

Third Ward Neighborhood Association

September 2020

www.thirdward.org

TWNA: Leading Cause of Friendship in the Third Ward!

It's been a challenging year for all organizations, and the Third Ward Neighborhood Association (TWNA) was no exception. Because of COVID-19, we lost our indoor meeting place in Centennial Hall but adapted and held the June and July meetings outdoors. Someone commented to me after the last meeting, on the happy accident of meeting outside. And while I enjoy watching bald eagle flyovers and sitting near a river, we will need to make other accommodations as we move into the winter months.

In 2019 the TWNA completed our work with the City and updated the Third Ward Neighborhood Plan. Over the course of 2 years, a lot of work went into this document, by people who understand what makes our neighborhood special. Many meetings were held, and many issues debated. In the end, a final plan was adopted that will guide and inform new projects, resolve issues, and hopefully make the Third Ward an exceptional place to live for decades to come. The plan is a great read, filled with history and details. Find it at <https://www.eauclairewi.gov/Home/ShowDocument?id=28255>

Also this past year, TWNA participated in a city-wide Neighborhood Associations meeting. We were consulted on a new fountain for Wilson Park. And, because of our involvement, the State Street hill is safer and no homes were lost. Our previous advocacy against a dorm at the Syverson Lutheran Home, has led to 'The Guild'

apartments, which are more compatible with the adjacent R1 homes. We weighed in on the Wilson Square development. The TWNA came up with new fundraising ideas, held a successful annual appeal, and received grant money--which helps fund this newsletter. We reinstated registration of the Association with the State. And currently, the TWNA is working on maintaining the integrity of the R1 zoning at 311 Garfield Ave, and resisting the creation of a Sober House business in this residential part of the neighborhood.

Our County Board representative Dr. Kathie Schneider, City Council member Jeremy Gragert, and School Board Representative Josh Clements, are all recent members of the TWNA Steering committee and all frequently attend our meetings to update us and respond to neighborhood concerns.

There is a direct correlation between crime, and how many of your neighbors you know. We continue to be an excellent opportunity to meet people who live in your neighborhood, and form friendships. I encourage all of you reading this, to come to our monthly meetings held the second Wednesday of every month.

The TWNA remains the leading cause of friendships in the Third Ward! Come join us to shape and share the Third Ward.



Who, What, Where, Why and When?

The Third Ward Neighborhood Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the integrity of places and the quality of life in the Third Ward of Eau Claire.

It is governed by a steering committee with public monthly meetings held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm, and an annual meeting each September with an election of officers. Meeting location for the remainder of 2020-21 is to be determined. For details go to www.thirdward.org or at [facebook.com/ThirdWardNeighborhoodEauClaire](https://www.facebook.com/ThirdWardNeighborhoodEauClaire)

Stay in Touch...

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Neighborly Notes

Volunteer for Your Neighborhood

Projects and initiatives take time and people to complete. You do not need to be a member of the steering committee, just volunteer. Most of these projects are limited time commitments and the more people involved the less everyone has to do. Examples of volunteer projects are: newsletters, picnic, thrift sale, tree planting, gardens, fund raising, the Eau Claire Marathon and more. Check the Third Ward Neighborhood website or Facebook page for information on projects where you can help. And if you have an idea for a neighborhood project that needs volunteers, contact Kevin Rosenberg or any member of the steering committee to discuss how to improve the neighborhood.

Third Ward Neighborhood Thrift Sale Canceled for 2020

The second Saturday of September is the official day designated for the annual Third Ward Thrift Sale. Unfortunately, this neighborhood fun event is cancelled for 2020 because of COVID and the difficulty keeping social distancing among the crowds attracted to the sale. It will return in 2021 provided the pandemic has lessened to allow safe thrifting. We'd like to recruit neighbors who live on high traffic corridors to place yard signs advertising the sale next year. If you can volunteer some space in August 2021 contact Susan Miller at spmiller56@att.net

Four Legged Neighbors

Dogs bring joy to everyone in the neighborhood. BUT owners who don't take responsibility for what dogs do, don't. Aside from a city ordinance requiring you to pick up after your pet, it is the responsible thing to do. No one enjoys those stinky piles of poo and children play in the neighborhood. It is also responsible to keep the peace in the neighborhood by tending to your dog if it is barking. You may not be aware that your dog is engaging in this behavior if you are inside with the doors and windows closed. If you let your dog out to enjoy the yard, check on them on and off to make sure they are not disturbing the peace.

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Henry Loomis creating 'Emusment Park'. Henry has vowed to chalk until COVID goes away or it snows.

Greetings from Todd painting at 470 Summit Ave. Ed and Joe Garlick of EJD, LLC own several historic homes in the Third Ward.



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City Updates

Hello Third Ward neighbors! Here are some quick updates for you to stay connected to City of Eau Claire happenings:

Our Eau Claire City Manager and Third Ward neighbor Dale Peters delayed his retirement this spring to lead the city's response to the pandemic, but a new retirement date will be set soon, as the city council will begin screening city manager applications in September with the hope of hiring in October. We have been lucky to have Dale's dedication, expertise, and leadership!

The L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library is seeking to expand in the spring of 2021, to coincide with the city's \$11.5 million investment in upgrading the library's infrastructure to modern standards. To learn about the Storybuilder Campaign that is challenging the community to raise an additional \$7 million this year for the expansion, and to donate, visit: ecpubliclibrary.info/storybuilder/

The Wilson Park fountain replacement project has been delayed due to the need to focus on more pressing needs during the pandemic. Designs will be finalized this fall for construction in 2021.

The Third Ward Neighborhood Plan was approved this winter after two years of effort from city staff and neighborhood

leaders. You can find it on the city website along with other neighborhood information: eauclairewi.gov/government/our-divisions/planning/neighborhoods

Earlier this year the city council approved a Renewable Energy Action Plan with a goal to reach 100% renewable energy and carbon neutrality by the year 2050. The plan and companion documents such as the Electric Vehicle Roadmap, Net Zero Energy Building Guide, and Solar Ready Guidelines, are available on the city website: eauclairewi.gov/government/our-divisions/renewable-energy-action-plan

Two large residential construction projects on the north edge of the Third Ward include the former Syverson Lutheran Home on the Chippewa River which was recently renovated and is now The Guild at 816 Porter Ave. It opened up this summer with 49 apartment units. The block north of Wilson Park will become Wilson Square, consisting of two five-story apartment buildings totaling 115 units, expected to break ground later this year.

Please be in touch with your questions, information or ideas as we work together to strengthen our neighborhood and our city:
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Cut Here

Doin' Good for the 'Hood

It costs money to be organized... printing, mailing, legal registration, garden utilities, supplies, events, advertising and occasional professional fees. But for several years the Third Ward was flat broke. So broke, that when expenses came up, members of the steering committee would often cover them out of their own pocket. That's asking a lot of people who donate their time for the betterment of YOUR neighborhood. So, in 2019 we began an annual fund drive delivering an appeal to nearly every door (1372 at last count). We're at it again.

Please donate to Third Ward Neighborhood Association. Your \$5 annual household donation (more if you can swing it) works to keep YOUR neighborhood a nice place to call home. And to those who donated in 2019, many thanks for getting us back on track!

Yes! Add me to direct email.

e-mail address here: _____

Yes! I support the TWNA

(\$ _____) amount enclosed
Make checks out to "TWNA"

mail to:
Sharon Hildebrand, Treasurer
426 Summit Ave
Eau Claire, WI 54701



We Did It!

Can You Hear It?



Listen carefully on a quiet Wednesday night and you'll hear it; a soft tinkle that grows to a full throated 'brrrrrnnnnnggg! With entire households shouting THEY'RE COMING!!!! It's Pauls Pop Cycle with Paul Braun tricycling the neighborhood selling sweet treats right out your door. As

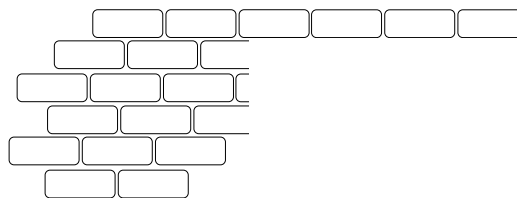
Paul says, "something as ordinary as ice cream seems to take on a whole new dimension when you stick three wheels and a bell on it. I've seen a little boy run out for ice cream without a stitch on... and just last week I witnessed another young lad lose a loose tooth as he sank his teeth into a Spiderman."



Paul and Pam Braun started business in 2003 as '9 Degrees' (the temperature of ice cream), with as many as 10 routes throughout the City.

They were the driving force behind the change to allow sidewalk vendors and have been cruising the Third Ward streets pedaling treats for almost all of their seventeen years. This summer the Brauns went above and beyond: collecting and donating \$3000 to Beacon House and the Family Resource Center. Although they sold '9 Degrees' last winter, they plan to continue their summer evening route in the Third Ward.

We're lucky to have them...so next Wednesday put a few bucks in your pocket, plant yourself on the front steps and listen carefully. You'll have the pleasure of meeting some unique Eau Claire entrepreneurs. Find them at facebook.com/PaulsPopCycle.



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