

**Meet Your Neighbors**  
Free coffee and orange juice, 7-10 AM  
on September 11 at the corners of Breze  
and Hoyt.

**Still time to renew membership  
and get into the Directory!**

**New website**  
[www.regentneighborhood.org](http://www.regentneighborhood.org)

**RNA Meeting and Tour of Camp  
Randall**  
Wednesday, September 18, 6 - 8:30 PM

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Regent Neighborhood Association





# Bulletin

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## RNA Meeting and VIP Tour of Camp Randall

Wednesday, September 18, 6 - 8:30 PM

RNA Fall Meeting, Volunteer Reception and Tour

W Club Room, Camp Randall Stadium

1440 Monroe Street

Volunteer Reception 6:00 - 6:45 PM

Meeting 7:00 - 8:30 PM

**MEETING - 7:00-8:30 PM** RNA is holding its Fall General Meeting in the W Club room at Camp Randall Stadium. Al Fish, the Associate Athletic Director of Capital Projects for the UW, will be the speaker. He will talk about football game day event management, associated neighborhood concerns and the UW plans to address issues.

**VOLUNTEER RECEPTION: 6:00-6:45 PM HORS D'OEUVRES AND OPPORTUNITY!** Neighbors expressing interest in learning about association activities and an overview of what we do will have this chance. Committee representatives will be on-hand to discuss particulars.

**TOURS: 30 minutes** Two tours are available: **5:30 and 6:30 pm**. Come experience a behind-the-scenes look at Camp Randall Stadium for RNA neighbors.

**DIRECTIONS:** Enter the Gate 21 entrance to the Stadium at the southeast side near Monroe St. and Athletic Dept Welcome Center - Big Red awning. Proceed through the tunnel about 100 yards (length of field) to the W Club room on your right)

**PARKING:** Limited Parking is available in Lot 18 off of Monroe St near the Camp Randall entrance and is free after 5 pm.

## MEMBERSHIP HAS BENEFITS!

RNA provides opportunities for neighbors to make a difference in the community. From having an impact on street repair to UW policy making to power plant construction, this is the organization where you can make your voice heard. Most of us are busy but joining and becoming active in RNA allows you to influence the quality of life for you and your family. What could be more important?

RNA annual dues are \$5 (single) or \$10 (family). Membership offers you subscription to the three times a year Bulletin and the neighborhood Directory. You are welcome to attend the three general meetings that include updates on issues critical to the neighborhood. Maybe you are fired up over a particular issue and you want to get more involved or want to work on the Regent Neighborhood July 4 celebration.

## THE MEMBERSHIP WORKING GROUP

works on recruitment; and newsletter, flyer and directory distribution. These are critical responsibilities. For more information or to become involved contact Tom and Sandy Miskelly (238-3992) or Karen Carlson (233-7989, [kcarlson2@facstaff.wisc.edu](mailto:kcarlson2@facstaff.wisc.edu))

## NEW TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

Feel free to call Kathy Riddiough at 442-7146 for a new neighbor bag and to find out more about neighborhood and community services.

## LISTSERV

We are setting up a listserv so that neighbors can discuss current issues. Send an email to [brucekahn@ameritech.net](mailto:brucekahn@ameritech.net) to subscribe or look at the website for more information.

# Neighborhood Bytes

## **STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKING GROUP**

Our neighborhood faces many challenges as we try to maintain the quality of life we value so highly. Many of these challenges appear simple – a zoning change on one property or a proposal for traffic-calming measures on a particular block. While these situations need to be addressed individually, they have broader implications for the neighborhood as a whole and the neighborhood's relationship to the community around it. The Strategic Planning Working Group's role is to keep the "big picture" in mind, to share information, and to coordinate neighborhood response to these issues. Strategic Planning works with other RNA groups and is a member of the Joint West Campus Committee to accomplish this objective. Issues in 2002 have included the renovation of Camp Randall, the UW Parking Study (conducted by Walker Consultants), and several streets and transportation projects. For information or to become involved contact Nan Fey at 238-7160 or [nanfey@earthlink.net](mailto:nanfey@earthlink.net).

## **STREETS AND TRANSPORTATION**

We are being asked to solicit neighborhood opinion over the proposed 800-car UW Lot 76 parking deck (to be located at the top of the Highland "horseshoe" next to Lot 60) envisioned as replacement parking as existing parking spots are lost during construction of new buildings on the west campus. Our concerns may include concentrating vehicular traffic on Highland and particularly the Old University/Highland intersection, whether UW should build into the aesthetic zone north of Highland, and whether there may be a better location for such a deck, presuming that one is needed. Is there interest in calling a meeting to discuss this? For more information or to get involved contact George Hall at 238-7490 or [geohall@mailbag.com](mailto:geohall@mailbag.com).

This is a somewhat unique committee insofar as it works closely with neighbors, as well as representing the RNA before city staff, the alderpersons, and members of city boards and commissions. Other than a titular chair (or co-chair), there are no established positions. Although the subject matter is occasionally arcane and involved, we welcome anyone with an interest in making their block as well as the neighborhood a safer place for children and adults to walk, bike, drive, and recreate. Opportunities exist to learn about the engineering aspects

of parking, traffic calming and management, how to organize and chair meetings, develop appropriate neighborhood policies for recommendation to the RNA Board, identify and resolve issues, represent the neighborhood at commission and council meetings, and work with city staff and elected/appointed officials. Contact George Hall at 238-7490 or [geohall@mailbag.com](mailto:geohall@mailbag.com).

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE SCHOOLS?**

The West High school sign project is dead for the time being. Dave Olson, 12th grade principal, reported that Barbara Quinn, who initiated the recent proposal, saw little enthusiasm for it at this time.

Freshman orientation went very smoothly as almost 100 seniors acted as escorts for small groups of new students. Mickey Smith is the newest principal and will have the ninth grade class. A product of Madison schools, Ms. Smith has a son at Whitehorse MS. She is a delightful and enthusiastic addition to the staff.

A goal for the School Relations Committee is to encourage more neighbors to have designated resident and unrestricted parking on their blocks. This will reduce the number of musical cars during the school day. For more information or to become involved contact Evelyn Malkus at 233-7101 for West High activities or Maggie Collucy at 238-4655 for Randall activities.

## **POWER PLANT IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?**

Madison Gas and Electric (MGE) and UW-Madison (UW) are proposing a natural gas-fired cogeneration plant on the UW West campus on Walnut Street. An RNA Working Group of neighbors is *forming* to monitor and coordinate comments to the Public Service Commission.

The facility will: Cost between \$175 million and \$195 million; produce electricity, steam heat and chilled water for air-conditioning; require various state approvals but does not go through a city approval process; and operate and be maintained by MG&E. The PSC will invite formal comments about the project sometime after September 16.

Free copies of the environmental impact study will be available at PSC Electric Division at 266-5481. Check out the MG&E

website for some details at [www.mge.com](http://www.mge.com). To be part of discussions about how this can affect you, go to the RNA Web site at [www.regentneighborhood.org](http://www.regentneighborhood.org) or contact Irene Golembiewski at 231-3398 or [donald@msn.fullfeed.com](mailto:donald@msn.fullfeed.com) to get involved.

## **RNA WEBSITE:**

[WWW.REGENTNEIGHBORHOOD.ORG](http://WWW.REGENTNEIGHBORHOOD.ORG) RNA has a new website. Visit often and find out about business, news and events in your neighborhood. The site features current events, contacts, working groups, membership info and opportunities for your interests. Log on and we'll see you there. The site is in a state of evolution. Please email comments, corrections and suggestions to the Webmaster.

## **RNA JULY FOURTH CELEBRATION A SUCCESS!**

Tradition prevailed once again as the Regent Neighborhood celebrated July fourth on a hot sunny day with our usual bicycle parade, games, brats, and the climactic egg toss led by Jay Rath and the Regent Market Coop. Joe Heggstad was the Parade Marshall and led the Rag Tag band, a well-choreographed wheelbarrow brigade, and the colorful and jubilant collection of wheel- and foot-powered vehicles that made up the rest of the ensemble. Between 400-500 of our neighbors and friends joined us this year for the festivities in the West High Athletic Field.

We were the new co-chairs of the celebration, as past chair Jim Stangel was on the road. We thought we'd share with you a few things we learned, and ask for your ideas for next year:

We learned how kids' games are organized! Families and children create and run the games, the RNA provides the prizes, and at the end of the day, the kids and the RNA count up the tickets and split the profit! If your family would like to run a game next year, make your plans and call the games chair, listed on the flyer you'll receive at your home, to reserve your spot.

We learned that the July fourth celebration almost runs itself, because of the dozens of experienced volunteers who set up the box maze, sell tickets, cook brats, run the cake walk, kids' games and egg toss, and set up and clean up year and after year. Dozens of others joined them this year, and we want to thank every single one!

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We also learned that a number of businesses provide strong support for the July fourth celebration. The Regent Market Coop, Mike's Liquor and Party Port, Cress Funeral Home and the Inntowner are major contributors.

Finally, we learned that the volunteers have as much fun working together as those who just come to enjoy the day. We had so much fun that we've decided to do it again next year. What should we do differently? We've heard requests for face-painting and ice cream.

If you have ideas, or want to volunteer to make this celebration possible, please call one of us. It's a great way to meet some of your neighbors and help keep our little neighborhood celebration a strong tradition for years to come! Jordy Jordahl can be reached at 231-0889 and Eileen Hirsch at 233-2137.

## **RNA YARD SALE - SALES GALORE!!**

There were yard sales all over the neighborhood – over 65 families participated. There were more cars roaming the streets looking for bargains than there are cars looking for parking spaces before a Badger game. Thank you to all of the volunteers, who compiled the map, distributed the packets and placed the signs. The Grid Iron (1501 Monroe St.) bar and grill provided a wonderful spread after the event for all of the neighbors who had yard sales. Special thanks go to Roger Pierson who coordinated the entire project. Roger devoted untold hours securing the signage, working with the volunteers and obtaining a sponsor. We are looking for ideas for the next sale in two years. Offer your ideas to Roger Pierson at 233-8487.

## **ZONING AND NEIGHBORHOOD INTERACTION**

The Zoning Working Group focuses on neighborhood concerns regarding compliance with the City's zoning code, including requests for "variances" and "area exceptions." Since most zoning problems in the neighborhood relate to rental properties near Camp Randall—problems such as unsafe or poorly maintained properties and more than the legal number of residents—the zoning working group works closely with the Neighborhood Interaction Committee (NIC) to foster good relations among the diverse residents on the eastern edge of the Regent Neighborhood. The NIC, organized

in the spring of 2000, interacts with the University's Chancellor, Dean of Students and several campus organizations. The NIC also works closely with the Madison Police Department, which participates with us on an annual fall walk-around to greet new neighborhood residents. The NIC also sponsors a free juice-and-coffee welcome table one morning each fall, typically on Breese Terrace. For more information or to become involved contact Ron Rosner at 238-1828.

## **FOSTERING NEIGHBORLY INTERACTIONS**

The Neighborhood Interaction Committee (NIC) is an ongoing effort to foster good relations among the diverse residents of the east end of the Regent neighborhood, in particular, the area extending from Camp Randall to three blocks west of Breese Terrace. Organized in the spring of 2000, the committee has met or in other ways interacted with the University's Chancellor, Dean of Students, Chief of Police, and several campus organizations dealing with students. We work closely with the City of Madison Police Department, which participates with us on an annual fall walk-around to greet new neighborhood residents. We also sponsor a free-juice-and-coffee welcome table one morning each fall (typically on Breese Terrace behind the stadium). The date this year is September 11 from 7-10 AM. We share a common agenda with Zoning and University Relations committees, on occasion. For more information or to become involved contact Ron Rosner at 238-1828.

## **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

This working group is concerned with issues related to the UW and the effects of the UW on the neighborhood. Working on Camp Randall event management planning for the fall football games; a Memorandum of Understanding to address concerns about Camp Randall event management and the expansion and renovation project; and cooperation with Vilas, Dudgeon-Monroe and Greenbush neighborhoods on issues such as student housing and fan behavior at football games. Neighbors who have concerns in these areas and/or ideas for dealing with problems that come up because of the proximity of the University are urged to become involved by contacting the University Relations chair, an RNA Board member or their block captain. For more information contact Linda Keller, Chairperson, [LKELL588@EARTHLINK.NET](mailto:LKELL588@EARTHLINK.NET).

## **EARLY MORNING HOURS AT UNIVERSITY AVENUE DISCOVERY CENTER (FORMERLY UNIVERSITY AVENUE DAY CARE)**

UADC is one of only five accredited preschool programs in Madison offering early morning hours. The Center is open from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to supply childcare for parents with shifting and unconventional hours.

## **CONSTRUCTION NORTH OF THE PEDESTRIAN-BIKE PATH**

You may have noticed what appears to be grading work being done in the woods behind the golf course and cemetery. The work you are seeing is the creation of an access road/path so that equipment and debris can be moved in and out of the area to assist the City in keeping the culvert systems for stormwater management operating efficiently. Debris had reached the point of clogging up some of the drains so badly that a major storm event might have done some very serious damage to the embankment that the Southwest Bike Path sits on. At any rate, staff was responding to an urgent situation so the normal notification and discussion process could not occur prior to the installation of the access road. The situation has been rectified and the new access point should enable staff to keep the area operating effectively. Contact Alderman Ken Golden.

## **HOW DO WE COMMUNICATE?**

The Communications Working Group is responsible for coordinating communications vehicles – bulletins, newsletters website, listserv, and directories. The printed newsletter that has been traditionally hand delivered has been replaced on a test basis by this Bulletin. The Newsletter included news and advertising. This issue of the Bulletin does not have ads because of timing issues. We expect to include advertising in the Winter issue. Our timeline is to have the Directory printed by the end of September so we will need to move steadily ahead. For more information or to become involved contact Bruce Kahn, 238-8622 evenings/weekends; email [brucekahn@ameritech.net](mailto:brucekahn@ameritech.net).