

**ASTOR**

# OUTLOOK



**11th Annual ANA  
Wine Tasting**

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**WINTER 2010**

As we come into winter and the new year, I want to express my gratitude and appreciation to all those who live in our neighborhood. Over the last year I have met so many wonderful people and have seen how our neighbors have come together at social events like the back-to-school potluck, the wine tasting and the Easter egg hunt. We have also been there to make our community better by cleaning up the Fox River Trail, ensuring that hospital construction does not encroach on adjacent properties, donating time and goods to local nonprofit organizations and contacting each other when several home invasions took place last summer. The caring that our neighbors have is more than simply the basic concern for those who live nearby. It is a sense of community -- a sense of family-- which truly makes our neighborhood extraordinary.

As with any family, the safety and peace of mind of its members is essential. Our neighborhood and the City of Green Bay have tools available that allow all of us to keep in touch with current events in our neighborhood and our city. The Astor Neighborhood Association (ANA) has an email list that is used to update our area residents about upcoming events, ways to assist our local nonprofit organizations, and information about neighborhood issues. You can join this list by going to <http://www.astorneighborhood.org/> and clicking on "Join our mailing list" located under "Home" in the left-hand column. By following a few easy instructions, you will then receive all updates distributed by this list-serve. The City of Green Bay's website also has numerous resources available for those living in the area. Information about upcoming committee and council meetings and minutes, building permits, ordinances, city services,

upcoming city events and much more can be found at <http://www.ci.green-bay.wi.us/>

The City of Green Bay's police department also has a new police call mapping website located at [www.myneighborhoodupdate.net](http://www.myneighborhoodupdate.net). Introduced to the neighborhood associations at the November 5th Green Bay's Neighborhood Leadership Council meeting (recently renamed from the Mayor's Neighborhood Leadership Council), this resource allows citizens access to police calls for service within a day or two of the incident. While using the site, it is easy to access information about a specific city, street, or neighborhood. Users may also select the categories of incident types including noise, disorder, proactive policing, property, violent, traffic, and other types of police calls. Monthly trends, the most significant events in the area, and email alerts are also available. It is a great site that allows neighbors to understand what is happening in their area as well as allows police officers to spend more time in areas with more problems.

While all of these services are online, those without internet at home can still access them. The Brown County Public Library system has computers with free internet access available for use throughout the day -- just by showing a librarian your library card.

With all that said, the ANA board and I wish everyone a safe, happy new year. We look forward to hearing your ideas, questions, and concerns and to work with you to continue to improve the place that we live in.

Sincerely,

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# REGISTER NOW!

## 11th Annual ANA Wine Tasting

A Progressive Wine Tasting Party

**Saturday, January 30, 2010 • 7:00 pm**

ANA Wine Tasting

**White House & Red House** —  
just like last year!

One neighborhood host home will feature a variety of white wines, while the second home will pour exclusively red wines, and, as always, deliciously prepared hors d'oeuvres will be served. As winter sets in, neighbors are looking forward to what will surely be another memorable evening! If you haven't made it out yet for this annual mid-winter neighborhood event, come join us! And if you're an annual attendee, we look forward to seeing you again! This year, local winery Captain's Walk Winery will provide the wines and tasting insights. We're excited to partner up with this great Downtown Green Bay establishment! Once again, a raffle will be held the evening of the event to benefit Howe Neighborhood Family Resource Center.

**REGISTER NOW!** Due to space constraints, we are limiting registration to the first 100 registered and paid guests.

**REGISTER** by e-mail to Katie Higgins at [k8ehiggins@yahoo.com](mailto:k8ehiggins@yahoo.com). Please include names of attendees, address, phone and e-mail.

**COST** \$20 per person. Make checks payable to ANA. Mail or deliver to Katie Higgins, 745 S. Quincy St. Green Bay, WI 54301.

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Jennie Sykes Schwenk at 430-1008.

Once registered, we will contact you via e-mail to inform you of the details of your evening's itinerary! We look forward to you joining us for a great evening!

### **ANA Meetings**

3rd Monday of the month, 6 PM  
at Howe Neighborhood Family  
Resource Center. All are welcome!  
January 18, February 22

### **Neville Public Museum Exhibit — Holiday Memories:**

**Prange's Christmas Windows**  
Through January 17, 2010  
Location: Neville Public Museum

### **Neville Public Museum Exhibit — Earth from Space**

January 9, 2010 - March 7, 2010  
Location: Neville Public Museum

### **ANA 11th Annual Wine Tasting**

January 30, 2010. Register now!!!

### **Winterfest on Broadway**

Jan. 30, 2010 (11:00 am - 8:00 pm)  
Location: Broadway District

### **Frosty Family Fun Night**

Feb. 6, 2010 (5:30 pm - 8:00 pm)  
Location: Bay Beach Wildlife  
Sanctuary

### **Einstein Science Expo**

March 13, 2010 (9:00 am - 4:00 pm)  
Location: ShopKo Hall

Calendar of Events

*From Christine Dunbar, Brown County Historical Society*

Detailed accounts of Christmas celebrations in Green Bay go back as far as the 1820's. Pioneer settler, Elizabeth Baird's description of Christmas and New Year festivities are documented in her recollections published in the Wisconsin Historical Collections. She noted that the French Canadian Catholics in the community met in each other's homes to pray and sing hymns in the weeks before Christmas. On Christmas Eve the prayers lasted until midnight, and were followed by a reveillon (midnight treat) which was the high feast of the season. Baird described New Years Day as a day for merry making, visiting and gift giving.

Albert Ellis, an early resident of Green Bay recalled a Christmas dinner and ball in 1824, given by Col. Mc Neil, the commanding officer of Fort Howard. Invitations were sent to the entire population. Ellis recalled "the table was spread the length of the room and plates laid for a hundred guests. He described costumes that ranged from Parisian gowns to buckskins and moccasins. Ellis reported dishes of venison, bear, porcupine, geese, ducks and an almost endless list of fish. The dinner was finished at 6:00 and dancing began soon after and lasted until the small hours of the night".

Henry Baird is credited with establishing the custom of holding a New Year's Day Open House.

Started in the 1830's the custom lasted until about 1885 and gave a unique quality to the Green Bay social scene. Open houses reached such proportions that the newspapers carried lists of locations and hostesses. Henry Baird had 150 callers to ring in 1872. As the city grew and public places became available for yuletide celebrations the custom of celebrating in private homes lost favor. Social clubs, hotels, and places such as Klaus Hall and Turner Hall held Christmas and New Year Balls.

The Green Bay Advocate of Dec 24, 1869 mentioned upcoming activities at Turner Hall including a German concert of operatic music to be followed by a raffle. On Dec 31, 1869 the Advocate described the raffle in the following way. "A Christmas tree filled with trinkets and articles of value was raffled by numbered tickets. The fun lie the way fortune distributed the prizes; cigars to children, a doll baby to a bachelor and a keg of beer to a child."

The Wisconsin Democrat, the Green Bay Advocate and the Green Bay State Gazette detailed the holiday celebrations in Green Bay throughout much of the 19th Century. Sleighing, ice skating, the ability to cross the river, and the growing popularity of Christmas trees in the community can be followed. The next time you visit the Brown County Library take a few minutes to explore our holiday traditions.

## **Astor Neighborhood 2nd Annual Pumpkin Carving and Decorating Contest**

Congratulations to the Melotte family at 1133 Jackson, winners of the 2nd Annual Pumpkin Carving and Decorating Contest. Thank you to the winners, the judges, and to everyone who decorated their home for Halloween. It's great to see our neighborhood come alive during each holiday.

**Are you looking for a quality preschool program for your child right here in our neighborhood?**

Did you know that one of our neighbors, Mayflower Nursery School, was the first preschool in the Green Bay area?

Mayflower was also the first interdenominational school in the state of Wisconsin. The school was founded in 1955 and is located in the basement level on the campus of Union Congregational Church at 716 South Madison.

Mayflower is a non-profit organization run by a parent volunteer board. Many of Mayflower's alumni have chosen to send their children to Mayflower. The preschool has been the educational foundation for more than 1,500 children and looks forward to a long future.

**There are many opportunities for your family in the Green Bay area in the winter.**

City and county facilities provide for both indoor and outdoor activities. Have you been to the Museum lately? Check [www.nevillepublicmuseum.org](http://www.nevillepublicmuseum.org) for hours and current displays. Admission is free Thursdays 6pm to 8pm. The Brown County Library has many resources for your enjoyment on a cold winter day.

Triangle Hill has tubing and skiing/snowboarding hills along with cross country skiing and a warming

building. Cross country skiing is also available at the Wildlife Sanctuary, Barkhausen and the Reforestation Camp (at the NEW Zoo). The Brown County Golf Course provides for cross country skiing and has a nice restaurant. The NEW Zoo is free Wednesdays 2pm to 4pm. Check [www.newzoo.org](http://www.newzoo.org) for activities.

The Duck Class still has space available in this year's program.

Registration for the 2010/2011 school year begins in January. If you would like more information about the school you can visit the website at [www.mayflowernursery.org](http://www.mayflowernursery.org), send an email with your questions to [mayflowernursery@yahoo.com](mailto:mayflowernursery@yahoo.com) or call the school at 437-7551 and ask to speak to our director, Cari Milbourn.

For details on these and other activities check [www.ci.green-bay.wi.us](http://www.ci.green-bay.wi.us) or [www.co.brown.wi.us](http://www.co.brown.wi.us).

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**Fox River Trail Clean-Up**

Twice per year, fall, and spring the Astor Neighborhood Association helps clean up litter on the portion of the Fox River Trail for which we are the "Adopt-a-Trail" sponsor (from the trailhead at Adams/Portier south to Grignon St.) Thanks to Jennie Schwenk for coordinating our fall clean-up on Make a Difference Day in October. See you at the spring clean up!

**Ethan House** is private company that operates two group homes in Green Bay, which help boys struggling with family & behavioral challenges to get back on the right track by offering them disciplined daily routines, close supervision, and predictable rules. One of their facilities is located in the Astor neighborhood and the other in the Astor East River neighborhood. Ethan House has a long and successful track record of helping boys in our community.

If you find that a bounty of new holiday gifts have created a need purge your household of some gently used items and/or you enjoy shopping the winter clearance deals, please keep the Ethan House's wish list in mind. Any of these items could be used at either of the boys' group homes. They would be happy to accept new or "gently used" items. They keep spare clothing and supplies in storage for boys who need some extras when they arrive. They also try to help boys who are moving into independent living by providing them with some basic household items.

For donations, please call ahead at 437-5079 or 437-1942 to make sure that staff is available to accept items. If there are large items, staff may be able to transport them. Thank you!

#### **Educational or Recreational Items**

Board games , Video games  
Artwork supplies: sketchbooks, markers, Books and movies

#### **Kitchen Supplies/Household Items**

Serving bowls, dishes, silverware or glassware, Pots and Pans

#### **"Gently Used" Furniture**

Love seats and/or Sofas,  
Easy chairs

#### **Linens**

Bath Towels, Twin Size Sheet sets, Twin Size Blankets and/ or Quilts

#### **Boys' Items**

Backpacks, Duffle Bags

#### **Clothing**

New or "gently used" coats, sweatshirts, gloves, caps, Tennis shoes, boots, Socks or slippers

## **Back-to-School Potluck Picnic**

Special thanks to Jaime Danen and Jennie Schwenk for their help coordinating our Back-to-School Potluck Picnic. It was a pleasant gathering of neighbors to enjoy food and conversation on the first day of school — and parents of school-aged children appreciated the fact that they didn't have to cook on that hectic day.



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