

REGENT MARKET COOP

"Some pretty amazing things have been happening" at the Regent Market Co-op, reports Board President Mary Rouse. There's a new look: new sign, awning, shelves, coolers and store layout (with wider aisles!) and a "very nice" wood-grain floor. There are also new services: a fee-free ATM run by UW Credit Union. It's outside near the front door and available 24/7 to anyone.

"It took a lot of work by many generous volunteers to help renovate and transform our store," says Co-op Manager Jim Huberty. "We sincerely thank all of them."

Starting in 2003 the Market is offering a 10% discount for seniors and those with disabilities. (Just ask.) Also beginning the first of the year, the Co-op has joined the Community Chip program. This program offers shoppers an opportunity to contribute

to community organizations by adding a small percentage to your grocery total. (Our generous Co-op shoppers have been helping others in the community for over a year by contributing food products for the Atwood Community Center Food Pantry.)

Also new at the Co-op are lots of delicious products: bulk grains and spices, nuts, dried fruits, and teas, along with more natural and organic meats and produce. Some things are just the same, though -- the friendly staff and wide selection -- says store manager Jim Huberty. "And we still carry pizza and all the other necessities of life," he says.

Special orders are a great service the Market offers, Huberty also points out. Order your favorite product by the case, or consult with one of our friendly "meat-ologists" on special

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Mayoral Candidate Forum - February 9

The Regent, Dudgeon-Monroe, Westmoreland, Vilas, and Greenbush associations are sponsoring a forum of candidates in this spring's mayoral primary. Discussion will be devoted to issues of concern to near-West Side neighborhoods. The event will be held Sunday, February 9, 2-4 pm at the West High School auditorium. All current mayoral candidates have been invited to participate.

The forum will include debate-style questions—some prepared in advance by the association Boards/Councils and others collected from the audience. The League of Women Voters is advising the event organizers and will also provide an experienced moderator. Childcare will be provided.

Please contact Joel Robbin (233-5038, robbin@math.wisc.edu) with any questions.

Communication is Key

RNA is stepping up communication for you. The RNA board and active volunteers want you to be able to learn and participate in the current business of your neighborhood and surrounding community. Here's how we are reaching out to you.

- We have a Web site – www.regentneighborhood.org
The latest information is available through your own computer.
- We have recently initiated a Listserv. This is a group email process where you can write and read opinions or concerns in an email and share them with anyone who subscribes. Continued group conversations about neighborhood business is easy. Meetings and events are shared. Go to the home page of our Web site to subscribe.
- We publish and distribute three newsletters a year. Some are mailed and some delivered by your neighbors.

- We publish a Membership Directory for all paid members.

RNA has eight active working groups. There are monthly Board Meetings where the Board and committee chairs discuss activities and plan ahead.

Find out more about us!!

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

What's REALLY happening in the mystery Zip?

RNA folks who still happily reside in 53705 may not be aware that hundreds of their neighbors have moved—lock, stock and mortgage—to the “Terra Incognita” of 53726.

Where have we gone? The houses remain, but the Post Office has shifted us to new routes handled out of the Capital substation. Service has been quite variable, neighbors report, with deliveries liable to happen at all different times.

“Time of day complaints are probably the number one concern we hear about from customers,” says Pam Meehan-Smith, in customer relations for the Madison Post Office. “We try to be consistent, but we can’t promise it.”

“We guarantee to deliver all express, priority, first class, and periodical mail every day before 5:00 p.m. except in case of extreme weather,” she says. You should never miss a delivery of first class or periodicals, she emphasizes. If you do you should report it to the Postmaster’s Office right away.

So why do delivery times vary? After the change in July, at least one letter carrier switched routes to remain at Hilldale. During the P.O.’s ponderous

process for finding a permanent replacement, mail on the empty route is delivered by other carriers, before or after they do their own, regular routes.

If you have concerns about your service in 53726 call the Capital substation at 250-6486. For 53705 call 231-2466. Or call the Madison Postmaster’s office at 246-1282.

You won’t find these numbers in the phone book which only lists toll-free 800 numbers connected to Somewhereelse, USA. But the P.O. does have a very nifty Web Site: www.usps.gov that gives local station numbers, service hours, last pickups, and even calculates postage costs to Timbuktu if you need it.

—Lynn Entine,
Roving Reporter, deep inside 53726



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Working Position Statement of the Proposed Power Facility

Drafted by an ad hoc committee comprised of neighbors in the Regent area (submitted to the RNA Board for approval, decision pending)

MG&E and UW jointly intend to build a 150-megawatt (MW) power and steam cogeneration facility on Walnut St. adjacent to Madison's Regent Neighborhood, the UW playing fields and Lake Path. The Regent Neighborhood Association (RNA) formed an ad hoc committee to study the need for and impacts of this plant on the neighborhood. Based on a review of the permit application materials and consultations with professional engineers, the committee concludes that this project, as proposed, is incompatible with the neighborhood and the Madison urban area.

No Justification for Plant of this Magnitude

- Siting a ten-story 150MW power plant next to a residential neighborhood, not to mention hospitals, dormitories, schools and ecologically sensitive areas, is unprecedented.
- Cogeneration plants are common on college and university campuses, but are in the 5 to 20 MW range because the co-generated steam must be consumed locally.
- The plant's large size precludes it from the efficiency of cogeneration. UW is the only consumer of steam and requires only 20 to 40 MW of capacity; the lion's share of electrical generation, 110 to 130 MW, will not occur in cogeneration mode.
- UW's contribution to the capital costs is \$80 million of scarce public funds. (\$56 million of this is a 20-year loan to UW from MG&E at an interest rate of 14.5%.) Not yet known are capital costs associated with a new sewage treatment facility needed to maintain water balance in the Lake Mendota/Yahara watershed.
- Since UW is not the owner, it will have to purchase power from MG&E under an operating agreement whose terms are not yet known.

- The University will relinquish 4 acres of its valuable land to MG&E to produce power primarily for the private market.

Environmental Implications

- Air: The Regent Neighborhood will be directly exposed to significant levels of hazardous air pollution and smog forming compounds emitted by the facility. Over 90 percent of the area's pollution "budget" for particulate emissions will be consumed. Neighborhood air quality will be degraded to nearly the maximum amount allowed under the Clean Air Act for particulate matter.
- Water: Up to four million gallons of water/day will be withdrawn from Lake Mendota for steam generation and cooling water. Most will be lost to evaporative emissions, stressing the Lake Mendota/Yahara River system. Stream flow models predict substantial reductions in the Yahara River during periods of drought.
- Noise: Similar to commercial jet engines in size and operation, the "aeroderivative" turbines employed in the facility operate at very high decibel levels. While MG&E has developed a plan to mitigate noise impacts through acoustic insulation, the facility will likely emit a level of background noise consistent with other large industrial facilities, and may at times be audible in all nearby neighborhoods.

In light of these findings, the committee concludes that, based on currently available information, UW could meet its energy needs with a much smaller facility, one that would not carry with it the significant detrimental impacts on the neighborhood and surrounding areas. Moreover, even if there is electrical demand elsewhere in Dane county and southern Wisconsin, generating that power in an urban residential area is totally inappropriate.

Addendum & Meeting Notice-February 4

There are questions about the origin of this project. December 7, 2002, the Capital Times reported that MG&E made political donations of significant sums of money (\$125,000 through its subsidiaries, \$25,000 through individuals affiliated with MG&E) to or through former Senator Chvala. Chvala is under indictment for influence peddling. According to the Capital Times, Chvala was responsible for including in the January 2002 budget a provision requiring the state to negotiate with MG&E for the construction of this plant.

RNA will host a meeting to discuss its opposition to this project with several neighborhood associations and others on **February 4, 2003, 7:30-9:30 p.m.**, West High Cafeteria. We invite your attendance at this and other committee meetings—dates and times announced on the RNA website: www.regentneighborhood.org. We also encourage you to make your concerns known to the Public Service Commission, which will likely begin hearings in the EIS process in April, 2003, and Governor Doyle.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Ivy Inn closes December 31; apartments to rise in its place

Last June, the City approved plans for constructing a large apartment building on the site of the Ivy Inn.

According to Goldleaf Development, the new owners of the property, the Ivy Inn doors close December 31. Building demolition is slated for early February and occupancy is set for August, 2003.

Goldleaf's proposal is to build a block-long, four-story building with 109 apartments ranging in size from efficiencies to two-bedroom townhouse units. Parking will be largely underground with access from Chestnut Street. At the request of the Neighborhood Association, residents of the new building will not be eligible for on-street parking permits.

Also at the behest of the Regent Neighborhood Association, Goldleaf has included space for stores and restaurants in the property's Chestnut-University corner. Parking for the shops will be off of University Ave.

Goldleaf Development owns and manages the large apartment building directly across University Avenue from the Ivy Inn and others nearby.

—Ron Rosner

Greater Madison Healthy Lawn Team

The Greater Madison Healthy Lawn Team (GMHeLT) is a group of concerned citizens working to reduce lawn care herbicide and fertilizer use in the greater Madison area. GMHeLT is working to keep our children, neighbors, pets, and environment safe from the toxic effects of these chemicals while promoting safer lawn care practice. Through GMHeLT, individual neighborhood "healthy lawn teams" are being developed to educate citizens using a neighbor-to-neighbor approach.

Does this mean homeowners must let their yard get taken over by weeds? Not at all. Lawn care methods including soil testing, aeration, appropriate grass seed collection, and hand weeding can improve your turf without risk to your family, neighbors and pets. It is also important to understand the natural cycle of your grass and composition of a healthy soil to create a healthy lawn.

Please visit our web site at www.healthylawnteam.org to learn more. Contact Elisabeth Marx at 233-7062 if you would like to help start a healthy lawn team in the Regent neighborhood.

Interested in a Neighborhood Plan?

The City of Madison has a new Neighborhood Planning Grant program which provides matching funds for projects in parts of town that have not previously been eligible for assistance. In the past, particularly when a significant development has been proposed in the neighborhood, it has been clear that having a neighborhood plan in place would provide an important frame of reference for community consideration of the project. A group of neighbors has begun to think about when and how to undertake a planning process, and welcomes the participation of anyone who is interested. Please contact Linda Korpi (lekorpi@att.net) by March 1st.

RNA Garden News

RNA TRIANGLE GARDEN As you've no doubt noticed, the RNA garden at University Avenue and Breese Terrace has been planted with grass.

During construction of the Engineering Centers building, heavy equipment damaged the garden and making it impractical for us to maintain it. When the building project was completed, the Garden Committee asked JP Cullen, the contractor, to dig the garden and plant it with an annual grass. The committee will be working over the winter to develop a new planting concept -- one that is simpler and that more effectively serves to mark the entrance to the Neighborhood. Rethinking the signage is a major component of the project. If you'd like to take part in the planning or implementation of the new garden, contact one of us.

JUNE 2003 GARDEN TOUR The Garden Committee would like to site this year's garden tour in the blocks south of Regent and east of Virginia Terrace. If you'd like to work with the 2003 tour committee, or if you'd like to nominate a garden for possible inclusion in the tour, contact one of us.

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RNA COMMITTEE NEWS

SCHOOL RELATIONS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On December 5, Loren Rathert sent a letter to the parents of West High students concerning the inappropriate conduct that occurred on two previous occasions at the school. He said in an address to the students: "The heightened awareness and concern we have at Madison West High School has created greater vigilance." He stressed "the importance of self respect and self-discipline....Madison West High School is an old school with many students, but not many places for those students to assemble. We don't have a student center and our cafeteria is used for classes and lunches most of the day. ... I have to rely on students to make good choices about where they go in the building and what they do when they get there."

"Teaching the values of self-respect and self-discipline in the relationships that teenagers form is something that we all can do....We are continuing to work on our curriculum regarding protective behaviors....We make every effort to keep our school and our students safe. In addition to adding doors and walls, we have security guards who work from 7:00 in the morning until the end of night school.... Security doors are being locked after hours. We continue to stress the importance of attendance."

SPRING CLEAN-UP After Spring Break the Senior Class at West High plans a spring clean-up of the neighborhood in conjunction with the RNA. If you would like to have a lawn sign and poster for a barrel contact your block captain or Evelyn Malkus at 233-7101.

—Evelyn Malkus

West Calendar Spring 2003

February 6	Band Collage Concert
March 7-8, 14-15	Winter Theater Production
March 22	MMSD Strings Festival
March 25	Choir Concert
April 3	Orchestra Concert
April 28- May 2	Fine Arts Week
May 8	Band Senior Concert
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April 12- April 21	Spring Break
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UNIVERSITY UPDATE:

CAMP RANDALL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

When the University of Wisconsin decided to renovate Camp Randall Stadium, a long process of meetings and discussions began with the surrounding neighborhoods and city commissions.

The City of Madison ultimately approved rezoning the property for the stadium renovation, subject to a set of 51 conditions. The most significant condition requires that a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) be developed between the Athletic Department and the four neighborhoods surrounding Camp Randall regarding stadium operations on event days.

A committee with representatives from the Regent, Vilas, Greenbush, and Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Associations, City of Madison Police, and several UW departments has been meeting for months to discuss these issues. The goal of the MOU is not to spell out the details of what the UW does at every game/event. It is to be a general document describing the areas of concern and memorializing the UW's and neighborhoods' commitment to work together to address problems in those areas.

Details of how that happens will be agreed on each year at regularly scheduled meetings. They will be included in management plans the UW uses for stadium operations and transportation (and perhaps other plans if the need arises). For example, the MOU will acknowledge concerns about "commercialism on Breese Terrace," but the details of how these concerns are addressed will be contained in the Permission in Streets application that the UW must present to the City with input from the neighbors.

"External security" involving residents of Breese Terrace is beyond the scope of the MOU, but it remains an important problem which needs to be resolved before the 2003 football season begins. Committee participants received a draft MOU in December. Final approval of the document is anticipated in early 2003.

LOT 76 PARKING RAMP The UW has proposed building a 1285 space parking ramp next to the Nielsen Tennis Stadium on the current site of Lot 76. A meeting of neighbors generated a list of concerns including:

- location in an environmentally sensitive area
- lack of important improvements at neighborhood intersections
- insufficient time to see whether recent TDM efforts can reduce the need for the facility
- lack of a campus Transportation Master Plan, and
- the need to plan and pay for mitigation of the traffic impacts caused by developments on the West Campus.

These concerns were submitted to the Joint West Campus Area Committee (JWCAC) in November.

Project construction is proposed to be in two phases: 880 spaces in Phase I, and 425 more in Phase II. JWCAC will discuss at its January meeting what criteria the UW must meet for permission to build Phase II. The criteria will be part of the committee's report to the City on the project. The UW will submit the project to the City of Madison in January. Public hearings will follow, providing opportunities for additional neighborhood. (See the RNA website for details.)

POWER PLANT On October 21, MGE submitted its application for permission to build a 150-megawatt co-generation power plant next to the existing plant on Walnut Street. The filing began a 180-day review period by the Public Service Commission, with opportunities for public comment at several stages of the process. For details on this project and the review process, see www.mge.com, the RNA website, and the article in this newsletter on page 3.

—Nan Fey (Chair, Strategic Planning Committee)
and Linda Keller

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Inclusionary Zoning: Some Issues for Madison

At the request of the Mayor and the Common Council, the city's Housing Committee spent most of 2002 examining and formulating recommendations on Inclusionary Zoning as a means of creating more affordable housing and dispersing it over many neighborhoods. The Committee, made of up one council member and a mix of development professionals and housing consumers, also considered a wide range of other issues, including expanding Section 8 housing opportunities and creating a Housing Trust Fund. The Committee is expected to report out its recommendations on Inclusionary Zoning in January.

Over the past 10-plus years Madison's residential developments have largely been larger tracts at the periphery of the already-developed areas. A downtown residential market, largely TIF-assisted, has also been established. Over the next 10 years City development staff believes the large tract developments will exhaust available land, and Madison will see more of the smaller, in-fill developments.

Given Madison's relatively high wages and low unemployment, private developers have indicated that they can produce housing affordable to 100% of the area median income households, but have not routinely included such housing or more affordable housing in all of the new neighborhoods. Density and speed of the review process have often been the key characteristics to produce affordability, and increasing density without consideration of neighborhood character is resisted by many neighborhoods that have had to live with the results of ill-conceived projects.

It is the Committee's opinion that density alone is not sufficient to make new dwelling units affordable, that there are a range of other characteristics inherent in a real estate development that can produce affordability, and, further, that a public permitting system that allows flexibility and site-specific consideration will work best in Madison.

Copies of the recommendations can be obtained from the CDBG Office, Department of Planning & Development, telephone 267-0740.

—Thomas Hirsch, AIA

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CO. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The County has again gone through a difficult budget this year. I am disappointed that some important budget amendments were not passed, especially the library amendment to increase the Library Tax and thus keep services at their current level.

The Library Tax is a complicated formula that funds services to people who use libraries even if they live in a community without a library. (Residents of District 10 do not pay the county Library tax because we are part of the Madison Public Library System). Because the Library amendment failed, the Madison Library system will receive fewer county reimbursement dollars.

There has been talk that, given the tight budget year, the County should sell the landfill it owns. All our garbage is taken to this landfill, and the City of Madison is the largest customer. Part of the landfill fee goes to a special account, the Solid Waste Fund. This savings account will be used to purchase a site for a new landfill when the current one is full, probably in about 10-12 years.

I think it is very important for the county to remain in the landfill business to protect the interests of county residents and the environment, and therefore I am against selling the landfill.

—Karen Cornwell



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Neighborhood Streets and Transportation Activities

2002 was a hectic streets year for many of us -- residents and merchants alike. A very dusty one for affected residents, and a time of extended lack of access and seriously diminished customers for merchants. In 2003 we will likely see more of the same.

If the city follows its current priorities, residents on N. and S. Allen, Chadbourne from N. Prospect to Allen, Chamberlain from Highland to Grand, and University from N. Breese Terrace to Lathrop will have their streets resurfaced.

Reconstructions include parts of Commonwealth, Harrison, S. Prospect, and Rowley Avenue. You can view the complete list on the City Engineering web page at http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/engineering/reconst_2002_2007.htm and <http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/engineering/resurface-2002-2007.htm>

City staff notify and work with residents well ahead of time, including providing complementary temporary parking permits when driveway access is blocked.

These streets projects help the neighborhood in many ways. Reconstructing sidewalk aprons at intersections, for example, improves access for pedestrians and handicapped users by complying with standards in the Americans with Disabilities Act. They also offer valuable opportunities to integrate traffic calming measures, as occurred on Breese Terrace thanks to the cooperation of City Engineering staff.

TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECTS Highland Ave. is slated for installation of traffic calming islands in the 2003 construction season. The project involved affected neighbors at great length last year, but was postponed by delays in the Regent Street resurfacing project.

We're waiting for traffic calming projects rankings for 2003, due out

soon from the City's Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Motor Vehicle Committee. Allen Street residents are hoping it will enable specific traffic calming measures during their resurfacing project. RNA will also receive clarification of Franklin and Spooners' ranking and prospects for inclusion in the traffic calming program.

The RNA is also looking at policies that would permit traffic calming treatments on Regent Street between Breese Terrace and Highland. Currently, city policy excludes arterials (through streets with significant traffic) from the traffic calming program.

DRIVER BEHAVIOR Speeding and inconsiderate driver behavior towards bicyclists and pedestrians using neighborhood crosswalks are very serious problems. Many RNA residents are affected and there have been many close calls, numerous accidents, and written complaints to Traffic Engineering, the Mayor, and the Police Chief.

These concerns are why we're looking closely at Madison's current ordinances on street width and corner curb returns and how they affect neighborhood street resurfacing and reconstruction projects. Some people say these design requirements contribute to higher vehicle speeds, and may be prompted by the ever-increasing size of city public works and fire department equipment. Instead, and wherever possible, we're asking that street reconstruction and resurfacing projects replicate existing conditions, as occurred for the Hillington Green area several years ago.

Meanwhile, remember speedboards are available, and do use the Speeder's Hotline (266-2624) to report drivers who speed or fail to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.

Check the RNA web site for a general Streets and Transportation Committee meeting in late January. We will directly contact current members and others who expressed an interest by email or postcard.

—George Hall

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