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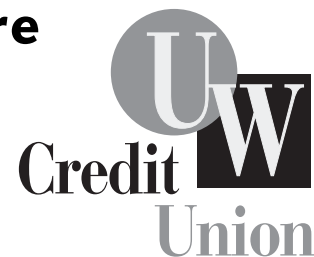


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# Regent Neighborhood ASSOCIATION Newsletter

## County Supervisor Karen Cornwell Decides Not To Run

Karen Cornwell, 10th District Supervisor, has decided not to run again for re-election in February. Karen served on the County Board for eight years. She told us, "During these eight years I learned many things, listened and talked to many people and have many people to thank for all their help. I have enjoyed my time in public service, but it is time for a change for me."

**Inside the newsletter are articles by the four candidates known as of the date when the Newsletter was prepared.**

*Editor's Note: We are saddened by Karen Cornwell's decision not to run for re-election to the County Board. Karen has worked endlessly on behalf of the people in District 10 and the entire county. Her progressive ideas and efforts to ensure the smooth operation of the Board moved the county forward. We will miss her reasoned approach to issues.*

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## County Supervisor Candidate Forum on January 14

The Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association is sponsoring a District 10 County Supervisor Candidate Forum on Wednesday, January 14, 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM at the Dudgeon School, 3200 Monroe Street (in the first floor library). There will be ample time to ask questions.

## From the Editor's Desk

By now, you have noticed some changes in the last two issues. First, there is a new *meet your neighbor* profile. There are hundreds of interesting people in the neighborhood. Please contact me so you or I can interview them. Second, teachers and students from Franklin-Randall have been asked to submit an article. The other neighborhood schools will be invited to submit articles in coming issues. In coming issues we look forward to printing more human interest stories including favorite recipes, notable events (see the notice of the opening of Dancing Grounds Coffee Company), memorable personal situations as well as your opinions on current issues.

—Bruce Kahn 238-8622

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# COUNTY SUPERVISOR CANDIDATES

## **Carousel Bayrd**—Candidate for 10th District County Supervisor

Much thanks to the Regent Neighborhood Association for this opportunity to introduce myself and let you know why I am running for Dane County Board.

One of the biggest issues we face is growth. The question is not if Dane County will grow, but how. We must continue to fight sprawl with good land-use planning. We must support small, local businesses, and ensure affordable housing throughout the county.

In these tough budget times, we must make human services a priority. I support proactive approaches that prevent problems and help turn lives around. That means supporting education and after-school programs, providing for our senior citizens, and allowing persons with disabilities the choice to live independently.

I am delighted and honored that Mayor Dave Cieslewicz, a District resident, has endorsed me. He recognizes my dedication to our district and Madison, and my commitment to putting our shared values to work on the County Board.

Professionally and personally, I have been an active member of the community. I am a civil rights attorney, a lecturer at the law school, and a proud board member of Planned Parenthood.

In these coming months, I look forward to talking with as many of you as possible, and listening to your concerns and hopes for the county. I will be an active partner with the many smart, hardworking and committed groups and individuals in our district. I pledge that I will work as hard as I can to provide the effective leadership this District expects and deserves.

I encourage you to contact me with any questions: 442-6294, or [carousel4dane@bayrd.com](mailto:carousel4dane@bayrd.com)

## **Robin Ryan**—Candidate for the 10th District County Board Supervisor

I am running for County Board because I want to make sure that social service programming is available to all people who are in need of assistance. As the population of Dane County grows, I want to maintain open spaces close to home for biking, hiking, and other outdoor activities. I want to build a public transit system that incorporates rail. And, I believe that county government must control property tax increases by setting a reasonable budget and living within it.

If elected to the Dane County Board, I will support innovative human service programs that provide better, more cost-effective services. For example, I support the Drug Court Program, which places drug offenders in treatment rather than jail. And, I support Children Come First, which devotes similar amounts of money to keep emotionally disturbed children in their homes as to institutionalize children.

My experience in government prepares me well to serve on the County Board. I worked at the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services as a budget and policy analyst and as an administrator of child welfare services. I worked as a legislative attorney drafting criminal law and health legislation. I currently work for State Senator Julie Lassa (D-Stevens Point). I earned my law degree and a master's degree in public affairs from the University of Texas at Austin, and earned my undergraduate degree in government from Harvard University.

I live with my husband and son on Gregory Street. I ask for your support in the County Board. You can contact me at 236-4145 or [robin.ryan@tds.net](mailto:robin.ryan@tds.net).

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*Long-time RNA resident and livable community advocate* **Jeff Schimpff** enters contest for Dane County Board District 10 supervisor.

For the past 15 years, I joined many of you in the varied school, youth support, and other volunteer activities that make the Regent, Vilas and Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhoods among of the best places to live in Dane County.

During that time, I've come to appreciate the many amenities our District offers. I also share the concerns of many about the potential for continued population growth and other factors to detract from the quality of life we enjoy here.

While it still relatively early in the campaign, I've enjoyed listening to my neighbors' views on their vision for the county. I agree with much of what you have to say. I support progressive policies to maintain our district as a place we can all enjoy.

As a county board supervisor, I will advocate for county policies and actions that will protect and enhance the character of our district. I will support the development of electrified rail transit like that enjoyed and supported by hundreds of European communities. I will advocate for collecting fees from new developments, including a casino if voters approve one, sufficient to cover the costs of the negative side of those developments. I will work to bolster programs that can help improve Dane County's 'C' air quality rating from the Wisconsin Lung Association, and to maintain minimum stream and spring flows, as well as groundwater infiltration. Finally, I will advocate for making sure that our satellite communities provide a fair share of housing that those least fortunate among us can afford.

If you share these ideals and concerns, I would love to have your support. Contact "JEFF-4-10" 2721 Kendall Avenue; Madison, WI 53705; 233-2962.

**David Worzala**—Candidate for the 10th District County Board Supervisor

My name is David Worzala. I am running for County Board Supervisor and hope to earn your support. I believe I am the strongest candidate because I know our district, I understand our neighborhood's issues and I have the skills to effectively represent our area.

I grew up on Van Hise Avenue, attended local schools, and graduated from the UW-Madison with degrees in Political Science and History. I also earned a Master of Public Affairs at the University of Texas. Now, my family and I are regular patrons of neighborhood businesses, the Zoo, our parks, and our wonderful lakes.

The County Board will address many more issues than I can discuss here and funding pressures will be significant. If elected, I will make decisions weighing three major criteria: protecting the quality of life in the district for our families and environment; protecting our most vulnerable community members; and working to ensure the effectiveness of valuable County programs.

I have the skills to represent you. My entire career has been devoted to improving government. For 12 years I focused on policies and fiscal matters at both the federal and state levels including work at the federal Office of Management and Budget, and WI Legislative Fiscal Bureau. Currently, my consulting business focuses on bringing federal dollars back to Wisconsin.

I'd like to meet you and hear your concerns. I hope to earn your vote. Please contact me at 236-0440 or email [dworzala@ameritech.net](mailto:dworzala@ameritech.net). You can also visit my website at [www.davidworzala.org](http://www.davidworzala.org).

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### Souper Bowl Announcement – January 31 at West High

Habitat for Humanity's UW Campus Chapter will host its 8th annual Souper Bowl fundraiser Saturday, January 31, from 4-8 PM at West High School's cafeteria. The event is the chapter's largest fundraiser, with a goal to raise over \$30,000 to support the fourth student-built house in Madison. Community artists and high school students will donate fine clay bowls to be sold for \$15 each, and filled with soup donated by Culver's. The soup will be accompanied by bread, dessert and beverages as well as live entertainment from local bands and clay demonstrations. Mayor Cieslewicz, Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin, and athletes from the UW football and baseball teams will show their support by volunteering at the event. For more information contact Megan Schletty, Habitat for Humanity-UW Campus Chapter, at 358-5265 or [pr@uwhabitat.org](mailto:pr@uwhabitat.org).

### Got Stuff? Announcing the Regent Neighborhood Garage/Yard Sale

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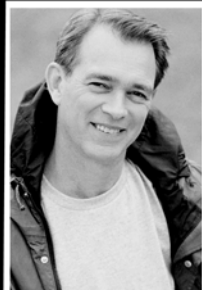
### Community Car arrives at the Monroe Street Library!

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You are invited to learn more about **Community Car** by attending a public information meeting on Tuesday, January 20, at Randall Elementary School at 7-8 PM.

To join Community Car contact Jay or Amanda at (608) 204-0000 or [amanda@communitycar.com](mailto:amanda@communitycar.com). Visit the Community Car website at [www.communitycar.com](http://www.communitycar.com).



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Over the years Akasha House has developed a strong reputation for the provision of compassionate, comprehensive and competent services to the children, teens and families it serve. They pride themselves on providing a living environment in which everyone feels valued, respected and cared for so that clients and families will be able to take the risks necessary to awaken their potential.

Donations are always welcome. These include office, school, kitchen and house supplies, clothes, automobiles, and holiday items.

Akasha House is staffed 24 hours a day. They are looking for volunteers to become role models, provide transportation, and provide respite care. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please contact Alli Lohr, Community Outreach Coordinator, at 608- 236-0729 or orion.akasha@tds.net.



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## University Relations Update

University Relations might be more aptly called Stadium Concerns since that is where the focus has been this fall. Amy Thornton has ably represented the RNA as well as Vilas, Dudgeon-Monroe, and Greenbush neighborhoods at pre- and post-game meetings with the Athletic Department. The Athletic Department is committed to working with neighbors to address concerns and resolve issues. Below are major issues involving events at Camp Randall:

**Noise** – Early morning UW Marching Band practices and amplified sound systems in general have been annoying to some neighbors. Doug Beard of the Athletic Department notes that when the stadium renovations are complete in 2005 they will be better able to control the sound at events.

**General Litter** – The neighborhood looked trashy after a few games.

**Beer Promotion Items** – Pennant-style banners and other promotional materials were an eyesore and a major source of litter, particularly toward the east end of Regent and along Lathrop. H&M Distributors drove a Miller truck up and down our streets to promote their product. Efforts were made to contact the beer distributors to ask them to curb these practices. According to Captain George Silverwood of the Madison Police Department, if this trash is a spillover of a permitted use, then there would be a reason to deny that permit at the approval period for 2004. Joy Drummond suggested that a pre-game meeting for next season with the beer distributors might be in order. Distributing beer without a license was also reported at some of the spontaneous beer gardens.

**Barriers on Breese Terrace** – UW Police Dept. Chief Sue Riesling

ordered that Breese Terrace be closed five hours prior to game time. When kick-off is at 11 AM, the concrete barriers are moved into position at 5:30 AM, disturbing neighbors.

**Fan Behavior** – This made the local news and demanded the attention of Chancellor Wiley. It looks like this is a bigger issue for the UW to tackle.

If you have thoughts summarizing your experience this past season, please forward them to me at [fortkendall@aol.com](mailto:fortkendall@aol.com) or write me at 2721 Kendall Ave, 53705 or call 233-2962.

## Stadium Demolition & Construction

Neighbors who may be affected by stadium renovation noise or activity should contact Ron Rosner. By the time this goes to print, the university will have conducted a test run on December 9 to determine if working three additional hours until 10:00 PM is disturbing to neighbors. RNA submitted 5-10 names of neighbors for UW to interview. If there are any complaints, the additional night time operation from 7:00 to 10:00 PM will be discontinued.

—Theresa Stabo

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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

## Dancing Grounds Coffee Company Opens

Residents of the Regent and Allen area have had their wish come true—a good coffee shop is now open within an easy walk from their homes. The Dancing Grounds Coffee Company recently opened at 11 North Allen Street. Owned and operated by Alicia and Matthew Cramer-Carlson, the coffee shop has, in its short existence, become a popular meeting place. On the menu are various coffee and soft drinks, desserts and sandwiches/wraps. Special events include

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## New West Madison Senior Center

The West Madison Senior Coalition is planning a new Senior Center to serve older adults and the community for another 25 years. Currently at 602 Sawyer Terrace, the Senior Center, an extension of the West Madison Senior Coalition, is in its 24th year. The 2600 square foot, one-room center, can no longer accommodate needs of the growing senior population. The current senior center is limited by the number of activities that can be held per week, by extremely limited parking, and by the challenge of occupying a separate location from the West Madison Senior Coalition offices, which house programs that help seniors maintain their independence.

The coalition has received input from 500 area seniors for a new senior center through focus groups and surveys. Most have asked that the new senior center remain in the Hill Farms neighborhood, so the coalition is focusing its efforts on a location there. Initial conversations with the City of Madison about the plans are favorable, and the city recognizes the need for a new center to serve West side seniors.

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## Streets and Transportation Update

The Pedestrian, Bicycle and Motor Vehicle Commission meeting was held on December 9. The Commission acted on the following projects:

### Regent and Franklin intersection

The Commission followed a staff report and rejected a request for an additional stop sign to be placed at Regent and Franklin. This occurred after several neighborhood meetings that included Traffic Engineering staff and Alderpersons Jean McCubbin and Robbie Weber, along with a previous appearance before the Commission. This intersection is problematic because of confusing street geometry, higher than average vehicular speeds, frequent close calls and fender benders due to confusion over the three existing stop signs, and a steep grade that requires a running start in order for neighbors who live on Sylvan to enter their street. Because Franklin has been enumerated and remained unfunded on the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program (NTMP) list for 4 years, the consensus of the Commission was that the neighborhood should wait to see if Franklin is funded for the 2004 program before taking any additional steps.

### North Allen

The Commission postponed a decision on whether or not to add speed humps to the ballot for North Allen Street, as requested by the neighbors and the RNA. The Commission directed Traffic Engineering staff (who oppose the potential addition of speed humps) to return to the February meeting with recommendations for a process by which to review city policy that currently restricts adding speed humps to collector streets with traffic volumes above 3000 cars per day. The difficulties for North Allen include the higher than average traffic speeds, a narrow street that leaves little room for traffic islands, desire for residential parking on the street, steep grades at the north end with limited sight distances, many families with children who live on the street, and pedestrians/bicyclists who cross it at Kendall, Chamberlain and Chadbourne.

Erika Kluetmeier and neighbors have persevered over the past several years by trying every measure advocated by the city, including using the Police Department speed board, receiving considerable cooperation from the South Precinct, applying for and receiving a Safe

Neighborhoods Coalition pedestrian flag grant, drawing attention of Mayor Cieslewicz, and employing yard signs paid for by the RNA. Erika has surveyed cities and collected data illustrating how Seattle, Austin, and others are currently employing speed humps on higher volume streets. Surveys and information from the Institute of Transportation Engineers supports both points of view, and this will again be brought to the attention of the PBMVC at the February meeting. Under current city policies, proposals for speed humps on residential collector streets in inner-city neighborhoods with high traffic volumes will have difficulty meeting city criteria. Short of closing a street, speed humps provide the greatest potential for speed reduction without necessarily diverting traffic to neighboring streets.

There is no news to report concerning the status of Highland Ave., a street first enumerated for the year 2002 traffic calming awards. We are told by Traffic Engineering that it remains on the project list for 2004.

Earlier this fall, the RNA was told that residents on North Spooner would have to re-circulate a

petition in order to remain on the NTMP list of streets competing for traffic calming funds. Recently we learned that the street will automatically remain on the list of NTMP streets that meet minimum criteria, and therefore will be automatically considered for the year 2004 competition.

Streets with residents currently interested in participating in traffic calming include North Prospect, and Regent Street from Allen to Breese Terrace. City criteria used to competitively score streets for funding include traffic volume, percent of drivers exceeding the posted speed limit (commonly called the 85th percentile speed, to use engineering jargon), number of accidents per block, presence of elementary school, school walk routes, and so forth. The city's manual on traffic calming can be found at [http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/transp/ntmp\\_policy.html](http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/transp/ntmp_policy.html).

Please feel free to call or send me an email with questions or comments.

The RNA's efforts in this area benefit greatly from your involvement, as neighbors benefiting from previous traffic

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calming projects can attest. As Erika Kleutmeier and fellow neighbors' efforts exemplify, extensive citizen participation is a necessary ingredient if streets are to become successful projects, and if we are ever to resolve

such broader issues as how city policies sometimes negatively affect inner-city neighborhoods. Look for a mid-winter Streets and Transportation Committee meeting announcement.

—George Hall

## UW Update

Final approvals were granted for the construction of a parking ramp on what is now surface parking Lot 76 east of Nielsen Tennis Stadium, but not before a long list of pedestrian and bicycle amenities was agreed to, and were made by the University to programs which offer alternatives to employees coming to work in single occupancy vehicles. This list is available on the RNA website along with additional information about the project. Construction on the ramp will begin in the Spring of 2004 and completion is expected by Fall 2005.

The Lakeshore Path will be reconstructed in segments beginning in mid-December and continuing through much of the summer. This work is being done to install the West Campus CoGen Facility's lakewater supply line and stormwater drainage repairs. From Dec. 20, 2003 to Jan. 20, 2004, the path will be closed from Elm Drive to Tripp Hall. From Jan. 20, 2004 to June 15, 2004 the path will be closed from Willow Creek to Elm Drive AND Tripp Hall to Charter Street extended. For up-to-date information on the project, see [www2.fpm.wisc.edu/trans/](http://www2.fpm.wisc.edu/trans/).

Two new buildings are being proposed for the West and Central campus. The Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, currently located on Mineral Point Road, will be relocated to a building on what is now Parking Lot 4 between the Vet School and Campus Drive on the eastern bank of Willow Creek. (This will remove about 100 parking spaces from the site, but these are essentially added back in at the second building site.) On Babcock Drive, between Observatory and Linden Drives, a new microbial sciences building will be constructed to replace the E.B. Fred Building. The building is designed with two areas of "green roofs" planted for insulation and storm water management – the first of their kind on the campus – and two levels of underground parking. These buildings are still in the design phase, and will require city approval in 2004 before construction can begin

—Nan Fey

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## Children are Her Favorite Teachers – A New Principal for Randall School

*By Maia Hogoboom, 5th Grade, Randall School*

Marianne Moss took over the job of principal of Randall School last September. Marianne was previously Coordinator of Parent-Community Relations for the Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD) for the last four years. Marianne was a principal at other schools for 10 years before her MMSD position. She loves being a principal because she "...loves schools and everything that happens in them." Marianne adds, "I love schools because of the children."

Under her leadership, the Randall Student Council plans to focus on community service projects. So far, the student council has completed a food drive, and they are planning other projects to directly benefit

the Franklin/ Randall school communities. In her free time, Marianne enjoys keeping up with her college children, weaving, reading, gardening and walking. She has four children, two dogs and one cat.

Marianne hopes that Randall School will "keep growing as a community." She hopes we continue to learn from each other "what it means to value other's gifts, talents, cultures, and dreams, and that all of us will find creative ways to be the best we can be and realize our dreams." Marianne will always think of herself as a learner, with children as her favorite teachers.

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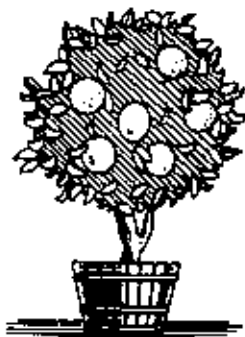
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## FROM KATHLEEN FALK—COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Putting together your \$399 million county budget, in light of \$8 million cut from the state, required making tough decisions. In listening to 17 hours of testimony and reading hundreds of letters, phone calls and emails, it was clear to me that people want to preserve our commitment to human services and public safety, and to keep a lid on property taxes.

I believe we struck the right balance in next year's budget, and I want to thank the many people who shared their ideas with me. The budget I proposed, and which the County Board approved, protects services for children, seniors, and families. We keep law enforcement strong. We cut government and make it more efficient. And, we save taxpayer dollars.

Property taxes hit people hard, so I balanced funding our priorities with saving tax dollars by trimming costs and making government more efficient. I cut positions, reduced budgets, merged several departments and found new sources of revenue. We held the levy increase to 4.85%.

For the owner of an average single-family \$189,484 home in Madison, that means an increase of \$25.70 in property tax. The budget reduces the net property tax rate by a dime from \$2.99 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2003 to \$2.89 for 2004.

*Here are some details.*

**Human services:** Human services make up half of the entire budget, over \$200 million. We'll continue to serve existing citizens and take on new cases as those needs arise, whether it is to care for family members with disabilities, or our growing senior population. Elderly nutrition sites are fully funded, and I added \$150,000 to organizations providing daily care to children and adults with developmental disabilities. I also targeted \$47,000 to save the Urban League's "Fatherhood Program," geared towards keeping fathers employed so they can pay to support their children. This program was previously funded with state W-2 dollars that were eliminated by the state.

**Public Safety:** Sheriff Gary Hamblin and I agreed to work with the state to limit the prisoners they house in our county jail. That will free up county dollars to keep all our deputies on our streets and highways, purchase some new squad cars, and begin initial planning for a new Huber/AODA facility for inmates who are let out on work-release, so that inmates can undergo treatment for alcohol and other drug abuse problems.

**Personnel savings:** In tough but respectful bargaining with three of our great unions, covering 58% of county workers, employees agreed to forego a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) in the first year of their contract, in return for no layoffs in the first year. I cut about 40 vacant staff positions, with a savings of over \$2 million. There will be no new hiring in 2004, with narrow public safety exceptions and an appeal process. I also continue my own salary freeze that I first imposed on myself in January 2002. By the end of 2003, it will save the county \$13,872.

This has been a challenging year, but together we have come up with solutions to keep Dane County a great place to live. I look forward to 2004, wish you well, and am always grateful for your comments and ideas, which can be sent to [falk@co.dane.wi.us](mailto:falk@co.dane.wi.us), or by mail at 210 Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd., Room 421, Madison WI 53703.

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# FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR DAVE CIESLEWICZ

*Happy New Year to all of you! With all that's going on, I appreciate this space to share a few of the highlights of what's happening in city government as we enter 2004.*

## **The 2004 Budget**

Crafting this year's budget was a challenge—we were faced with more than \$8 million in bad news from the state. So I am pleased to report that I was able to make cuts that don't impact front-line services that affect neighborhoods to make up for much of that loss of aid.

I was also able to put forward some new programs, and still keep the tax levy increase below what it has been 10 of the last 13 years. This includes a pilot program for neighborhoods facing emerging challenges, five new parks for peripheral areas that have been on waiting lists and five additional police officers. In addition, I made sure that proposed cuts to library hours, crossing guards and street repair crews did not happen.

While the city faced one of its toughest budgets in history, I am pleased with the outcome and believe it balances the desire most Madisonians have to protect core city services while keeping property taxes in line.

## **Inclusionary Zoning**

During my campaign for mayor, no issue came up more frequently than affordable housing. So the day I took office we got to work on one piece of the solution, which is known by the somewhat awkward name of inclusionary zoning. This policy, which is set to be voted on in early January, would accomplish two things. It creates more affordable owner-occupied houses and apartments by requiring developers to build them and giving them incentives to do so. And it will get more affordable housing dispersed throughout the city.

The reason for pushing this ordinance is that too many Madisonians feel they cannot afford to buy a home here. We should be providing housing that is affordable to our workers, such as police officers or teachers. That's sound economic development. And it helps keep growth within the city, which is good from an environmental perspective.

## **The Economy of Place**

In December I took the first steps toward my place-based economic development policy. This recognizes all the vibrant aspects Madison has to offer in promoting our economic development. We need to plan for the economic life of our city, as well as keep a talented workforce here to attract

employers. So, I announced the formation of a Rapid Response Team to keep businesses here when we first hear that they are considering leaving and to attract new businesses to Madison. I also raised the profile of the city's Economic Development Commission, adding two new seats focusing on higher education and bio/high tech. And I've appointed Mark Bugher, from University Research Park, to be the chair. But this is just the start; I'll be bringing forward a full-fledged economic development plan in the spring.

## **Etc.**

Other issues occupying my attention have been the quest to keep neighborhood grocery stores, and help neighborhoods that have lost their stores like the northside Sherman Plaza

and Monroe Street's Ken Kopps. I've formed a Mayor's Advisory Committee that reflects the diversity of our community and is helping me on the issues of housing and economic development policy. And my newly formed Energy Task Force is looking at how we conserve energy and focus on renewable energy sources and green building techniques.

In addition, I've launched Fit City Madison, to emphasize that taking care of ourselves is not only good at keeping health-care premiums down, it can also be fun and reduce stress in our lives. I'm sure we can all use that.

I wish all of you a safe and enjoyable 2004. Thanks for giving me the honor of serving as your mayor.

—Dave Cieslewicz



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