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# HARLAN HILLS NEWSLETTER

*Keeping Harlan Hills Safe – Welcoming - Beautiful*

### Special Interest Articles:

- Partnering with the City of Fitchburg in Harlan Hills Outlot Maintenance
- Traffic Analysis Updates
- SAFETY: Night walking reflective stroller gear, leashes & clothing
- Board of Directors Openings & Annual Vote

## Harlan Hills Outlot Maintenance

In seasons past, the City of Fitchburg provided Harlan Hills and other Fitchburg developments with the service of \*out lot\* maintenance. The city is no longer providing this service and is hoping to partner with residents and neighborhood associates to assist in the outlot maintenance. Harlan Hills has several areas to be serviced by neighborhood volunteers. Outlot improvements and suggested landscaping upgrades should be

submitted to: Scott Endl, Director, Parks, Recreation & Forestry, City of Fitchburg 608-270-4288

[scott.endl@city.fitchburg.wi.us](mailto:scott.endl@city.fitchburg.wi.us)

All upgrade and landscaping enhancements proposals will be considered. Plan submissions are encouraged.

*Thank you to residents who have been assisting in maintaining the out lots!*

*Personal time and energy are valuable resources – you are all appreciated!*



## Traffic Analysis Updates

The traffic count data that was collected on Dawley Drive and Edenberry Street during the week of May 23. Posted below are results from the study:

1. Count taken at 5817 Dawley Drive ADT (Average Daily Traffic): 1,663 vpd (vehicles per day) 85th % speed: 33 mph Average speed: 27 mph
2. Count taken at 5773 Dawley Drive: ADT: 1,015 vpd 85th % speed: 32 mph average speed: 27 mph
3. Count taken at 3081 Edenberry Street

ADT: 927 vpd  
85th % speed: 30 mph  
Average speed: 25 mph

The results of the study indicate that both streets meet the criteria to proceed with Phase 1 Treatments, but not Phase 2.

**Phase 1 treatments focus on education and enforcement** measures rather than physical changes to the road. Phase 2 treatments include things like speed tables, traffic circles (like the ones on Dawley), medians, islands, and other physical treatments. The criteria for Phase 2

treatments require the 85th percentile speed to be 35 mph or greater on local or minor collector streets. HH is not considered for Phase 2 at this time.

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### Individual Highlights:

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## Night Walking: People & Pets Safety First

There is danger in the dark - the biggest being vehicles that don't expect you or can't see you walking. Drivers cannot easily see you through fogged windows and poor weather, and their night vision dims as they age. Wearing a dark jacket and dark pants, you are as invisible as a ninja during your early morning or evening walks in the winter darkness. And what driver thinks anybody insane enough to walk in winter? We need to walk defensively and take pains to be visible.

**Reflections on reflectivity:** Wearing reflective clothing is a good defense against invisibility, but you need to be sure that the reflective areas are large enough and are exposed from every angle. Do oncoming cars see you, but not those at side streets? Will that little reflective logo on your shirt be enough - especially if you hide it under a jacket?

**Suggested Safety Gadgets:** [Black Diamond Headlamps](#) or Petzel headlamps, especially the [Myolite](#). These headlamps, used by mushers, night runners and climbers, have a long range and will withstand any kind of weather.

**For strollers & bikes:** <http://www.shop.pedigreen.com/>

**For pets:** Try [PupLight](#), a small LED flashlight fixed to your dog's neck that illuminates 200 feet forward and 70 feet to either side.

*"We need to walk defensively and take pains to be visible for vehicle operators, other pedestrians, ourselves, our children our pets. .*

## Board of Directors Openings & Elections

### New Board Positions Open



If you are interested in serving the needs of Harlan Hills Neighborhood in a Board member capacity – please contact a board member to submit your name for fall elections. Please send your name and contact information by August 2, 2011 to of the three emails:

John Sturges:  
[wexford@tds.net](mailto:wexford@tds.net)

Brenda McNatt:  
[clmcnatt@charter.net](mailto:clmcnatt@charter.net)

Amy Spade:  
[CAL3BGR1@aol.com](mailto:CAL3BGR1@aol.com)

Upon receiving your name and the board position you are interested in serving, your name will be on the fall election ballot.

Current Board:  
John Sturges, President  
Mark Schmitz, Vice President  
Brenda McNatt, Treasurer  
Amy Spade, Secretary

Secretary:  
This officer slot is OPEN.

Neighborhood Watch Contact: Amy Spade



Current Architectural Committee:

Pam Sprecher-Galka  
Steve Olson  
Amy Spade



## WE THANK YOU!!! Harlan Hills Volunteers Working for All of Us!

Have you noticed the well-appointed and well lit Harlan Hills Neighborhood sign? Maintaining the lights has been graciously provided to Harlan by Dave Mylrea. His time, energy and willingness to assist are greatly appreciated. Volunteering as a neighbor and

resident of Harlan Hills helps maintain common land & interests of our neighborhood.

Volunteering a few hours a year also keeps our annual fees at the minimum.

Our neighborhood common areas and traffic circles have been

beautifully planted weeded and maintained by a great group of residents! **THANK YOU!** **Steve Schmidt, Monica Cicci, Mary Jeanne Hecht, Pam Sprecher-Galka and Celia Kiela-Schad and Patricia Codde.** And to all who assisted with the Annual Garlic Mustard Pull!

# Cigarette Butts to Pet Waste : Dane County Guidelines

As the Board of Directors – we offer our emails as a point of contact for topics to share on the Blog as well as residents' concerns and comments. The past year we have collected a variety of resident inquiries. As time permits, the Blog is utilized as a tool for rapid response to a pending issue. Concerns that require more depth in answering as well as investigation may take additional time to post responses as we contact the appropriate authorities. Please know that all residents' requests and concerns are addressed as timely as possible.

Cigarette Butts Disposal Recommendations by Dane County:

[www.cigarettelitter.org](http://www.cigarettelitter.org)

**First: They are NOT biodegradable!**

**SO, What else am I supposed to do with them?**

There are many ways to dispose of cigarettes without littering them on the ground. Free personal ashtrays can be obtained by [clicking here](#). These ashtrays are paper thin and will easily fit in your pocket. They are foil lined, trap the smell inside, and take up less space in your pocket or purse than a pack of cigarettes. If for some reason you don't want to carry around disposable ashtrays, then you can improvise with such things as film containers, metal mint containers, regular tin foil, or anything else that's handy. Store your butt in one of these temporary ashtrays until you can dispose of it properly. If you do not have a container handy, stub out your cigarette when you are finished, making ABSOLUTELY sure it is out, and throw it in the nearest trash can. There is significantly less risk of fire using this method than there is from throwing your smoldering cigarette in the street or on the sidewalk, where it can easily blow into flammable material.

## Pet Waste:

Humane Society and Dane County. Here we go!

**Dog waste is not fertilizer. Dane county has specific guidelines.**

Clean up pet wastes. Nutrients and bacteria from cats and dogs may wash toward lakes and streams.

- Flush pet waste down the toilet; bury it in the yard or dispose of it in a specially designed pet waste composter. Do not place in trash containers.
- Never put pet waste in or near a vegetable garden or in a compost pile that will be used in the vegetable garden.
- When out dog walking – if/when your dog urinates on a neighbor's lawn – dilute it with water from your exercise water bottle. Doing so will dilute the pet urine and avoid the bleaching or yellowing after effect of your neighbor's lawn. Everyone's happy!
- City of Fitchburg Leash Ordinance
- <http://www.city.fitchburg.wi.us/departments/police/FAQAnimals.php>

## Neighborhood Social Events

### Slip Slidin' Away!

The Harlan Hills Sledding Event was filled with hot cocoa – sweets & treats, sleds and snow angels!

The next Harlan Hills event is in the planning stages – provide us with your input and suggestions to Brenda McNatt:

[clmcnatt@charter.net](mailto:clmcnatt@charter.net)

A few ideas that are brewing follow:

Bowling at Ten Pin Alley or Ice Skating at Eagle's Nest in Verona.



### ADULT HAPPY HOUR!

We are doing an interest probe on an Adult Happy Hour.

Tentative Date: Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>

Time: TBA as interest will determine.

**Possible locations include:** The Continental in Fitchburg or Jimmy's on PD/McKee Road. Email any ideas, proposed dates and times and other suggestions to Brenda! If you are interested in attending a social event or coordinating an event please contact any board member directly from the web site:

[www.harlanhillsneighborhood.com](http://www.harlanhillsneighborhood.com)



*The Continental  
Fitchburg*



