

**HISTORIC BREWERS HILL ASSOCIATION  
QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA**

**Date:** Tuesday, December 9th, 2025  
**Time:** 6:00pm (Social ½ hour) to 8:00pm  
**Place:** Avli | 1818 N Hubbard St

- I. Food and Mingling**
  - a. Celebrate the holiday season and wrap up the year with neighbors!
  
- II. Call to Order (6:35pm)**
  - a. Welcomes neighbors, HBHA Board and candidates, and preview agenda (Ugly Sweater Contest, Elections)
  - b. Introduce meeting host, Teri Dasse, Event & Catering Sales Manager at Avli
    - i. Teri Dasse, Event & Catering Sales Manager at Avli opened the meeting by thanking the neighborhood for its support and business. It's been a great first two years!
  
- III. Treasurer's Report & Membership Update**
  - a. Current Balance:
    - i. Main Account: \$3939.21
    - ii. Community Outreach: \$861.05
  - b. Current Membership:
    - i. Household (H) Memberships: 90
    - ii. Individual (I) Memberships: 40
    - iii. Business (B) Memberships: 4
    - iv. Total Memberships (H and I): 134
    - v. Total Members: 224
  - c. Review of association's financial accounts and current membership
    - i. Join or Renew: [historicbrewershill.com/membership](https://historicbrewershill.com/membership)
  
- IV. Secretary's Report**
  - a. Meeting minutes available at: [historicbrewershill.com/about/meeting-minutes](https://historicbrewershill.com/about/meeting-minutes)
  
- V. Vice President's Calendar of Events**
  - a. Events Calendar (Subscribe to stay updated!): [historicbrewershill.com/calendar](https://historicbrewershill.com/calendar)
  - b. Events Recap:
    - i. Clean Up Club Fall Event
    - ii. Brewers Hill-O-Ween & Alley-Ween
    - iii. Packers Watch Party at Dream Lounge Social
  - c. Upcoming events in 2026:
    - i. Spring Quarterly Meeting
    - ii. O'Brewers Hill Social
  
- VI. Crime and Safety Update**
  - a. Resources (D5 CPU, Stats, Reporting): [historicbrewershill.com/info/crime-safety](https://historicbrewershill.com/info/crime-safety)
    - i. D5 CPU was not able to come as the date fell on their scheduled off day
  - b. Alert Neighbor Program (ANP): HBHA Block Watch Group
    - i. FREE fridge magnets, courtesy of your neighborhood block watch group
    - ii. At least 1 member of the neighborhood watch group attended every single D5 Crime & Safety meeting this last year. The group also held

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regular happy hours, and shared that we received \$1,000 through the Good Neighbor Grant!

### VII. Guest Speakers: New to N Dr. MLK Jr. Dr. in 2025 Edition

- a. Niche Book Bar - *Neighborhood bookstore, cafe, and wine bar committed to showcasing Black books that are representative and varied in genre*
  - i. **Location:** 1937 N Doctor M.L.K. Jr Dr
  - ii. **Today's Speaker:** Cetonia Weston
  - iii. **Join them for:** Author events, workshops, featured speakers, and TBR Thursdays
  - iv. Open now!

Events: Singer, actor, composer Jason McKinney promoted his book *Jason Belongs* on Saturday, Dec. 20.

- b. Summer of '85 - *Proudly serving up food, drinks, tunes, and a hip-hop vibe*
  - i. **Location:** 2213 N Doctor M.L.K. Jr Dr
  - ii. **Today's Speaker:** Julie Lukas
  - iii. **Enjoy:** Happy Hour, Fish Fry, Loyalty Program, Ongoing Events
  - iv. Open now!

Story: Rooted in a childhood spent in Milwaukee, the restaurant is inspired by the role movies and community played during a formative time in life. A central part of their mission is giving back, including paying employees for time spent doing community service.

Summer of '85 is open every day except Mondays and offers weekly specials, including kids eat free on Wednesdays, happy hour Tuesday through Friday, and nightly dinner features. The space is designed for both dining and watching games, with extensive screen capacity and a welcoming, neighborhood-focused atmosphere.

- c. VINT - *Unique, community-centered wine bar and retail experience offering curated selection of wines and educational events designed to bring people together around a shared appreciation for culture, craftsmanship, and connection*
  - i. **Location:** 1821 N Doctor M.L.K. Jr Dr
  - ii. **Today's Speaker:** Tim Cole
  - iii. Opening in 2026!

Background: VINT, a new wine-focused retail and education space coming to the neighborhood next to Honeybee Sage. With more than 35 years of experience in the industry, the founder described VINT as a welcoming place to relax, explore new wines, and learn in an approachable, judgment-free environment.

In addition to a curated selection of wines, VINT will offer select spirits, batch cocktails, charcuterie, and sweets, along with regular classes and tastings that emphasize education and accessibility.

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The team also operates the Milwaukee Wine Academy, which hosts ongoing classes and events. More information, including upcoming classes, can be found at [MKEWineAcademy.com](https://www.mkewineacademy.com). VINT expects to be open Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 9pm, with private events on Sundays and Mondays.

### VIII. Guest Speakers: The Giving Back Edition

#### a. Sojourner's Family Gift Donations

*Susan Smieja, Sojourner's Holiday Shoppe: Family gift donations*

We heard about the impact of Sojourner's work supporting families in crisis. Each year, approximately 350 individuals stay at the shelter located at 6th and Walnut, with more than half being children. Donating new, packaged gifts allows families to select meaningful presents during the holidays, preserving dignity and choice. This year's goal is to collect approximately 850 gifts to support families receiving shelter and services.

#### b. Warm Hearts Community Coat Drive

*Rachel, Community Outreach Committee: Warm Hearts Community Coat Drive, organized with Lakefront Brewery, for our neighborhood school, Carver Academy*

An update was shared on the Warm Hearts Community Coat Drive, which benefits Carver Academy, a Title I neighborhood school. The board extended a special thank you to Lakefront Brewery for being a long-standing community partner and continuing to host the drive. This year, the neighborhood collected approximately 180 coats to help ensure students have warm winter clothing. Donors also received a token redeemable for a special Black Friday beer as a thank-you for their support.

#### c. HBHA Cleanup Club

*Rachel, HBHA Cleanup Club: Renewing efforts, help us improve in 2026!*

The board discussed renewed efforts to grow the Cleanup Club and strengthen neighborhood beautification in the coming year. Recent grant funding will allow the association to purchase additional litter pickers, which will be available for use by residents who join cleanup efforts, helping expand participation and impact heading into 2026.

### IX. 2025 Recap: The Highlight Reel

*Historic Brewers Hill had great wins and launched many new initiatives in the year 2025. Help us celebrate and recognize those who made these achievements possible!*

- a. New Website
- b. Refreshed Branding
- c. New Merch
- d. Business Memberships Relaunched
- e. Over 20 hours Volunteered for the Cleanup Club
- f. Record Block Party Attendance (in recent history)

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- g. New Neighborhood Block Watch Group
- h. Awarded \$1,000 Good Neighbor Grant
- i. Rolling Memberships Introduced
- j. >215 Active Members!
- k. 180 Coats and over \$500 in Coat Drive Donations

**X. Board Election Results**

- a. President - Kristen Labs
- b. Secretary - Aaron Hess
- c. Auxiliary Director 1 - Trevor Santarius
- d. Auxiliary Director 2 - Tara Peterson

**XI. General Business**

- a. New website is live! Find resources and links to help you love living in Brewers Hill even more. Explore here: [www.historicbrewershill.com](http://www.historicbrewershill.com)
- b. New Brewers Hill Merch: [bonfire.com/store/historic-brewers-hill-association/](http://bonfire.com/store/historic-brewers-hill-association/)
- c. Historic Preservation: Do you want your project to be featured? Let us know!
- d. Special HPC meeting Dec. 16th at 3pm (City Hall, Room 301-B): Resolution granting permanent historic designation to the Second German Episcopal Church (140 W Garfield Ave).
- e. **Akuwa Dantzler from Ald. Coggs office**  
*Representative from the office of Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs*

September through November is a major budget period at the city level, with a Milwaukee Small Business Summit and a town hall planned for January. Updates along King Drive included temporary closures at Mi Casa Su Cafe for kitchen upgrades and Peppercot due to management restructuring, with no new information available on Fragrance Estate or Nyla Rose. An update was also shared on Northern Chocolate, which has been sold and will be converted into office space, with plans to respect the building's history and legacy.

**Ugly Sweater Contest** winner was a festive penguin sweater sported by Heather! They won a \$25 gift card to Avli!

**XII. Adjournment (7:24pm)**

- a. Next Quarterly Meeting Date: TBD in February 2026