closely with the attorney's office and police department. I was a founding member of AFA (Arkansans for animal) and we were able to get dog fighting established as a felony. I spent 8 ½ years in animal control but then was recruited into the zoo field. I spent the next 10 years working with exotic animals including training and working elephants for three of those years.

In 1999 I moved to Green Bay and continued in the animal world working at the NEW Zoo for 5 years. I was then hired by the city in 2004 in the animal control department where I am now the Sr. ACO.

By giving you this brief history of my animal experience, you will get an understanding of why I state that it is not just a job or profession. It's a way of life for me. I hope over the next few articles you will get a better understanding of why domestic animals do what they do and exotics act certain ways. I also hope to give you an insight into why we have ordinance's governing the care and responsibility of ownership of animals.

I am available 5 days a week, Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 4pm. After that time there are interns on the road up to 10pm and weekends from 10am to 4pm. Please feel free to call with any complaints or concerns. Police dispatch 448-3201... stay safe and see you on the road



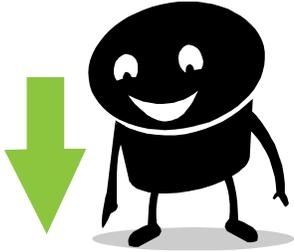
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# Twelve Ways to Improve Your Neighborhood *Right Now*



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The following list is intended to introduce the neighbor who has never participated in a crime prevention effort to simple steps that can be taken now to make a difference.

**1. Report crime promptly.** Neighbors sometimes don't report criminal activity because they don't want to bother the police, they assume police are too shortstaffed to respond, or they believe that there isn't much an officer can (or will) do about a given problem anyway. Whether the issue is graffiti, petty vandalism, or something much more serious, police cannot act without first hearing about the problem from you. Calling won't guarantee that police can fix the problem, but failing to call can guarantee that they won't. Also, don't assume someone else has called. Make the call yourself.

**3. Take away the opportunity for crime.** Think about your home, your car, and even your lifestyle and ask what you could change to take away the opportunity for crime. Lock your car and never leave valuables, for a few minutes, in the car where would-be thieves might see them. Trim bushes or trees on your property that offer too-convenient hiding places. Also, trim where trees and bushes block a clear view of your front door and address from the street or make it difficult for a person to see out of windows in your home. In short, make your front porch visible and make sure your home looks like it has its "eyes" (windows) open.

**5. Make a list of the names and phone numbers of every neighbor on your block.** Not just two neighbors - set a goal of at least 10 and preferably 20 or 30. Find almost any citizen who has turned around a problem block and you will find a citizen who really knows the people who live there. Did you grow up in a neighborhood where "everyone knew each other" and find that today your neighborhood isn't like that? That's true for many people. That's not "society's" fault. Instead, think of it as your own fault, and you can fix it. Unless you know neighbors' names and numbers, you can't call them about a concern or let them know about a neighborhood problem. Learn

**2. Report nuisances and other non-criminal problems**  
Examples: Junked vehicles on front lawns, abandoned vehicles on streets, old furniture left to rot in backyards, garbage dumped illegally on vacant lots, etc. When you find yourself thinking, "Someone ought to do something," then respond to it. Call public works, non-emergency law enforcement, landlords, residents, local business owners, neighborhood association, alderman, or any other person or agency that may have influence on the issue(s). Then call your neighbors and ask who are concerned about the same issue(s) and have them call and report as well. Then keep calling until issue(s) is resolved.

**4. Meet the youth who live on your block and greet them by his/her name.**  
This is one of the simplest steps an adult can take: yet it can make a profound difference should there be a future need for adults and young people to speak to each other in midst of a neighborhood crisis. Also, it is difficult to help form a safe and supportive community for children without the adults and children knowing each other. Even those without children should know to whom the various children in neighborhood belong too. In this way, each adult is more capable of helping resolve an issue or handling an emergency in his/her neighborhood as well as feeling comfortable to discuss problems in a civil and responsible manner.

**6. Make a list of landlords in your areas as well.**  
As owners of property in the community, landlords are responsible to the neighborhood and most are rightly concerned about the health of the community in which their properties stand. You can find out the name and address of the person, business owner, or organization that owns any property or land, including the rental property nextdoor, by contacting your tax assessor's office or via City of Green Bay Website. Do it today.

**7. Walk around the block.**  
It sounds simple enough, but neighbors benefit overtime when responsible citizens walk about more, particularly for those who are comfortable or capable of doing it. Every evening or night walk around your block, once a day, and chat with neighbors, including youth, when the

the names and phone numbers of your neighbors this weekend.

**8. Turn your porch light on.** Do this every night at dusk and keep it on till dawn. Crime tends to decline in neighborhoods that are well lit. Turning on porch lights is a simple way to start this process. It also makes the street feel more "welcome" to good residents who are out for a walk in the evening. It communicates a higher level of caring for the neighborhood by residents. This can become a daily routine or it can be accomplished by installing a timer. It is also immediate - while you wait for local government to install that new streetlight that everyone is asking for, go ahead and add a little more light yourself. Then encourage other neighbors to do the same.

**9. Drive slowly on neighborhood streets.** While we often call for stop signs, lights, and speed bumps, we often forget that we can organize a means to slow down neighborhood traffic sooner. Remember that it is legal to drive a few miles per hour *below* the speed limit in your neighborhood. For example, if the speed limit is 25, try 20 instead. Regular slower driving on neighborhood side streets by multiple neighbors will dampen the desire of racers to use your street - it isn't as fun to cut through a neighborhood if the likelihood of being stuck behind a car traveling at a more respectful pace has increased. Also, do it on every side street in the neighborhood, not just the one near your home.

**Finally, don't stop at 12 tasks:** Do whatever else you can to make your neighborhood a safe and enjoyable place to live, work, go to school, and raise a family. Remember: living in a good neighborhood isn't a right, it's a responsibility.

opportunity arises. This will prevent or limit criminal activity.

**10. Pick up the litter near your home, even if you didn't put it there.** Most people are less likely to litter where they don't see litter already. You can help stop the growth of trash in your neighborhood by taking away the existing litter that attracts it.

**11. Stay where you are.** Stable neighborhoods are built on the commitment of long term residents who would rather live in a healthy community than move to a bigger house. Communities reach stability when conscientious citizens allow their roots to grow deep and help transform a geographic area that exists as a "neighborhood" in name only into a real community of involved people. Please, stay and help.

**12. Help your neighborhood association or similar groups.** If you are willing, decide what greater contribution you would like to make - then take the lead and do it. If leadership isn't your desire, at least make sure someone in your household attends local neighborhood association meetings. You'll be kept better informed of the issues facing the neighborhood and how you can help and, perhaps more importantly, you'll have the chance to shape, guide, and participate in the future of your neighborhood.

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# How to Control Mosquitoes in Your Yard and Home

## Limit Habitat for Mosquitoes

By [Debbie Hadley](#)

Nothing takes the fun out of an evening barbecue outdoors like a bunch of bloodthirsty mosquitoes. In addition to inflicting a painful bite, mosquitoes can transmit diseases. You can keep your local mosquito population under control by limiting their habitat on your property, and avoid their annoying bites by using the right barriers and repellents.



## Keep this from happening to you

*CDC/Robert S. Craig*

Mosquitoes require water to breed. Adult mosquitoes lay eggs in stagnant or slow moving water, or on moist soil or leaf litter in areas likely to collect water. By eliminating these water sources, you can keep new generations of mosquitoes from taking up residence in your yard.

1. Drill holes in the bottom, not the sides, of any garbage or recycling containers stored outdoors. Holes on the sides still allow enough water to accumulate in the bottom for mosquitoes to breed.
2. Keep gutters clean and unclogged. Be sure your downspouts drain properly, without leaving puddles in the drainage area. You may need to reroute your downspouts or add extensions to carry water away.
3. Keep swimming pools cleaned and chlorinated, even when not in use. Homeowners who go on vacation without chlorinating their pools may return to a veritable mosquito hatchery.
4. Walk your property after a rain, and look for areas in the landscape that are not draining well. If you find puddles that remain for four or more days, regrade the area.
5. Ornamental ponds should be aerated to keep water moving and discourage mosquitoes from laying eggs. Alternately, stock the pond with mosquito-eating fish.
6. Dump anything that holds water twice per week if it has rained. Birdbaths, non-chlorinated wading pools, footbaths, garbage can lids, and pottery will all attract breeding mosquitoes. Remember to empty the saucers under your flower pots, and don't leave water in pet bowls for more than two days.

## Limit Adult Habitat

Adult mosquitoes rest during the day, usually on tall weeds or other vegetation. Make your yard less hospitable to mosquitoes by mowing your lawn regularly, and keep weeds away from your home's foundation.

## Avoid Exposure to Mosquitoes

Even when following all the precautions above to eliminate mosquito habitat, some mosquitoes will still be around to spoil your fun. You can limit exposure to the mosquitoes that remain by using effective repellents and barriers.

1. Window and door screens should be 16-18 mesh and fit snugly, without gaps around the edges. Check your screens for holes and repair or replace them as needed.
2. Replace your outdoor lights with yellow "bug" lights. These lights do not repel insects, but mosquitoes and other pests are less likely to find them attractive and invade your yard.

3. When outdoors, apply a DEET-based insect repellent according to the directions on the label. DEET will need to be reapplied in 4-6 hours.
4. Treat clothing, sunshades, and screen houses with a permethrin-based product, such as Permanone. Permethrin repels both mosquitoes and ticks, and will last through several washes on your clothing.
5. Some insecticides available commercially may be used by the homeowner for mosquito control. Check the labels for EPA-approved products registered as effective against adult and larval mosquitoes. A light spray application around building foundations, shrubs, and grasses will keep adults from resting in these areas.
6. Use of some other repellent products, such as citronella candles and mosquito coils, may also be effective if used in windless conditions. Some concerns about mosquito coils, which are impregnated with chemicals, and possible respiratory impacts have been raised recently, however.

### What Doesn't Work for Controlling Mosquitoes

Despite what your friends tell you, some popular mosquito control methods have no significant impact on keeping mosquitoes in check. According to Wayne J. Crans, Associate Research Professor in Entomology at Rutgers University, these often-touted mosquito solutions are not worth your time or money.

1. Bug zappers. Though the satisfying sizzle you hear from this modern day insect torture device will convince you it's working, don't expect much relief from backyard mosquitoes. According to Crans, biting insects (including mosquitoes) generally make up less than 1% of the bugs zapped in these popular devices. Many beneficial insects, on the other hand, do get electrocuted.
2. Citrosa plants. While citronella oil does have proven mosquito-repellent properties, the genetically-modified plants sold for this purpose do not. In tests by researchers, the test subjects bitten as often while surrounded by the Citrosa plants as without them. In fact, mosquitoes were observed landing on the leaves of Citrosa plants during the study.
3. Bats and/or purple martins. While both bats and the colonial purple martins will consume mosquitoes, the offending insects make up a small percentage of their natural diet. Assertions about these insectivores being effective mosquito controls grew out of misrepresented and misinterpreted data from unrelated studies. While providing habitat for bats and purple martins has its value, don't do it if only to reduce your mosquito populations.
4. Electronic devices that transmit sounds to mimic male mosquitoes or dragonflies do not work. Crans goes so far as to suggest "the claims made by distributors border on fraud." Enough said.

Reference: [Products and Promotions That Have Limited Value for Mosquito Control](#), Wayne J. Crans, Associate Research Professor in Entomology, Rutgers University

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## Concert



## Summer Picnic

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