

HISTORIC BREWERS HILL ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA

Date: Wednesday, February 25th, 2026
Time: 6:00pm (Social ½ hour) to 8:00pm
Place: Summer of '85 | 2213 N Doctor M.L.K. Jr Dr

I. Food and Mingling

- a. Escape the winter and have a nostalgic night at the Summer of '85! Enjoy *rad* apps and drinks, and help us kick off another year in Brewers Hill.

II. Call to Order (6:37pm)

- a. Welcomes neighbors, HBHA Board and neighbor introductions
- b. Introduce meeting host from SO85 - Justin

The meeting was called to order and neighbors were welcomed, along with members of the HBHA Board.

We also welcomed our meeting host, Justin, the event coordinator for the venue. Justin shared a bit about the space and the variety of events hosted there throughout the week. The venue holds events most days (except Mondays) and regularly hosts gatherings such as birthday parties, bar and bat mitzvahs, cigar events, and other celebrations. He encouraged neighbors to keep the space in mind for future events and highlighted it as a unique and flexible community venue. Justin also gave a brief overview of the space and what makes it a great setting for neighborhood gatherings.

III. Treasurer's Report & Membership Update

- a. Review of association's financial accounts and current membership
 - i. Current Balance:
 1. Main Account: \$3,840.01
 2. Community Outreach: \$500.01
 - ii. Current Membership:
 1. Total Voting Members: 157
 - a. Household (H): 64
 - b. Individual (I): 29
 2. Total Non-Voting Members: 0
 - a. Supporter (S): 0
 3. Total Business Members: 7
 - a. Gold: 7
 - b. Silver: 0
 - iii. 🏠 Join or Renew: historicbrewershill.com/membership

IV. Secretary's Report

- a. Meeting minutes available at: historicbrewershill.com/about/meeting-minutes

V. Vice President's Calendar of Events

- a. Events Calendar:
 - i. **Our 2026 Events Calendar is Live!** See what's coming up this year + Use the subscribe link on the Events Calendar to stay up to date
 1. Events View: historicbrewershill.com/news-events/events
 2. Calendar View: historicbrewershill.com/calendar
- b. *Spring into...* HBHA Events:
 - i. 🍀 O'Brewers Hill Social: Fri, Mar 13, 6-8pm @ Dead Bird Brewing
 - ii. 🐰 Easter Egg Hunt: Sat, Apr 4, 10-11:30am @ Palmer & Reservoir Lot
 - iii. 🌍 Beautify Brewers Hill Cleanup: Sat, Apr 25, 9am-12pm @ TBD

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Upcoming spring events include the O'Brewers Hill Social on Friday, March 13 from 6-8pm at Dead Bird Brewing. Now in its fourth year, this St. Patrick's-themed gathering continues to be a neighborhood favorite. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 4 from 10-11:30am at the Palmer & Reservoir lot. Later in April, neighbors can participate in the Beautify Brewers Hill Cleanup on Saturday, April 25 from 9 am-12pm, with final launch locations to be announced.

- c. Mark your calendar for our biggest events of the year!
 - i. 🌻 Summer Meeting: Tue, Jun 23, 6-8pm @ Sanger House Gardens
 - ii. 🎉 Block Party: Sat, Aug 22, 3-8pm @ 1st St between Brown & Lloyd
 - iii. 🍷 Patio Round Robin: Sat, Sep 19, 6-10pm @ Shhh it's a secret
 - iv. 🎃 Brewers Hill-O-Ween & Alley-Ween: Sat, Oct 31, 6-10pm

Residents were also encouraged to mark their calendars for some of the neighborhood's biggest annual events.

- d. More events added throughout the year:
 - i. *Tap Yard Trivia, Lakefront Brewery Patio Social, Bucks Watch Party, Block Watch Happy Hours, Cleanup Club Events, Community Blood Drive...*

Additional events will continue to be added throughout the year, including neighborhood trivia nights, patio socials, Bucks watch parties, Block Watch happy hours, Cleanup Club events, and a community blood drive.

Neighbors were reminded that there are many ways to get involved beyond attending events. The association has several committees—including Block Watch, Cleanup Club, and Historic Preservation—and residents interested in helping out were encouraged to sign up and get involved.

VI. Guest Speakers

- a. Guest Presentation / Community Intro's:
 - i. Cydney Key, ThriveOn King
 - 1. *ThriveOn King is an inclusive community hub located in the iconic Gimbels-Schuster's building*

Cydney Key shared updates from ThriveOn King, the inclusive community hub located in the historic Gimbels-Schuster's building. She announced that ThriveOn King is launching a new website to make reserving spaces easier; residents can access it through their website or contact her directly for the reservation link.

ThriveOn King is also beginning a strategic planning process and is gathering community input as part of that effort. Neighbors were encouraged to complete a short survey via a QR code on flyers available at the meeting: [Strategic Plan Flyer](#). Cydney also highlighted the organization's growing partnership with Food for Health, which includes programs focused on nutrition, wellness, and yoga: [Food For Health Flyer](#).

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- ii. Kristen Harris, Versiti on King
 - 1. *Blood donation and community resource center*

Kristen Harris spoke about the work of Versiti, which operates a blood donation center and community resource hub. The center is open three days a week plus the third Saturday of each month and includes a training facility. Kristen noted that even those who are not comfortable donating blood are welcome to stop by for a tour and learn more about the organization. Versiti also connects community members to resources such as housing assistance, transportation, and job opportunities, and visitors can learn their blood type through donation. Kristen shared that after hosting a large community event in 2024, Versiti plans to host another similar event this summer.

Learn more: [Versiti On King Flyer](#)

- iii. Faithe Colas, Greater Milwaukee Urban League (GMUL)
 - 1. *GMUL offers programs in education and employment, creating opportunities for locals to improve their lives and their community*

Faithe Colas introduced the work of the Greater Milwaukee Urban League and shared the historical significance of their building, which was the first location where Dr. Finlayson provided medical care to African Americans in Milwaukee. She explained that the organization originally helped newly arrived African American residents find services and opportunities in the city, and that mission continues today. GMUL offers programs focused on education, employment, and economic mobility. The organization also provides community resources such as a computer lab available for mentor groups, church groups, and other organizations. Faithe highlighted several upcoming financial and business workshops, as well as networking and development groups designed for adults under 40 and for those 40 and older.

VII. General Business

- a. Crime and Safety Update: historicbrewershill.com/info/crime-safety
 - i. MPD District 5 Community Partnership Unit (CPU)
 - 1. *Police Officer Gussie Nelson and Police Aide Sanaa Tyler*

Representatives from the MPD District 5 Community Partnership Unit (CPU), Police Officer Gussie Nelson and Police Aide Sanaa Tyler, shared updates and opportunities for community engagement. They encouraged residents to attend the next District 5 Crime & Safety Meeting on Wednesday, March 4 at 5pm at ThriveOn King, where neighbors can ask questions and hear more detailed updates from officers.

The officers also shared information about upcoming community events. National Night Out will take place at Carver Park and the park across the street, using both spaces for activities that bring neighbors and law

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enforcement together. Another upcoming event is Faith & Blue, scheduled for October 7 at 324 W. North Ave., which pairs law enforcement with faith-based partners to strengthen community relationships.

During the discussion, officers addressed questions from neighbors about recent safety concerns, including a recent “shots fired” incident. They explained that while shell casings were recovered, no one was injured, so the event was classified as “shots fired” rather than a shooting. Officers encouraged residents to attend the March 4 meeting for additional details and discussion. They also addressed questions about New Year’s Eve gunfire and fireworks, noting that additional patrols were deployed and some arrests were made. Officers reminded attendees that firing guns into the air is illegal and dangerous; falling bullets can and do cause serious injury or death.

The officers also highlighted the Police Aide Program for young adults ages 17-19, which provides work experience with the department. Participants who later choose to attend the police academy are guaranteed a spot. They also shared that while policing can involve dangerous situations, much of their work involves positive interactions with community members.

Neighbors were encouraged to connect with the Brewers Hill Block Watch Group and attend upcoming Block Watch Happy Hours (now added to our Events Calendar!) to stay involved in neighborhood safety efforts.

- b. Committees: Community Outreach (*lend a hand with the Brewers Hill Cleanup Club!*), Historic Preservation, Tech & Marketing, and Block Party (planning)
 - i. *Want to get more involved? Join a HBHA committee!*

Residents interested in getting more involved in the neighborhood are encouraged to join a committee and help support HBHA’s work throughout the year.

Tara shared an update from the Historic Preservation Committee. The committee has begun drafting blog posts highlighting renovation and preservation projects in the neighborhood. The goal is to document these projects and help residents better understand how to navigate the historic preservation process.

- c. Brewers Hill Merch: bonfire.com/store/historic-brewers-hill-association/

Allyn shared that the neighborhood association now offers Brewers Hill merchandise. We also have magnets on hand that feature QR codes linking to neighborhood resources and reporting tools (provided by our neighborhood Block Watch Group!). These QR codes provide a quicker and easier way to access information compared with navigating the city’s website directly.

- d. Website: www.historicbrewershill.com

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Neighbors were reminded to visit the HBHA website, where residents can view the events calendar and subscribe to updates using Apple or Google Calendar. A future meeting will include a walkthrough of the website and how neighbors can make the most of the resources available online and specifically how to access member portals.

e. HBHA Announcements

Evan also shared that his company recently awarded him a \$5,000 charitable donation to direct to a nonprofit of his choice, which he donated to HBHA. He encouraged neighbors to keep the association in mind if their workplaces offer similar grants or charitable giving programs. Because HBHA operates on a small budget—especially as costs like insurance have increased—these types of grants help the organization continue hosting neighborhood events and supporting initiatives such as community outreach.

VIII. Adjournment (7:06pm)

- a. Next Quarterly Meeting Date: Tue, Jun 23, 6-8pm @ Sanger House Gardens