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4-H Youth Development

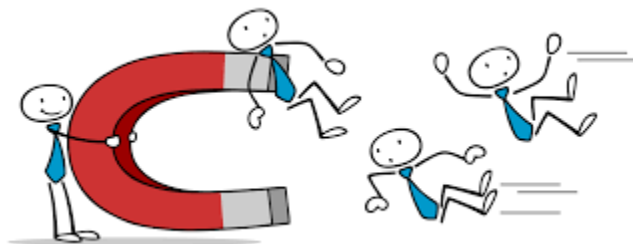
Sarah Tarjeson, 4-H Youth Development Educator
Linda Robson, 4-H Program Coordinator

On April 29th, Linda and Sarah held a [Spring Leadership Meeting](#), inviting the 4-H community clubs and committee adult and youth leaders to attend. The focus of this meeting was on **Retention of Youth Membership**. Representation from 19 clubs and committees came together to learn and share what they can do to help the 4-H Youth Development Program maintain the current members they have and even grow as a more vibrant and stronger program.

The agenda went as follows:

- Welcome/Introduction
- Review results from retention survey
- Round table discussions
 - ◊ What's not working regarding member engagement?
 - ◊ Why are youth excited and come to your club/project meetings?
 - ◆ How are you engaging youth?
 - ◆ How are you engaging parents?
 - ◆ How are you bringing value to your club/project meetings?
- Tips and Tricks
 - ◊ 3 parts of a club meeting (business, educational, recreation)
 - ◊ Keep meeting length to an hour
 - ◊ Decision making (How are you having discussion? How much are you stressing Parliamentary Procedure?)
- Incentive Time!

One 4-H Club General Leader was able to bring along four youth from her club to the Spring Leadership Meeting. Following the meeting, she sent us this message, "I want to let you know the club members I brought with me had an awesome time last night. On the way they asked if they had to "talk." I said, "Probably." So when the meeting was finished they were so proud that they "talked" a lot in their groups and felt they contributed. As we were in the parking lot one offered to do an icebreaker at the May meeting. They were so excited and talked all the way home about how to get new club members. Thank you for helping spark four awesome 4-H members and their general leader."



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After representatives from Friends of Peace Park Sheboygan contacted Kevin for ideas on how to fund [substantial improvements to the park](#), Kevin helped the group apply for and obtain a \$19,110 award from the Sheboygan County Stewardship Grant Program for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The work described in the application—Phase 1 of several phases—has now been completed.

Peace Park Sheboygan is an approximately 1-acre green space located at a triangle intersection of Michigan Ave - N. 3rd St - Broughton Dr, with an unobstructed view of Lake Michigan. The park is a highly visible property with potential to add several amenities to the surrounding area.



The Friends group donated hundreds of hours of labor and sold stone pavers to raise additional funds to install an enhanced "Peace Pole Patio" and create three "Sister City



Photo credits: Friends of Peace Park Sheboygan

Gardens." Other improvements include bringing electricity to the park and installing a hydration station that includes a bubbler and a pet-friendly faucet/basin.

Some other supporters of the project include the City of Sheboygan, Kelly's Landscape Design, Miller Engineers, Veterans for Peace Chapter 114, Sheboygan Noon Lions Club, and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 494.



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Human Development and Relationships & FoodWise

Jane Jensen, Human Development and Relationships Educator

As a member of the [Livable \(Age Friendly\) Sheboygan Taskforce](#), Jane helped develop the action plan to create a more livable Sheboygan based on the results of the survey conducted in late 2018 that elicited over 1,500 responses. The action plan includes activities in eight areas of livability:

- 1) Outdoor spaces and buildings
- 2) Transportation (safe and affordable modes of private & public transportation)
- 3) Housing (availability of home modification programs for “aging in place,” as well as a range of age-friendly housing options)
- 4) Social participation (access to leisure and cultural activities, including opportunities for older residents to socialize and engage with their peers as well as with younger people)
- 5) Respect and social inclusion (programs that promote ethnic and cultural diversity, as well as multigenerational interaction and dialogue)
- 6) Community support and health services (access to home-based care services, health clinics, and programs that promote wellness and active aging)
- 7) Civic participation and employment (paid work and volunteer activities for older residents and opportunities to engage in the formulation of policies relevant to their lives)
- 8) Communication support and information (access to communications technology and other resources so older residents can connect with their community, friends, and family)

A community that is livable for older adults is a livable community for all ages. The taskforce also includes the Mayor’s office , City Administrator, Transportation Director, Planning, Aging & Disability Resource Center, Senior Activities Center, and others.

Amanda Miller & Janeth Orozco, FoodWise

The FoodWise program partners with the Sheboygan Area School District (SASD) to provide quality, evidence based nutrition education to schools with high levels of free and/or reduced lunch rates. These rates not only indicate the number of children that are in need of additional nutrition and food, but are often indicators of the larger community needs in regards to hunger and poverty.

The Sheboygan Area School District has a growing need for FoodWise services, based on the enrollment data. There are a total of 26 elementary, middle, and high schools within the district. Of the 26 schools, 16 have a free and reduced lunch enrollment rate that is greater than 50% (or half of the student population.) There are four elementary schools that have a free and reduced lunch rate of nearly 100% (at 96%.) Overall, when all schools are combined, the district enrollment rate is at 53%.



Photo credit: Sheboygan Area School District

The FoodWise partnership began with nutrition education at 1-2 schools. Due to the increasing free and reduced lunch rates, and the fact that the partnership has been well received, FoodWise was asked to expand. [Starting this October, FoodWise will provide nutrition education classes to six schools: Cooper, Jackson, James Madison, Grant, Sheridan, and Longfellow elementary schools.](#) FoodWise focuses on providing nutrition education classes to Kindergarteners at each of these schools with a 5-lesson series program called “Discover MyPlate.” During the lessons, the students learn more about the 5 food groups and are able to try new foods.

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Agriculture and Natural Resources

Mike Ballweg, Extension Agriculture Educator



From left: President Extension Master Gardeners- Sheboygan County Marty Steinbruecker, Alliant Energy Mark Smith, CEO UWGB-Sheboygan Campus Jennifer Williamson-Mendez, Extension Agriculture Educator –Sheboygan County Mike Ballweg

Alliant Energy has provided a [\\$5,000 grant to the UWGB - Sheboygan County Campus to assist with the removal of dying ash trees](#). This was made possible by Extension Master Gardener Volunteers and their collaborative relationships within the community. The Extension Master Gardeners have also provided a memorial gift of \$1,700 to help purchase replacement trees.

Falling branches from dying ash trees can become a hazard to students and others on campus. Ash killed by emerald ash borer become extremely brittle and can easily break as they decline. Unlike other common trees, ash trees use a very thin ring of conducting tissue to supply water from the roots to the entire tree. Emerald ash borer larvae disrupt the plumbing of the tree as they feed beneath the bark. This causes the tree to dry quickly, weakening the structural wood of the tree. Limbs can break and fall at any time. Labor costs for removal increase as trees die back and become more brittle. If ash trees have lost 30 - 40% of their canopy, it is advisable to make plans to remove them. Replacing dead ash trees will result in a healthier ecosystem. Ash trees with little die back or still appearing healthy can be treated with insecticides to provide emerald ash borer control; however treatments will need to be made annually or every couple of years depending on the insecticide used.

In the event trees need to be removed, one should hire trained professionals who have experience removing emerald ash borer damaged trees. Get bids from more than one contractor and be sure the contractor is insured and bonded in case of an accident. Professionals will be willing to provide that information. Three bids for ash tree removal at the campus have been secured from area contractors.