

# Schmitt Park

neighborhood  
association

Newsletter



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**7<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Meeting and Social**  
**Monday, October 14, 6:30 p.m.**  
*An invitation for all Schmitt Park Residents...*



To be held at the Woodland Park Apartments  
2809 University Avenue  
(Community Room - Follow Signs)

## AGENDA

(subject to change-program will be distributed at the meeting)

<b>Welcome, Introductions &amp; Comments (Mayor Jim Schmitt)</b>	20 Min.	Patrick Kloster
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	5 Min.	Steve Below
<b>Nominations to the Board of Directors</b>	5 Min.	Caroline Moes
<b>Election to the Board of Directors</b>	5 Min	Patrick Kloster
<b>Presentation of Awards</b>	5 Min.	Mayor Schmitt
<b>Program: Rob Strong</b>	15 Min	Residents
<b>Planning &amp; Development Director Captain Bill Galvin District D Commander</b>	15 Min.	Residents
<b>Neighborhood Forum: Q&amp;A</b>	10 Min.	SPN Residents
<b>Door Prizes and Social Period</b>	Unlimited	Mary Ann Minner & Caroline Moes

**Next Board Meeting Date** **Monday, November 11, call to order 6:30 p.m., N.E.W. Curative Inc., Room 214A**

- Annual Meeting
- Presidents Message
- VA Outpatient Clinic Now Open
- Mental Health Center Demolition
- Monthly Board Meetings
- Little Free Library
- Board Member Contacts

### *Schmitt Park Neighborhood Association Mission Statement...*

*The mission of the Schmitt Park Neighborhood Association is to preserve and improve the growth, quality, and natural beauty of our neighborhood, with a sense of community by promoting a prosperous, safe, healthy, and happy place to live.*

# President's Message

## *Be Diligent*



Some of us can remember when we didn't lock the doors to our homes, cars, storage sheds, or any other out building we may have had. We went about our personal and family business without a thought of being robbed, having our home burglarized, or even the possibility of bodily harm.

Generally, we feel pretty safe in Schmitt Park. But recent incidences have made me concerned for you, my neighbors. As previously reported in this publication, someone or a few people stole checks and letters from a mail box and greeting cards were taken from another mail box and torn up. Let's not give vandals or criminals an opportunity to commit acts such as these. Put your mail out the day it will be picked up. If you miss your mail carrier, take your mail to the post office.

Many other instances of questionable behavior have been brought to my attention during this year. One case worth mentioning: late one evening a neighbor observed a car parked (lights off) in front of a residence, across the street from her home, at the intersection. She had noticed this vehicle as she passed a window, and awhile later, the car was still there. This neighbor went upstairs to her bedroom and watched the vehicle for quite some time. Thinking the occupants of the car were up to questionable actions, she turned on the bedroom lights. Shortly after that, the car started up and left. There are any number of reasons why that automobile was stopped there; texting, looking at a road map, talking to a girlfriend, etc. There could have been another reason as well, and due diligence caused them to leave.

Neighbors, my point is - let's be vigilant. Look out for each other. Be a good neighbor. When something looks suspicious, report it to the proper authorities. We will have Green Bay Police Department District D. Commander Captain Bill Galvin at our annual meeting to discuss these issues. It would be worth your time to attend this meeting. Event details appear in this newsletter.



On another safety note, the speed limit in Schmitt Park is 25 miles per hour. It is also the same for St. Anthony Drive. With all the trees, shrubs, hills and valleys in our splendid neighborhood, blind spots exist throughout the streets of Schmitt Park. Please be mindful and watch out for joggers, dog walkers, and children riding their bicycles or playing on or near the street. Please be diligent and keep within the speed limit. We don't have sidewalks here.

All residents are invited to our Annual Schmitt Park Meeting on Monday, October 14. Hope to see you there.

Patrick A. Kloster  
President  
Schmitt Park Neighborhood Association

# America's Veterans Deserve the Best

## Milo C. Huempfner VA Outpatient Clinic Now Open

At the dedication for a new veteran's clinic in Green Bay, Robert Petzel of the Veterans Affairs office said: "America's veterans deserve the very best."

We agree with the sentiment, however, too many times it's simply lip service. It's easy to praise the service of veterans, especially during wartime, but quite often their plight is forgotten and they're left to struggle adjusting to civilian life, finding jobs, getting the health care they need.

**That's why it's especially gratifying to see the new Milo C. Huempfner VA Outpatient Clinic in Green Bay. It opened to patients on Monday, August 19.**

The original clinic opened Dec. 1, 2004 at 141 Siegler St. It was modest by comparison, starting with 7,600 square feet. Its staff of 30 serves about 3,500 patients a year. Many veterans had to go to larger clinics in Appleton or Milwaukee for procedures. That will change with the \$60 million, 27-acre, 160-square-foot-facility that was dedicated on Thursday. A staff of about 200 will serve an expected 20,000 veterans from

Northeastern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

While offering such services as mental health, cardiology, dental care, radiology, chemotherapy, optometry audiology, dialysis and primary care with private facilities for women, the outpatient clinic will also provide surgical procedures such as colonoscopies, cataract removal and orthopedic procedures.

The clinic is a great addition to the medical family in the Green Bay area, with four hospitals and a Green Bay-area campus of the Medical College of Wisconsin opening soon.

Officials hope the clinic will spur development in the area. An apartment complex for struggling veterans is on hold, but Brown County hopes to turn the area into an office and technology park in the area of the old mental health center.

A peripheral boost to the economy and development would be nice, but what's better, and what's needed more, is this very facility to serve our veterans. That need is only going to increase.



While the veteran population is expected to decrease, the number of vets with a service-connected disability is expected to increase. It has risen 46 percent since the 1990 fiscal year. Meanwhile, outpatient visits nationwide increased from 46.5 million in 2002 to 80.2 million in 2010.

The need for this type of clinic is especially severe after long wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. We have a generation of veterans who served in combat areas and who are going to age and will need care.

Local veterans, young and old, who are dealing with physical and mental problems will no longer have to slog through inclement weather to facilities an hour or two away or navigate through Milwaukee traffic.

The new clinic will handle about 95 percent of the care a patient might need, Petzel estimated.

The state has about 420,000 veterans, including about 17,000 in Brown County. They have served their country, at peace and during war, and they were promised certain benefits for that service. They've held up their end of the bargain.

Now it's time for us to do the same. This clinic goes a long way toward fulfilling that promise.

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# Demolition of the Former Mental Health Center

The following information was submitted by Doug Marsh,  
Facility Engineer, Facility Management, Brown County Public Works.

As you are aware, Brown County built a new Community Treatment Center and vacated the former Mental Health Center (MHC) in October of 2009. After a prolonged effort to sell the former MHC, Brown County is now proceeding with demolition of the MHC and its outbuildings. This project consists of eight phases (see below) led by Brown County Public Works Facility Management. The County is currently in Phase 3 and is continuing salvage and recycling efforts.

The following eight phases of work are necessary to demolish the former MHC:

**Pre-demolition environmental survey** (for asbestos, lead, refrigerants, mercury, PBCs, etc.) This work was completed March 2013 by Midwest Environmental Consulting Services of Yorkville, IL. The pre-demolition environmental survey per WI DNR requirements included asbestos, lead, refrigerants, mercury and PBCs throughout the main MHC and its respective outbuildings – Laundry Building, Boiler House and Barn.

**1. Building material salvage and recycling** (*before, during and after the abatement phase*) Brown County Public Works Facility Management is managing the salvage and recycling of existing building materials and components. This voluntary phase of work is proceeding with the goals of salvaging or recycling at least 90% of the building, and to the fullest extent possible, reduce the amount of building materials going into landfill and receive a financial reward for Brown County. The financial reward from the salvage and recycling of building materials and

components will help offset the costs of abatement and demolition for the County.

**2. Abatement of asbestos and hazardous materials**

By Dirty Ducts Cleaning Environmental & Insulation, Inc., a Madison, WI based licensed abatement firm, who does abatement work for the State of Wisconsin, the U-W System and numerous K-12 school districts. Dirty Ducts Cleaning will complete their abatement work inside the existing building under a negative air-pressure so that asbestos dust does not leave the building. The asbestos will be wet with water to eliminate dust, bagged as it is removed and then properly disposed at a licensed disposal site.

**3. Pre-demolition, selective demolition (soft scrubbing)**

Prior to building superstructure demolition, supervised County and State of Wisconsin inmate work crews will remove any remaining building materials following the salvage & recycling and abatements phases. Such materials will be removed so as not to be included in resultant debris pile following the ultimate demolition of the MHC, Laundry Building, Boiler House and Barn.

**4. Building demolition** By L & M Trucking, a licensed demolition contractor from Wrightstown, WI. This contractor will begin by removing the pitched roof and roof framing (for lumber reclamation) from the 1934 portion of the MHC and then demolish the superstructure of both the 1934 and 1967 portions of the MHC – creating a debris pile for Brown County Public Works

Highway crews to process. The resultant debris pile will consist of cast-in-place concrete, concrete masonry units, exterior face brick, and interior terrazzo flooring. Demolition of the building superstructure will take approximately eight weeks.

**5. Removal of debris pile**

Over the winter months of 2013/2014, Brown County Public Works Highway crews will dig out the MHC debris pile and demolish the Laundry Building and Boiler House. This phase of work will include sorting debris as appropriate and then crushing concrete and masonry materials to be used for gravel beds on 2014 parking lot and road projects. Additionally, Brown County Public Works Highway crews will remove all asphalt and concrete pavements and walkways on site, underground utility tunnels and site utilities, as well as any other site improvements.

**6. Crushing of concrete, masonry and stone**

Brown County Public Works Highway crews will crush the remaining concrete and masonry materials to be used as gravel beds for 2014 parking lot and road projects. Crushed material will be stockpiled on site. The reuse of this material will offset hauling costs and the cost of breaker run stone and crushed gravel typically purchased by the County for such projects.

**7. Site Restoration**

During the spring of 2014, Brown County Public Works Highway crews will complete the necessary backfilling of any excavations resulting from the

demolition work, re-grade all disturbed areas and then re-seed to restore the site back to a greenfield site with a lawn.

**8. Re-grading/Seeding**

Building superstructure demolition will occur beginning mid-October 2013 when residential windows

are typically closed – and will not create large amounts of dust. As necessary throughout this phase of work, water can be sprayed on the work to reduce the amount of dust. There should not be any abnormal vibrations during the demolition work and no basting will occur. Virtually all existing

trees will remain on site and not be removed during demolition.

The remaining Barn and Facility Management Storage Building will be removed at a time as determined by the anticipated land sale and construction schedule for the proposed Veterans Housing development.

**Anticipated Project Schedule**

Phase	Time Frame	Contractor
1. Salvage & Recycling	July 18 thru Oct 11, 2013	Brown County (BC) Public Works (PW) Facility Management (FM)
2. Carpeting, Attic Insul. Clean Up, etc.	September thru Oct 11, 2013	BC PW FM and BC Work Release Inmates
3. Abatement	Aug 19 thru Sept 30, 2013	Dirty Ducts Cleaning
4. Selective Demolition (Soft Scrubbing)	Sept 30; Oct 2 thru 4; Oct 7 thru 10 Oct 14, 15 & 17 thru completion of soft scrubbing	BC PW FM, BC Hwy Crews and WI Doc Inmates
5. Demolition	Oct 14, 2013 thru Oct 31, 2013 (two weeks-1934 pitched roof and roof framing)	L&M Trucking (Wrightstown)
6. Demolition	Dec 2, 2013 thru Jan 24, 2014 (eight weeks-1934 & 1967 building superstructure)	L&M Trucking (Wrightstown)
7. Material Processing	Jan 27, 2014 thru April 28, 2014	BC PW Hwy Crews
8. Re-grading/Seeding	May/June 2014	BC PW Hwy Crews



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## SPNA MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

An Open Forum Policy was recently adopted by the Schmitt Park Neighborhood Association Board of Directors whereby any members of the audience attending the meetings may offer comments under the following guidelines...(Open session is limited to 15 minutes for each monthly meeting). Comments or questions must be courteous and concise.

- Each speaker may be limited to 3 minutes or less depending upon the number of those wishing to speak.
- Each speaker will be asked to provide their name, address and topic prior to the session.
- Board members may ask questions for clarification
- Only action permitted on an item will be referred to committee for review or possible action.

SPNA monthly board meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month (excluding holidays), 6:30 p.m., N.E.W. Curative Rehabilitation, 2900 Curry Lane (West entrance).



Our new web address is  
**greenbaywi.gov/schmittpark**

The Schmitt Park Neighborhood Association would like to inform our neighbors that we have a new website. Our new web address is **greenbaywi.gov/schmittpark**, or if you simply Google Schmitt Park Neighborhood Association, the search should bring up the website. Our new website is a work in progress, so please be patient with updates. We will keep everything as current as possible and hope to have pictures for viewing. In the near future we will link our website with our Facebook page. Please take a look at our website to see what is happening within the neighborhood, and check out our calendar of events as we would love to see you attend the events we plan.

We would like to give a special thanks to a splendid young man, Aaron Mieno, for offering to volunteer his time to assist our association with the development of our website. SPNA is extremely grateful to have received Aaron's call to help us out. Without his assistance, SPNA's website would not be where it is today. If you know Aaron, the next time you see him, please shake his hand for his great work. It is well deserved.

**Take a little time to check out our new website – greenbaywi.gov/schmittpark.**

## ATTENTION: YARD WASTE and LEAF PICK UP Dates and Times

**In addition to the following information we have been asked by the postal and newspaper carriers that we keep their area free of leaves and snow.**

In order to keep our beautiful Schmitt Park neighborhood spiffy and tidy, here is information regarding LEAF PICK UP.

Dates are POSTED in the newspaper. Yes, they vary. Therefore, you can get your questions answered by calling the Green Bay Public Works office @ 448-3535. They can help you with ALL your leaf disposal and yard waste questions. If you miss the pick-up dates, please contact Public Works for further information. Thanks !

### Brush Removal and Yard Waste Collection

The city will pick up tree branches, trimmings, and large brush year-round at no charge. Branches and limbs should not be longer than 8 feet and cut ends should all face the curb. Root balls must be removed and may be placed separately at the curb (not in the gutter of street) for garbage collection.

### YARD WASTE SITES

West Side – 1470 Hurlbut Street  
East Side - 2530 East Shore Drive

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## ---Alert--- Mailbox Theft

Recently several of our neighbors have had their mail either destroyed or stolen. This occurred on Bay View Drive. The night before the pick up the mail was put into the mailbox with the flag up. In one instance a letter that contained a check was stolen. As you can imagine that meant dealing with the bank, changing the account number and getting



new checks. In the other instance there were greeting cards in the mail box but no money so they were ripped up and thrown in the street. If you plan to put envelopes in your mailbox be sure to do it in the daylight the day of the pickup. Once again we must pay attention to what goes on in our neighborhood and report anything that looks suspicious.



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## Schmitt Park Neighborhood Association is considering another Little Library

On August 15, 2012 the Schmitt Park Little Free Library was launched. The idea was brought to the SPNA Board of Directors by Caroline Moes and the board quickly voted that we should proceed with the idea.

The structure was built, designed and installed by Michael Bracket, a member of the SPNA board. It resides at 2855 Mount Carol Drive at the home of Michael and Peg Davison. We thank them for graciously agreeing to be the library stewards. We think it is a good location because book lovers and their children can stop to check out the books and not be in danger of a car accident.

The following explanation is from the **Little Free Library** website.  
**How Does This Library Work?**

The Little Free Library offers a way to share good things to read—favorite things from your childhood or books you would

recommend to friends; books that teach intrigue and engage you. All of us can help by keeping this collection stocked with good reading material.

### Whose library is this?

It belongs to everybody neighbors, friends and people we don't even know yet. Anyone can use it. That's why we want to take care of it.

**Take a book.** If you see something you would like to read, take it. Look inside to see who gave it; who else read it.

**Share it.** Return it to any Little Library or pass it on to a friend.

**Give books.** Leave notes in them. Be a friend of all libraries by helping in any way you can. Pay it forward.



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**We need a person to volunteer to be the library steward. When we have a volunteer, we can continue with our plans for another Little Library. If you are willing, please contact Patrick Kloster at 455-0653.**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual HOLIDAY PARTY!



treats

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holiday Party will be held  
Sunday, December 8  
at the  
Curative Rehabilitation  
2900 Curry Lane  
(Nutrition Center-room 302)

ALL are invited...Children,  
Parents, Grandparents  
Join us for a  
good old fashion party!

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up-to-date  
information on  
our website:



**greenbaywi.gov/schmittpark**  
closer to the date of the party

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