

Editor's Message

This writer does not often praise members of the Bush family. But here we are two weeks after Hurricane Katrina and three weeks after the tornadoes that hit Southern Wisconsin and the idea that we should rely on a '1000 Points of Light' to help get beyond these disasters is a good concept to embrace. When George Bush Sr. spoke those words in 1988, the concept was part of the Republican idea of reducing the size of government and encouraging individuals to take on more responsibility for society's community efforts. Many people criticized these words, this writer included, because they believe there is an important role for government in our country, and government is society's recognition that community work requires a team of full-time workers to fulfill the goals we define as the American Way.

The motivation behind *1000 Points of Light* was different than John Kennedy's "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country" or Hillary Clinton's adoption of the African proverb 'It Takes A Village to Raise A Child', but in essence, Bush, Kennedy and Clinton evoked the same idea.

Each of these concepts point to the responsibility each part of society has to supporting the greater community. In the Gulf Coast, the local and state governments were seriously impaired. The federal government was slow in coming forward. And some private individuals and institutions, and businesses were discouraged from moving quickly to help out. Other individuals, institutions and businesses were unprepared or unwilling to put forward much if any effort.

There was substantial media attention of the failings of government to coordinate government employee efforts and the Red Cross prior to, during and after the Hurricane. I think the media missed an equally important story. There appeared to be a lack of prior enlistment of individuals, private institutions and businesses in disaster planning and disaster relief tasks. This is contrary to what Stephen Goldsmith and William D. Eggers profess in "Governing by Network: The New Shape of the Public Sector" is the ongoing transformation of "how public services are being delivered, and in the way local and national governments fulfill their policy goals. Government executives are redefining their core responsibilities away from managing workers and providing services directly to orchestrating networks of public, private, and nonprofit organizations to deliver the services that government once did itself."

In major disaster planning, there is a lack of leadership all around, not only in government but in the private sector. A crucial question is why have we come to this spot in the road. And have we lost the sense of community that helped define this country for over 200 years?

I invite others to comment on these issues for the next newsletter.

—Bruce Kahn



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Newsletter

Fall Meeting, October 12th, 2005

Bucky's New House, Mayor Dave, and the Chief

Come join us for a tour of Camp Randall, followed by comments and a questions and answers session with Mayor Dave Cieslewicz and Chief Noble Wray. Doug Beard, Associate Athletic Director, will also be at the general meeting to answer questions about the new stadium. Mayor Dave and Chief Wray will discuss city and county community planning, public safety, and other priority issues facing Madison and the Regent Neighborhood. We invite you to bring your family and explore the new stadium and talk with two of Madison's most important leaders.

Camp Randall Tours, 6 to 7 p.m., Media Room, Camp Randall Stadium

The University has agreed to run tours beginning at 6 p.m. If you are interested in doing a tour, please contact David Gundersen via e-mail at davidgundersen@tds.net or at 236-4878 with your name and number of tour spots needed. Space is limited so please act promptly. We need to give the University a final number by October 3rd.

General Meeting, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Media Room, Camp Randall Stadium

The general meeting will include questions and answers with Doug Beard. Mayor Dave (confirmed) and Chief Wray (invited) will then make comments and stay for questions and answers. The meeting will finish with an update of the Regent Neighborhood planning process and discussion of additional RNA business.

Regent-Allen Festival - Saturday October 8 !!!!

The Regent-Allen Business District and the RNA will hold a wonderful festival on October 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be food and non-alcoholic beverages, live music and fun and games for children. Expect to hear wonderful music from a number of talented performers. Kids will enjoy face painting and yoga. There will be a raffle with many wonderful prizes. This will be an opportunity to meet the business owners and for the businesses to show their appreciation to the neighborhood.



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CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Neighbors,

Perhaps, my personal RNA story will inspire or at least amuse some of you. My humble first RNA step was operating the "Pooper Scooper" game at the Fourth of July festival with my sons and wife over twelve years ago. My gig as "Chefo the Clown" at the Fourth of July festival was the next developmental marker in my RNA identity. Serving on the University Relations Committee and acting as a block captain shaped my maturing RNA image. Now, as co-president, I want to express my appreciation for all of the dedicated RNA volunteers in the past, present, and future.

The key element for the RNA's ongoing growth and success is people power. "Neighbors Working For Community" is not just a vision statement, it embodies the essence of the RNA. The active volunteers, who are the vital core of the RNA, have committed their time and talents to make this a caring and livable neighborhood. Browsing through the RNA directory, one can see a listing of very diverse occupations. One's occupation tends to be a person's public image. Have you ever wondered about the secret talents of your neighbors? How many covert clowns are waiting to burst out? Is the next Hemingway a student by day and an aspiring novelist by night? The RNA presents wonderful opportunities for you to expose your hidden talents.

The Newsletter is a rich medium for a writer, photographer, cartoonist, or investigative reporter. Individuals with creative vision, consensus-building skills, and solid analytical judgement are the ideal fit for the Neighborhood Plan process. The Membership Committee is a great way for interested neighbors to reveal their communication, socialization, and organizational skills.

Take a risk! Join an RNA committee. Unmask your hidden talents. Become an active volunteer with the RNA. (We can always use more clowns.) Participate in the next membership meeting on October 12th and enjoy spirited discussion with some of the city's leaders and with your neighbors.

—Kevin W. Corrado



RNA Board Meetings

Everyone is welcome to attend RNA's Board meetings. They are held at 7 p.m. in the LMC at West High.

This is the schedule:

- Wednesday Sep 21 2005
- Wednesday Oct 26 2005
- Wednesday Nov 30 2005
- Wednesday Jan 25 2006
- Wednesday Feb 22 2006
- Wednesday Mar 22 2006
- Wednesday Apr 26 2006
- Wednesday May 24 2006
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CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On the fourth of July I was able to finally witness RNA's 4th blowout. We've lived here two years and it's my anniversary so we've missed the last few. It was incredible and energizing to witness the great turnout, excellent organization of the event (except for the fact they let me help on the grill...NOT a good idea) and the fun times had by the kids and adults. I salute all of those who helped make the event another smashing success for our neighborhood.

The 4th, and many other things that RNA does throughout the year, do not happen by themselves. And it's because of the events and programs that RNA sponsors and keeps moving forward that many of us live in our neighborhood. We like the involvement and activity that a strong neighborhood brings to the quality of

life that we all so dearly cherish here. Some of us commit to probably too much time at volunteering, whether with RNA, our children's school or in a myriad of other ways and some of us help in more limited but just as meaningful ways. Without such efforts by so many, a lot of what we cherish in our neighborhood would fall by the wayside.

As a newer resident to the area, but a longtime active volunteer in my community, I hope, along with my Co Chair Kevin Corrado, to help RNA have another successful year. There is always much to be done and we need your help. From our important ongoing Neighborhood planning process to working with West High Admin to improve the school/neighbors relationship to potential rehab of Olive

Jones Park to Pedestrian and traffic Safety improvements and more, there are many ways you can help.

Take time to review in this newsletter our open positions and be sure to sign up for our list serve which keeps you better up to date with neighborhood events and issues... and remember, none of this gets done without people pitching in and volunteering their time and talents and hey, we need chairs for the 4th! Help make your neighborhood a great place to live!

—Troy Thiel, Co-President, RNA



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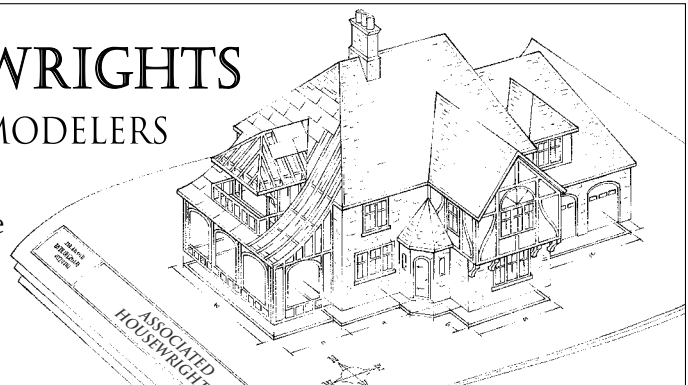
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La Rentree

The Regent neighborhood is a community of travelers. My neighbors Pat and Bob went to Iceland this summer. Others on my block went to India, Spain, the U.K. and France. Whenever we return from a journey, all of us, even if we've just been up north for a weekend, have to deal with the challenge of re-entry, coming back, sometimes reluctantly, to an accustomed life and environment.

From last September to May of this year, I was teaching English in two middle schools in Dijon, in the heart of Burgundy. It was an exhilarating time, without the pressures of a 40-hour work week, and the demands, albeit shared, of running a house. It was a time to explore a new career, have new perspectives on just about everything and to make new friends, maybe for life. Now, as September begins, I am still thinking of all of them, and especially my former students going back to class.

When I returned to Madison, many people asked me about my stay in France, and casually questioned me about readjustment. It's not something that can be summed up quickly; sometimes I couldn't fathom what was happening myself. After seven months of not driving a car, I could still drive. After seven months of eating completely different food, I could resume my old diet. After seven months of speaking French, I could exist in an English-speaking world with little news of France. Had such a formative experience left me so seemingly unchanged?

Actually, I miss my old life terribly, but I try to approach living in Madison with the same kind of curiosity I brought to my days in Dijon. I think I am more intrigued by the stories of strangers. I am more interested in the activities of young people (flip-flops, anyone?). I read the newspaper with a different point of view. I appreciate where and how I live more energetically. I try not to "hang on" to France, but rather to honor what I have learned.

For instance, I don't complain about the high price of gasoline. Europeans have been paying a lot for gas for decades; they drive smaller cars. Although I still sometimes eat at my desk, I take time-out for lunch with family and friends. I make an effort not to snack in between meals but not feel guilty when I splurge on chocolates. I try to think small, about where I live and what I need. I attempt to take more interest in what happens to people around the world. I argue and talk with my hands.

The French may not buy-into all of our politics but they have a keen interest in our "best practices" and a great affection for us – our culture, our country, our esprit, our way of life. The least we can do is return the compliment. Vive la différence!

—Ronnie Hess



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LEARN MORE ABOUT SAIL (Support for Active Independent Lives) ---

Open House on Monday, October 17 – 7:30 to 9 p.m. at 2021 Van Hise Ave..

Have you heard about SAIL (Support for Active Independent Lives)? It is a newly formed non-profit organization initially funded with federal and community foundation grants and is designed to provide or match members with resources to enable them to “age in place” in their own home or apartment. This demonstration project began March 1, 2005 with members living on Madison’s west side (including the RNA area) although its long term goal is to serve all of Dane County. Currently there are almost 100 members who pay a monthly membership fee of \$25 per month for the first two persons in a household.

Here is a partial list of available SAIL member services: a Services Directory which includes a list of pre-screened available and qualified vendors (ranging from home health care aides to plumbers, electricians, handymen, and arborists); a variety of wellness and education programs;

volunteer opportunities to provide and receive services; information and referral assistance to community based providers; arranged transportation; and a newly formed book group. Early supporters of SAIL include Associated Physicians head, Dr. Jack Brandabur, and Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin.

Have some cider and donuts, learn more about SAIL, and get answers to questions you may have about SAIL services and operations on Monday, October 17, between 7:30–9 p.m. at an OPEN HOUSE at the home of SAIL members Connie Blanchard and June Weisberger, 2021 Van Hise Ave. (southeast corner of Van Hise and Prospect Avenues). SAIL Community Relations Staffer Ann Albert will be there and she will be joined by SAIL members (including Mary Rouse) from the Regent neighborhood. For further information, call Ann Albert 276-1563 or Connie Blanchard/June Weisberger at 238-7337.

Welcoming Neighbors, Building Neighborhoods

A special program for Housing Advocates, Community Leaders, those active in their Neighborhoods and YOU!

Join us for an inspirational morning with award winning authors Tom Kohler and UW-alum Susan Earl.


They have written a well-reviewed and richly illustrated book called *Waddie Welcome and the Beloved Community*.

In our daily lives, we can build the human connections that protect us from isolation and create what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. called “the beloved community.” Learn how one community – Savannah Georgia –came together to make it possible for a remarkable man named Waddie Welcome, who had been institutionalized for more than 20 years, to live in his own home in his own community.

Movin’ Out hosts this event—and invites you to participate—as a way to introduce you to a new project now under development that will welcome new homeowners with disabilities to their neighborhoods and communities. Discover how you, and how we in Madison, can build a “beloved community,” a community whose neighbors and generations help and support one another.

**Friday, October 7
7:45 to 9:00 a.m.
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The EnAct program promotes sustainable living by organizing Environmental Action Teams in neighborhoods, community organizations, and workplaces. When you join a team, you will work together to reduce household waste, conserve energy and water, protect water quality, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Teams meet for about 4 months and celebrate their accomplishments with a potluck when they finish the program.

The average household saves about \$300, in addition to significant reductions in water, electricity, and gasoline consumption.

EnAct participants also receive a complimentary energy conservation kit from Madison Gas & Electric and a free 10-ride Metro bus pass.

Interested in joining a Regent Neighborhood EnAct team? Contact Vijay Limaye, EnAct Program Intern, at vijay@enactwi.org or call 204-2888 (explore online at www.enactwi.org). EnAct is managed by Madison Environmental Group, Inc. Sponsors include the City of Madison, Madison Gas and Electric, and the Dane County Department of Public Works.



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West High One Hour Common Lunch

The West High School One Hour Common Lunch has gotten a great deal of attention the past few months. This article will hopefully clear up many concerns and misconceptions about the program. The One Hour lunch period for all students and staff of West High School came about as a result of our Smaller Learning Community grant. For some time there was discussion about how to create an opportunity for students and staff to interact both formally and informally on a regular basis. The way our day is currently structured staff and students are unable to come together and develop meaningful relationships during the regular school day.

The program takes a three pronged approach to addressing the needs of all staff and students at West High School. Here are some of the particulars of the program.

The lunch period will begin at 11:55 and continue until 12:55 pm. Students will have a 5 minute passing period at the beginning and end of the period that is included in that time. There will be a 9th grade Advisory program that will involve approximately 600 – 700 students for the first 20 minutes of the lunch period four days a week Monday through Friday. Freshmen will be led by upper classmen in a developmental guidance curriculum that will assist incoming 9th graders to adjust to West High School and connect them with upperclassmen as peer mentors. Lunch will primarily be provided in two areas: the current cafeteria and the renovated Gymnastics Gym. When students are done eating there will be several options of activities and programs for students to attend. So far we have 54 teacher-led options for students to be part of during our resource time sessions.

We are excited about this new opportunity for students and staff at West. We hope that this is positive for the community as well. We will be sure we have a strong presence in the neighborhood with our security guards, Educational Resource Officer and School administrators.

—Ed Holmes, Principal
(See the West High Ad Hoc Committee article on page 10)

Traffic Observer Joins Allen Street Team

Rumor has it that a wee Traffic Observer by the name of Luca has joined the Allen Street Traffic Calming Team of Erika Kluetmeier, Bruce Rheineck, & Big sister Camryn. While details (August birth date, weight, length, etc.) have not been confirmed in time for this newsletter, we think speeders should beware.....

—Karen Carlson

Bringing Back the Neighborhood Ice Skating Rink

Neighbors around Hillington Green have been successfully lobbying the Parks commission to re-start freezing an ice skating rink in the Triangle Park, to the point where the immediate neighborhood is considering ways to fundraise the money needed to underwrite the conversion (estimated cost : ~\$2K). Anne Morgan Giroux, on Norwood, and Tim O'Shea, on Virginia Terrace, have been the chief movers on this so far. Anne Strainchamps, on Hillington Green, and Wendy Robertson are investigating fundraising possibilities.

—By Scott S. Lindstrom, 238-1472,
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Bride of RNA Membership

This summer, intrepid souls met several times to brainstorm revisions to the membership data. Ideally, the data base will tell us who has been a member but hasn't renewed, who gets a directory, and other such questions. We will asking membership if they want to continue listing jobs for children. This takes a bit of work to enter but it's worth it if members use the information. In attempts to remind people to renew, some people who HAD renewed receive a phone call or email. Many apologies to these folk---dining room table data keeping has it limitations! By the way, some people say,"Here's my dues, just use the same info from the old directory." While we understand that it would be simpler to do this, people change information, especially email addresses and children's jobs, so we agreed it would be more accurate if renewing members would fill in their info every year. (Well, I was over-ruled--but I do see the rationale for this.) A lot of people would rather not list their email information but the organization rarely, if ever, uses this info. So why include it? Because it's a lot easier to email people to remind them to renew than to call and leave a lengthy message.

—Karen Carlson, Membership One

West Campus Co-Gen Facility (WCCF)

Construction is complete, landscaping done, and electrical energy has been available for on-line usage since April. The lay-down area (just west of the Nat) has been leveled but construction is underway on holding ponds and drainage systems for severe rain storms. After these, plantings and grass will complete the area. The field won't be available for use until 2007.

Of special importance: The Public Service Commission requires that MG&E log complaints. This means that if you have complaints, you can call Bob Stoffs with MGE at 252-7906 or cogen@mge.com or download the questions/concerns notification form at the MG&E website, www.mge.com, go to west campus co-gen facility and then select "questions/concerns" from the list on the left.

Unresolved complaints will be addressed by the Advisory Committee that consists of representatives of the RNA, campus, city, and MG&E. The next Advisory Committee meeting will be in November. Contact Bob Stoffs for details if you would like to attend.

—Karen Carlson, kcarlson2@wisc.edu, member of the Advisory Committee

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The following information is needed to make the most efficient use of our resources:

1. Description of the behaviors.
2. Description of the individuals involved to include race, sex, size, clothing, etc.
3. Location.
4. Times that the behavior occurs.
5. Any vehicles associated with the behaviors to include make, model, color, and license plate.

You should call **WEST HIGH SECURITY** at **204-4128** if you observe any of the following:

1. Loud, boisterous, disturbing behavior
2. Littering
3. Loitering – students just hanging out

It will be important for you to provide the following information:

1. Description of the problem (1,2,3 above).
 2. Description of the youths involved – clothing, race, size, and any other identifying features (vehicle, location).
 3. Your telephone number and name – we will never share this information with offenders, but it will allow us to contact you to share our findings or clarify your information.
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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

The New West High Ad Hoc Committee

Following neighborhood concerns over incidents and behaviors experienced in the West High area this Spring, the RNA board formed a West High Ad Hoc Committee to address ways at improving how West High students and the neighborhood interacts, chaired by last year's School Liaison and this year's Acting RNA Co-President Troy Thiel.

A stakeholder meeting was called and held on Tuesday, August 23rd that included over 20 people in attendance at West. Attendees included Principal Ed Holmes, MMSD Security Chief Ted Balistreri, South Precinct Captain Wheeler, ERO Officer Ken Snoddy, West High PTSO officers, West High Student leaders, RNA reps and immediate neighbors to West. At the meeting, a review of some of the behaviors witnessed and issues were discussed, as well as current strategies in use to orient students to the surrounding neighborhood and expected behavior. The new "One Lunch" program was discussed and how its implementation may impact and hopefully improve the student/neighborhood relationship. MMSD and Police security practices were discussed with some suggestions on how to better their effectiveness.

The meeting also included brainstorming on other strategies that might tie the community together to help improve the "partnership" with West and surrounding neighbors. One of the action items discussed, and included with this newsletter, will be a reference sheet with contact names and phone numbers for residents to call. This list was prepared by MMSD and the Police dept. on who to call and what information is important to have when a situation arises that needs official attention. Increased garbage cans and more frequent pickups, greater police presence at critical times, better neighborhood "orientation" for freshman, working with student leaders on litter issues and much more were decided upon.

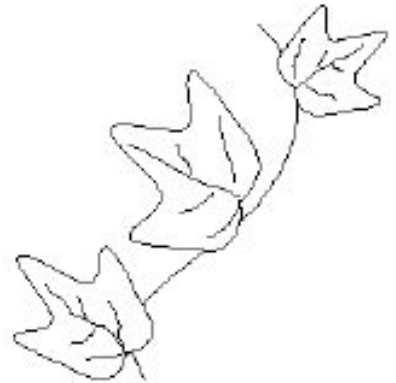
The committee will meet again in a month (date not yet set). If you're interested in helping or would like to offer ideas, please email Troy Thiel at troythiel@yahoo.com.

Madison's Mt. Zion Baptist Church Responds to Hurricane

A group of citizens and clergy from Madison Zion Baptist Church sent 5 empty Van Galder buses to the Katrina hurricane stricken area on Tuesday, September 6 to pick up 40 families and bring them back to Madison. Apartments have already been found for the families, but monetary and other donations are needed to cover the first 2 months of rent (until federal assistant payments become available)and provide basic houseware needs for the families.

Money/checks made out to "Katrina Disaster Fund") can be taken to the Dane County Credit Union at 2160 Rimrock Road (near the Alliant Center). Clothing and houseware contributions can be taken to Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 2019 Fisher St., Madison. Call Regina Rymes 294-8667 for more information.

—Will Hogoboom



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Annual NIC "Walk-about" -- August 31

The Neighborhood Interaction Committee (NIC) is an ad hoc group of neighbors who live on the eastern edge of the Neighborhood near the student rental properties on Breese, Lathrop and adjacent streets. Each year at the start of UW's fall semester we visit nearly all of the rental units to welcome students to the Neighborhood but also ask that they control activities that might disturb others who live nearby. At each visit we deliver a letter--signed by the RNA President and the South District Police Captain--that provides information about garbage collection, alternate-side parking, and fines for violating certain city ordinances (see below). We also leave a pamphlet prepared by the Tenant Resource

Center that explains tenants' rights in the context of the tenant-landlord relation.

This year the "walk-about", as we call it, happened the evening of August 31. Seven teams, each composed of 3 neighbors and accompanied by an MPD officer took to the streets. Each team had a map with the 30 to 40 residences they're asked to visit. The visits are intended to put a family face on the neighborhood and communicate some of the concerns of nearby neighbors. At the same time, it enables police officers to meet student-residents in a constructive, non-confrontational setting. In past years we've benefited from the enthusiastic support of the South

District Precinct, which is responsible for policing our neighborhood. Randy Gaber, the former South District Captain is now Deputy Chief, but his successor at the South District, Captain Jim Wheeler, is anxious to continue working with us in the program.

—Ron Rosner



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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Green Space Committee Report

If you are new to the neighborhood and enjoy gardening please consider joining the Green Space Committee! If you have lived in the Regent Neighborhood for years and would like to get more involved in a neighborhood project, be a part of one of our current and on-going projects:

Traffic Calming Island Gardens

We appreciate the efforts several neighborhood gardeners are making to maintain the traffic island gardens in the Regent Neighborhood. The island gardens are initially planted by the city and maintained and embellished by gardeners in the neighborhood. If there is a calming island near your home that needs attention and you would like to 'adopt' it.....please contact a member of the committee.

RNA Welcome Sign and Garden

We have just received a City of Madison Community Enhancement Grant. The grant (along with money from the RNA, neighborhood volunteer hours, and in-kind donations) will allow us to re-design and install a new neighborhood welcome sign and garden at Breeze Terrace and University Avenue.

RNA 2006 Garden Tour

The Green Space Committee has just begun planning for next summer's Neighborhood Garden Tour. The garden tour is a popular neighborhood project which features all types of gardens in our neighborhood. We move the location of the tour to a different area of the RNA with each tour. Next summer the RNA Garden Tour will be held in the University Heights area and is initially planned for Sunday, June 25. At this time we



Faye Parks enjoys a summer day in the park. Thanks to the efforts of Nathan Mahr, there's a great little garden at Commonwealth and Hollister. The RNA provided the funding for the beautiful stone bench. -submitted by Brian and Jean Parks

are looking for gardens to be included on the tour and welcome your suggestions!

Plant Dane! Rain Gardens

Several neighbors met during the summer and applied for a Plant Dane! Grant to create a rain garden in their yard. The grant provided a day long workshop about rain gardening and the plants and seeds to establish their rain gardens. We look forward to seeing their finished gardens blooming and collecting rain in the spring.

Olive Jones Park

The playground at Randall School is a city park. A group of interested neighbors, City Parks and MMSD Staff members, parents and students have begun meeting to look at the uses and many functions that Olive Jones Park provides for our neighborhood. You can learn more about this process by reading the report provided in this newsletter.

—Pat Wood, pwood@wisc.edu

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Temple Beth El Sisterhood's Food-a-Rama

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, November 8, 2004 for Temple Beth El Sisterhood's 39th annual FOOD-A-RAMA. The corned beef sandwiches and kosher-style hot dogs will be served from 11:00 - 1:30 p.m. at 2702 Arbor Drive. There is a bakery, deli, carryout and delivery available. For more information call Amy Fields 231-1757 or Rhonda Shapiro 238-9004.



RNA Want Ads

The RNA, one of Madison's premiere neighborhood associations, has several immediate opportunities for interested neighbors. Join the dynamic RNA leadership team. If you are energetic, dedicated, and neighborly, then your DNA will be an excellent match for the RNA.

Fourth of July Co-Chairs

Cakewalks, parades, egg tossing, delicious brats, etc. do not happen magically. The 4th of July festival has been successful, because of dedicated and hard-working volunteers. Good communication and coordination skills are essential. Previous chairs are willing to provide mentoring. Sign up now. The competition could be fierce.

Neighborhood Activities Co-Chairs

Membership meetings and special events, such as the Garden Tour and Yard Sale, are designed to bring neighbors together. Enthusiasm, creativity, and planning skills are critical assets for a co-chair. This is your chance to let your talents shine. No previous experience required.

Newsletter Reporters

Are you interested in writing and/or taking pictures for the special feature articles for the Newsletter? The only prerequisites are your interest in writing or taking pictures.

West High School Ad Hoc Committee

The new West High Ad Hoc Committee is looking for volunteers who are interested in working on the various issues of "West High and the RNA Neighborhood. Call Troy Thiel for more information

Volunteers At-Large

The RNA guarantees that all neighbors can find a committee, position, or event that will match their interests and passion. Flexible working hours and priceless fringe benefits make volunteering a joy. Be a good neighbor. Be a volunteer with the RNA.

Call Kevin W. Corrado at 231-2468 or e-mail Kevin at kwcorrado@juno.com You can also talk with any of the RNA officers, chairs, or other active volunteers about how you can contribute to the ongoing success of the RNA.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Interested in composting? Get started this fall!

Compost happens best if you layer fresh “green” materials like kitchen scraps and freshly cut garden debris with dry “brown” material like fallen leaves. Keep the layers wet and you’ll reap crumbly rich compost in a year or so. This sounds straightforward and with a bit of planning this fall, it is indeed a very simple process.

Here’s the catch. In summer, when there is an abundance of vegetable peelings, fruit scraps, and garden cuttings, dry brown material is in short supply. In fall, when we have an enormous amount of dry fallen leaves, there is not enough new green material to go around.

The solution to this scheduling mismatch is to stockpile leaves in the fall. Instead of raking leaves onto the terrace for pickup, collect them in round wire cages (3’ high x 5’ diameter) or in plastic bags and store the leaves near your composter. This way you’ll have dry “brown” material all year long for layering with fresh “green” materials no matter what the season.

Don’t be afraid to start composting now and continue all winter long. With those leaves right next to your composter, you can continue layering kitchen scraps and leaves right through the winter. When you bring out a day’s worth of kitchen scraps, put a handful of leaves on top. The material will probably freeze but when it thaws out in the spring, you can water the pile and the greens and browns will already be layered and ready to start feeding the microorganisms that turn organic matter into compost.

One last reminder. If you don’t want to compost your kitchen scraps and garden cuttings and want the city to pick up your leaves, please don’t ever rake leaves into the street. Keep them entirely on the terrace where they won’t wash into Lake Mendota and won’t contribute to the lake’s eutrophication. Everything that we can do to keep organic matter from reaching the lake and run-off into the lake to a minimum will make the lake healthier and more beautiful.

Any questions about composting or creating a healthy watershed, call Joan Laurion at 255-1922.



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1. Member Information

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2. Children

(Optional) List any children at home and jobs they'll do:

(B) Babysitting • (O) Odd Jobs • (P) Pet Walking • (S) Snow Shoveling • (Y) Yard Work

<u>Child's name</u>	<u>Birth M/Y</u>	<u>Jobs (circle)</u>	<u>Child's name</u>	<u>Birth M/Y</u>	<u>Jobs (circle)</u>
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3. Dues

Dues enclosed (check payable to RNA) — Check one: \$10 – Family \$5 – Individual

4. To Register

Mail completed form and membership dues to: Regent Neighborhood Association
Attn: Membership
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Questions? Contact Karen Carlson at kcarlson2@wisc.edu or 233-7989.

Thank you! Your involvement keeps our neighborhood thriving.