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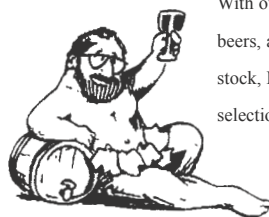
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### September 30

Randall School Centennial

### September 30

Robert McChesney on Communications Politics at Civics Club

### October 11

RNA Fall Meeting

### October 18

Sense of Place Discussion Group

### November 7

Temple Bethel Food-A-Rama

### November 7

ELECTION DAY

### November 9

Choices for Sustainable Living

### November 10-11

Blessed Sacrament Holiday Bazaar

### November 11

Neighborhood Conference

### November 18

Russ Feingold Lecture on Post 9/11 Policy at Civics Club

### November 30

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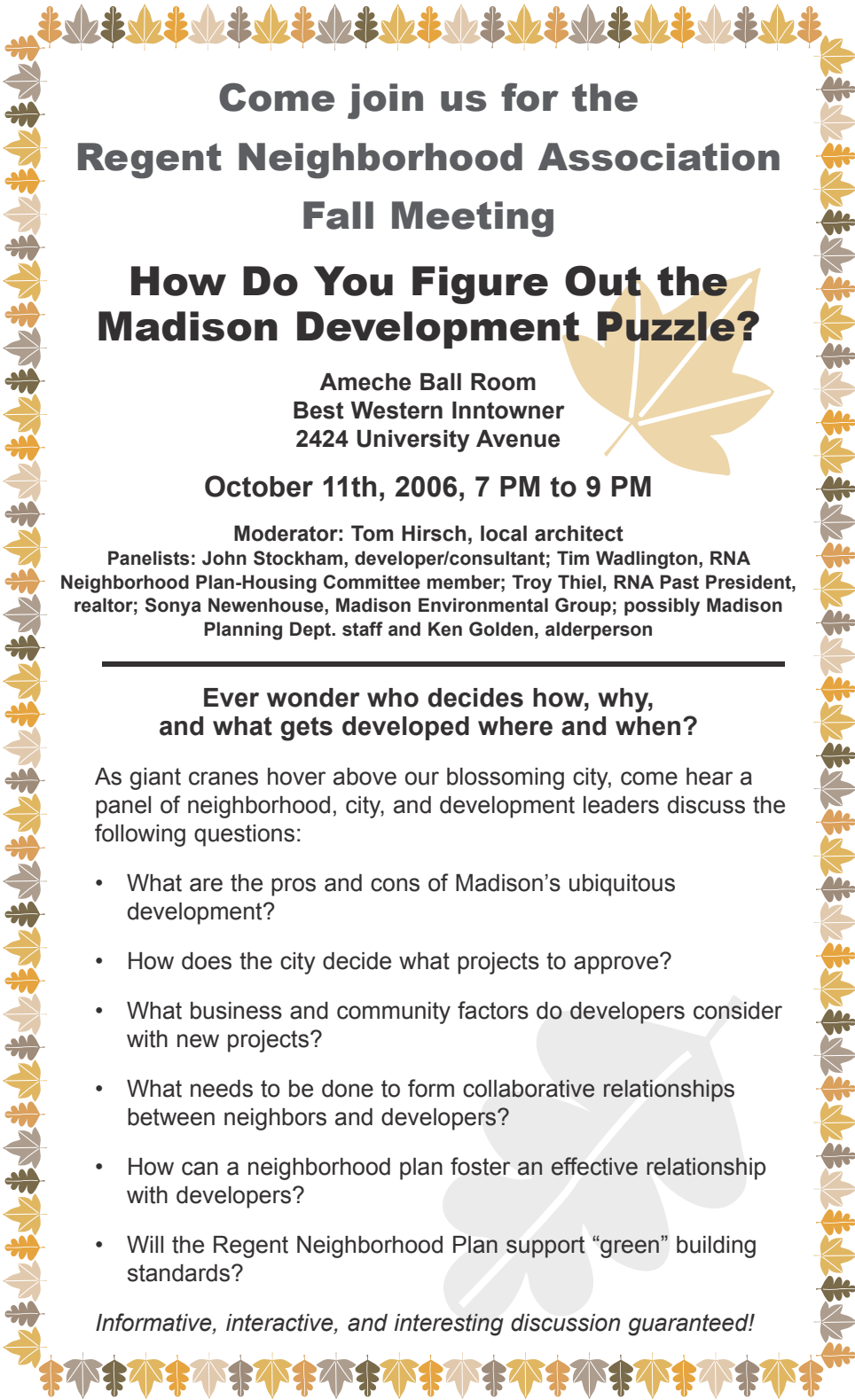


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Fall 2006

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## **Come join us for the Regent Neighborhood Association Fall Meeting**

### **How Do You Figure Out the Madison Development Puzzle?**

**Ameche Ball Room  
Best Western Inntowner  
2424 University Avenue**

**October 11th, 2006, 7 PM to 9 PM**

**Moderator: Tom Hirsch, local architect**

**Panelists: John Stockham, developer/consultant; Tim Wadlington, RNA Neighborhood Plan-Housing Committee member; Troy Thiel, RNA Past President, realtor; Sonya Newenhouse, Madison Environmental Group; possibly Madison Planning Dept. staff and Ken Golden, alderperson**

#### **Ever wonder who decides how, why, and what gets developed where and when?**

As giant cranes hover above our blossoming city, come hear a panel of neighborhood, city, and development leaders discuss the following questions:

- What are the pros and cons of Madison's ubiquitous development?
- How does the city decide what projects to approve?
- What business and community factors do developers consider with new projects?
- What needs to be done to form collaborative relationships between neighbors and developers?
- How can a neighborhood plan foster an effective relationship with developers?
- Will the Regent Neighborhood Plan support "green" building standards?

*Informative, interactive, and interesting discussion guaranteed!*

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The future is in our hands. Is this an ominous fact or an exciting challenge? As Madison celebrates its 150th Birthday, we have an opportunity to reflect on the past, study the present, and plan for the future. In the next 10, 20...100 years, what will the Regent Neighborhood look like and feel like? Who will live here and work here? Decisions that we make about development, traffic, and city policies in the next few years will undoubtedly influence the future.

Will the business buildings, schools, houses, apartments, and condos of the future be built according to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards? Will there be a variety of housing options, which will allow individuals and families from a diverse range of economic status, ages, occupations, and lifestyles to feel welcome in the neighborhood? RNA's Neighborhood Plan cannot create Utopia, but it can embrace values and standards that can hopefully support a viable and healthy future for our immediate neighborhood and beyond. Business owners, developers, city officials, large employers (e.g., UW-Madison, UW Hospital & Clinics, and the VA Hospital) and the residents of our neighborhood need to be collaborative partners in shaping the future.

Will we tear down old buildings and homes for new structures and infill, or will we renovate and restore? Will traffic flow dictate design or will an innovative transit

system and road design control traffic? Will we be reactive to political influence and economic forces, or will we be proactive through a deliberate planning process to achieve realistic goals?

**SUGGESTED ACTION STEPS:** 1) Attend the October 11th RNA meeting at the Best Western InnTowner. 2) Subscribe to the RNA listserv (more information on the back page), in order to keep informed of upcoming meetings about the RNA Neighborhood Plan, development proposals, and other events. 3) Participate in fund raising efforts to support our Neighborhood Plan and Olive Jones Park. 4) Work with RNA committees, city staff, and elected officials to make the Regent Neighborhood the showcase neighborhood for energy conservation, personal and traffic safety, enlightened development, truly affordable housing, and proactive thinkers and doers. 5) Join the RNA. 6) Contact me, other RNA leaders, RNA committee chairs, and RNA area reps with your ideas and concerns about the future of the RNA, our neighborhood, and our city.

We all have a chance to influence the next 10, 20...100 years for the better.

—Kevin W. Corrado, President  
[kwcorrado@juno.com](mailto:kwcorrado@juno.com), 231-2468

## New Officers

### *Troy Rost—President-Elect.*

Troy, his wife Sarah, and son, Caleb live in the Highland Park section of the neighborhood. They have enjoyed renovating their 1921 Bungalow and are glad to be done with the drywall dust. Troy works as a marketing analyst and is a part-time real-estate investor, specializing in renovating old and dated homes. He is very excited to be working with the neighborhood association.

### *Julie Shirley—Secretary-Elect.*

My name is Julie Shirley and I think there is not a lot to say! My family moved to Lathrop Street from the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood about a year ago. I am married to Scott Shirley, who grew up in Madison,

and we have two children: Kristina, 6, and William, 5. We also have two cats, Alex and Ginny. I grew up "Up North" in Rhinelander and got my journalism degree from UW-Eau Claire. After working at various newspapers around the state, I landed in Madison in 1992 and have been here ever since. As with most parents with young children, I do not have a whole lot of free time, but I do try to squeeze in some time for triathlon training. Our family enjoys sports of all kinds, but especially tennis. I used to do some sewing, including some quilting, but have not been able to find the time right now to pursue that. I also enjoy cooking and gardening, and in the past have had plots at

community garden projects on both the east side and at Marlborough Park. My husband and I love old homes with character, which is what drew us to both Dudgeon-Monroe and University Heights. It seems we always have a list of house projects to do, but it's a great feeling to know we are preserving and even improving a historic home.



# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

## The Business Community in the Regent Neighborhood:

*Partners and Part of what makes it so special*

Once again, the Regent Neighborhood 4th of July Event was an amazing example of our community coming together to interact, celebrate, play and show again the spirit that makes our neighborhood a very special one. The volunteer efforts of many helped to make it a smashing success as well as the fantastic support of some of our neighboring businesses, especially the Regent Street Coop, but there were others who contributed as well.

As RNA moves forward on its Neighborhood Plan, it's important to review the importance of our business community that we have and understand that their presence here, and their hopes for success and growth, are a part of what defines our neighborhood and makes it special to us. The loss of James J Chocolates, EVP and others recently have left something missing in our neighborhood and it's important to maintain support of the businesses we have.

The businesses in the Regent Neighborhood, and I don't only mean the brick and mortar ones but also include the many at home business folk, large investment land owners, consultants, real estate agents, accountants, graphic artists and others have over time been involved in helping to support our area and the RNA. Many of the business owners are your neighbors as well, or volunteer at your school, or help sponsor some important program, or more than one.

We moved to Madison from Evanston, Illinois and the last 5 years we were there I was the President

of the Evanston Small Business Association, a volunteer group of business people who sought to advocate for policies to promote the independent entrepreneurs and help market our class as important to what makes Evanston a special place to live, work and play. Our major campaign every year was "Shop Evanston First; Support your Local Merchant" and we focused that effort on a different segment every year, from Non-Profit institutions to City Government and the School District to the Northwestern University Staff and Students to the Evanston individual consumer. We had great success in pointing out how improving a community's support of its own businesses helps maintain a more sustainable community and is great for the local economy.

In Madison, the Wisconsin Partners for Sustainability have teamed with Sustain Dane to create the "Dane Buy Local" campaign ([Danebuylocal.com](http://Danebuylocal.com)) and I have offered some of my experience on past programs we used to help the effort. They have done a fantastic job at promoting local initiatives but more can, and must be done to help create a more sustainable local economy. Research has shown that the power of shopping local versus supporting a Multi National Big Box store has significant economic benefits to local economies but it also feels good to support your local business, and you also get more specialized attention and better service. One great example of this is our great shop regional event that happens every Saturday in the warm months around the Capitol Square, the Farmers' Market.

In the future, think about shopping "Madison" or "Dane County" businesses first a little more often and especially support your local RNA

Merchant. Also, consider supporting future initiatives for government bodies, the University, and the School District to do more so as well. Shopping "Local" makes sense in so many ways, so to borrow from my Evanston days, I say "Support Your Local Merchant and Business Person, Shop RNA First!"

—Troy Thiel, RNA Past President



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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

## School News: The Principal's Corner

### *Blessed Sacrament School:*

The staff at Blessed Sacrament School was busy in July and August preparing for the new school year. Admissions: The new 4-K program at Blessed Sacrament has filled all its openings for students at this time. If you would like admission information for the school, please contact Principal Mrs. Maryann Slater at 233-6155.

**Traffic:** The school will continue the drop-off program instituted last year to control the flow of traffic around the school.

**School Grounds:** Blessed Sacrament School enjoys having the neighbors use their playground. Parents are asked to keep their dogs off of the playground to ensure a clean and healthy play area for all of our children. It is school policy not to allow dogs on school grounds.

**Events:** The Holiday Bazaar will be held on November 10 and 11. We are looking for vendors to display and sell their arts and crafts. Contact the Parish Center office or Sarah Dermody at 836-4620 for an application.

### *Franklin/Randall Schools:*


Randall Elementary is celebrating its 100th anniversary. See the article in this issue about the 100th anniversary celebration.

### *West High School:*

Classes begin at West on September 5th. Visit the website for further information at [www.mmmsd.org](http://www.mmmsd.org).

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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

## Family Fun at Folklore Village

Are you looking for something to do with the children that would also entertain your in-laws? Are you tired of renting videos and visiting the zoo? Here's a wonderful place for you to check out: Folklore Village, located this side of Dodgeville, off Highway 18-151, is a top-notch folk arts center (won the Governor's Award in 2003!) that offers programs for families and people of all ages. Programs offered there include concerts, family days, Saturday night potlucks with dancing (instructions first), programs that celebrate the seasons, and special weekends that focus on specific ethnic traditions. You and your children may find yourselves pressing cider, crafting artwork from felt, working with a blacksmith to make a fireplace poker for your home, listening to an award-winning Irish Fiddler, or boogying to the beat of drummers from the Ivory Coast. This is also a comfortable place for couples or adult singles. Some programs are decide-at-the-last minute drop-in types; others require reservations. To find out more, go to [www.folklorevillage.org](http://www.folklorevillage.org) or call 1.608.924.4000. Folklore Village is located in lovely, rolling farm country that requires only one turn off of Highway 18-151, an easy 45-minute drive from our neighborhood.

—Karen Carlson

## Gardens, Gardens, Gardens

See Lynn Fortner's wonderful compilation of Midwest gardens and nurseries on the RNA website: <http://www.regentneighborhood.org/>

## Gardens Sparkle

The 2006 Regent Neighborhood Garden Tour was very successful in spite of the extremely hot weather on July 16. Weather forecasters had advised everyone to stay inside on the tour day, but many hearty gardeners attended with hats, sunscreen, and umbrellas and had a wonderful day. We had 300 paying attendees and 50 complimentary guests (homeowners and volunteers). Many positive comments were made about the tour and the quality and diversity of the 13 gardens presented. The 4 workshops were well attended and the participants were pleased with the well-prepared, skilled, and enthusiastic presenters.



One of the primary reasons for sponsoring a Garden Tour is to bring neighbors together to provide an enjoyable activity which showcases our neighborhood. This community-building activity involved many neighbors doing a variety of functions including setting up, selling tickets, stewarding the gardens, and cleaning up. The Green Space committee members began the planning process last September by identifying the area, route, and possible homes for the tour. As the tour date approached, work continued on the making of signs, posters, brochures as well as the writing of press releases, garden descriptions and publicity. Business sponsors were contacted (please support these generous donors!) and neighborhood volunteers were recruited. Many wonderful people were involved in making the Tour a success!

Historically, the Garden Tour features a different section of the Regent Neighborhood with each tour. It is not too soon for you and your gardening neighbors to begin thinking about featuring your section of the neighborhood during the 2008 RNA Garden Tour!

—Patty Wood  
Green Space Committee Chair

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

## Spectacular July 4th Festival

What a wonderful turn out we had at the July 4th neighborhood festival! Once again we lucked out with beautiful July weather. There were a terrific number of games for kids to choose from and this year there was a photo booth available also. As always the box maze was a huge hit and the festival wouldn't be the same without the long lines for those delicious Regent Market brats or the messy egg toss competition. We are so lucky to have so many talented musicians in the one and only Rag Tag Band that leads the parade in style every year. Of course all the colorfully decorated trikes, bikes and wagons gave meaning to the word festive-al.

Beyond the fun, the festival serves as an important opportunity for neighbors to get together in the spirit of community. Neighborhoods give

us a sense of identity and belonging, and when we come together in such a way, we celebrate what it means to be neighbors. Hopefully this tradition will continue as it serves a greater purpose than simply marking a holiday.

In order for this tradition to continue it requires not only participation, but a willingness to do the work that it takes to make it all happen. Many people contributed to some aspect of the work, many of whom do so year after year. The list is too long to thank everyone individually, but please know that if you had some part to play in making the festival come together, we would like to express our deepest thanks for sharing your hard work and your talents.

We sold over 900 sandwiches, which I believe is a record! We took in \$2930 through ticket sales and after expenses were covered, the Regent Neighborhood Association made a net profit of \$683. So the festival also serves as an important fund raiser. Thanks to all of you who came and showed your support.

Please consider helping out next year, as the more people who share in the work, the smoother the event. If anyone is interested in being a part of a coordinating team next year, please let us know.

—Susan Corrado and Jerry Vogt  
Co-coordinators for the 2006 July Fourth festival

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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

## A Sense of Place

My life has been transformed! I've learned the meaning of the term "ecological footprint", and measured my own, with horror, at "ecofoot.org". I've become more aware of how the many choices I make each day affect my use of the earth's resources.

I joined a CSA for locally grown, organic and seasonal foods. I've discovered "grazed" beef. I have a newfound appreciation for the organic foods offered at the Regent Market Coop, which, although perhaps "higher-priced", represent the true cost of producing food without the use of toxic chemicals, while providing a living wage for farm workers. No more purchases at large chain stores for me! I've discovered how lucky we are that local businesses, right here in our own neighborhood, are able to provide everything from haircuts and groceries, to prescriptions, stamps, CDs, books, breakfast, coffee, and much more. By reducing on-line purchases, I'm also avoiding unnecessary packaging material, which ultimately ends up in a landfill. And I now spend more money on heart-warming local entertainment, and less on glitzy and remote Hollywood products.

I'm inspired by people I've met in our neighborhood, who are committed to living in ways that are not driven by consumerism. I've become friends with near neighbors who were mere acquaintances before. I recently met a woman who purchases (or doesn't purchase), pre-cycles, reuses, and recycles so much that she generates only two bags of garbage a year! Another couple enjoys a rain-water absorbing backyard fishpond without electricity or chemicals – by using a little windmill and a population of minnows to keep the pond clean, aerated, and mosquito-free. And then there is that young man who bikes nearly everywhere, and when he doesn't bike, is riding around in a vegetable oil-powered vehicle. I've been enriched, and filled with hope, by the examples set by these and other folks whom I've met.

I've simplified my life, reduced my paid work hours (less money means less buying!), and spend more leisure time enjoying the natural beauty of our fabulous Wisconsin lakes and woods. I've now gone through several rounds of purging things from my house, and used yard sale proceeds to fund favorite non-profit groups. I've ratcheted up my bus and bike riding. I've reduced my MG&E bill, and am having a rain barrel installed. I've just bought an old-fashioned clothesline, for Pete's sake!! These are a few examples of the changes in my daily choices that have led to a transformation of my lifestyle.

The source of all these changes??? An 8-week discussion course called "A Sense of Place", one in series developed by the Northwest Earth Institute ([www.nwei.org](http://www.nwei.org)), sponsored and promoted by our own local Sustain Dane ([www.sustaindane.org](http://www.sustaindane.org)). Other related discussion courses are: Voluntary Simplicity, Choices for Sustainable Living, Globalization and Its Critics, Deep Ecology, and Healthy Children Healthy Planet. Another one will be added soon: Global Warming.

Prior to these discussion groups I was aware of some of the above issues, but reading, meeting, discussing, and listening to others gave me a whole new perspective and framework for how I could implement these changes in my own life. The magical thing is that I didn't feel "guilt-tripped" into making any of these changes. On the contrary, I have come home from every meeting, yearning to make an adjustment in my life, large or small. My life has been truly enriched by the new connections I have made, in terms of ideas, and with people in our neighborhood.

So here is an invitation: three new discussion groups are being organized in our neighborhood this Fall and you are invited join. Your friends/family/neighbors are welcome as well!

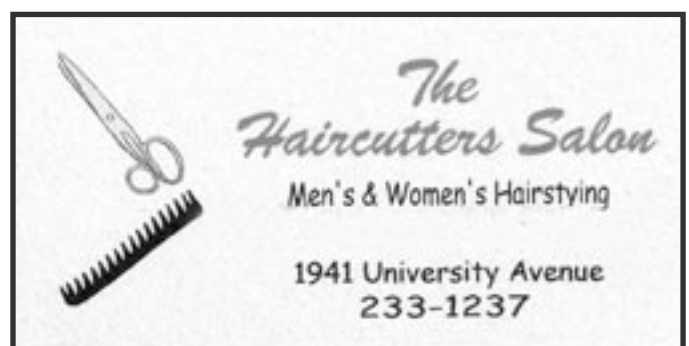
**Tuesday nights:** 7:30 - 9:00, starting September 12th, A Sense of Place.

**Wednesday nights:** 7:00 - 8:30, starting October 18th, A Sense of Place.

**Thursday nights:** 7:30 - 9:00, starting Nov. 9th, Choices for Sustainable Living.

Please call me at 233-3791, or contact me at: [brownp@ssc.wisc.edu](mailto:brownp@ssc.wisc.edu) for more information, to sign up for one of these discussion groups, or to discuss other options if these times and dates don't fit your schedule.

—Pat Brown



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## Spooner/Breese Corridor Home Owners Concerns Surveyed

The RNA/UW Relations Committee is finalizing its report of a Survey conducted in April of owner occupied properties in the Spooner/Breese Corridor: bordered by University and Regent Street (north and south) and Breese Terrace and Spooner Street (east and west).

The Survey was undertaken to assist the committee in acquiring broader information on issues of concern they had heard voiced by home owners in the area. The results of the Survey will help the Relations Committee set action priorities for exploring positive alternatives with the UW, city, and other stakeholders in the area i.e. rental agencies, absentee landlords and renters. At the same time, the Survey results will provide information for the RNA Neighborhood Plan. Overall, 76 surveys were distributed and 69 returned. Key issues addressed in the survey are attitudes towards: (1) property upkeep, (2) parking in appropriate locations, (3) access to driveways and entrances, (4) trash container issues, (5) problems related to alcohol, (6) litter and debris, (7) noise and abusive behavior, (8) access to homes during Stadium events, (9) traffic safety, (10) historic preservation and conversion, and other issues.

The Committee will be issuing a written report to the RNA Board and the RNA Neighborhood Plan Committee. Results will also be reported in the RNA Newsletter and posted on the RNA Website. Valuable assistance from committee members enabled the Survey completion, editing and data collection: Carol Steinhart, Nancy Klatt: data collection, Mary and Jim Yockey: data collection, knowledgeable graphics by member Jim Yockey. For further information about this report, contact Larry Jacobsen ([ljacobsen@highstream.net](mailto:ljacobsen@highstream.net)) 233-9008 or Nancy Webster ([nancywebster@att.net](mailto:nancywebster@att.net)) 233-8410, Committee Co-Chairs.

—Larry Jacobsen and Nancy Webster, Committee Co-Chairs.

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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

## Behind the Scenes Madison Civics Club 2006-2007 Luncheon and Lecture Series

Everyone is invited to join the Madison Civics Club 2006-2007 Lecture Series. This season's theme is Behind the Headlines. We are pleased to announce the following luncheon/lecture series schedule:

*September 30* - Robert W. McChesney, Rich Media, Poor Democracy: Communication Politics in Dubious Times

*November 18* - Senator Russ Feingold, Thoughts About Post 9/11 Policy Issues Abroad

*February 10* - Naomi Oreskes, Science and Controversy: Big News Once Again

*March 10* - Lois Jenson, Making History and Leading the Way—Her sexual harassment suit was the inspiration for the film "North Country."

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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

## Cross at Your Own Risk

The City of Madison recently painted a crosswalk at the intersection of Prospect and University Avenues to make getting onto the Alicia Ashman Bridge over Campus Drive safer. Coming soon, red crossing flags thanks to the Safe Community Coalition of Madison and Dane County. The flags are like others in our and adjoining neighborhoods. How did the “zebra” crossing come about and how can you help make our streets less dangerous?

About a year ago, after returning from several months in France, I found walking to campus more daunting than I remembered. In France, drivers always, and I mean always, stopped at pedestrian crosswalks, as required by law, as in the U.S. Back home, I was reluctant to cross University Avenue during drive times. There were no traffic lights between Walnut St. and Breese Terrace, and Breese’s lights only delivered me into the jaws of Campus Drive. At Prospect, the street markings were minimal. The crossing flags were few and eventually disappeared.

I called the City. The conversations were not encouraging. They took Prospect under advisement but ruled out any review of the lights east of Breese saying any change would lead to gridlock “Get the University to build a bridge,” one of the officials said.

So, this summer, I was thrilled to see that the City had painted a “zebra” crossing at Prospect even if you can’t see the markings very well from a car. Again, I called the City suggesting signs indicating a pedestrian zone. “That’s pretty uncommon at an intersection,” I was told by a staffer. They weren’t cost effective (about \$100 each). As our conversation went on I was informed that “everybody needs to share the road,” “we’ve done as much as we can do,” that “you got more than [most] people get.”

I called alder Robbie Webber. “Every block is a pedestrian crossing, so I’m not sure it would be appropriate to single out this one for a sign,” she said, encouraging me to contact the Safe Community Coalition, which had seen “a little improvement in driver behavior.”

I know, Rome wasn’t built in a day but I believe we can do better. Meanwhile, I’ll still cross at my own risk.

For information on the Safe Community Coalition <http://www.safecommunitycoalition.org/> To work on the red flags project at Prospect, [rlhess@uwalumni.com](mailto:rlhess@uwalumni.com).


—Ronnie Hess, Pedestrian



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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



## November 11 - Save the Date!

City of Madison Neighborhoods Conference: *Building Strong Neighborhoods. Learning from the Past. Looking into the Future.*

Mark your calendar! The City of Madison's citywide neighborhood conference is planned for Saturday, November 11, 2006 at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center. Neighborhood residents and people who care about neighborhoods are invited to attend to build their skills and knowledge in such important areas as organizational development, neighborhood improvement projects, and working with city officials, developers and landlords. There will be over 30 workshops to choose from during the all-day (8:00AM to 4:00PM) event.

All are welcome! For more information, contact Linda Horvath of the City of Madison Department of Planning and Development, at 267-1131, ext. 119, or check the City website, [www.ci.madison.wi.us/neighborhoods/](http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/neighborhoods/). Special thanks to MGE for their continued support of this neighborhood-based event.

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## RNA's Annual Walkabout Greet's Student Neighbors

As they've done for the past 10 years, neighbors living on the east edge of the neighborhood, near Camp Randall, will greet old and new student tenants the evening of September 13.

The purpose of the "walkabout" event, in which about 15 neighbors and 7 police officers will take part, is to remind our student neighbors that ours is a diverse community and many of their nearby neighbors are families, some with young children. We ask that they control the activities and behavior in their residence, in particular noise from late night activities. We also provide information about tenants' rights, parking, garbage pick-up and the fines associated with violating certain city ordinances.

The police officers who will accompany us are available to answer students' questions and, mindful of recent problems in the campus area, will distribute and discuss information related to personal safety.

—Ron Rosner

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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

## Randall School 100 Years

An exciting time in neighborhood history is just around the corner. In what was once considered the “far west” side of Madison, a two-room school opened its doors in September, 1906 to children living on, what was then, the outskirts of town. That school was Randall School - two blocks west of the Camp Randall Stadium on Regent Street.

The original school was designed by the firm of Lew F. Porter and implemented by architect and partner in the firm, Alvin E. Small. It was named after Alexander Randall, an attorney who was a territorial representative in the mid-1800's, a sponsor of a referendum on African-American suffrage and governor of Wisconsin from 1858-1862. Both Small and the design firm of Claude and Starck who completed the building in 1926 implemented Prairie architectural design elements in the construction – horizontal lines that repeat the lines of the prairie reflected architecturally in wide overhanging eaves and long rows of windows.

By 1911, the school grew to 192 students in 4 rooms (and we thought schools were overcrowded now at a maximum of 25 students per class!). The student population grew to such an extent that first graders attended half time and wooden barracks were erected to house the expanding student body. During the 1918-19 school year 75% of the teachers resigned in protest of overcrowded conditions and low salaries. Over nearly two decades additional rooms were constructed with the final addition completed in 1924. The exterior of the school looks much the same then as it does now. The building is designated as a historic landmark which has guided updates over the decades to remain in keeping with original design. By 1926, the student body grew to a reeling 1,029 children aged kindergarten thru ninth grade (in the same building that currently has a student population of approximately 360 children). Over time, the Madison Metropolitan

School District restructured to create middle schools and high schools in the area and student populations dropped to reflect current attendance levels. In 1984, on the request of many African-American families whose children were attending Franklin School on Lakeside Street called for integration of schools (at that time Franklin served 58% African-American students) and Randall School was paired with Franklin School.

The eight residential lots that comprise what is now the playground and park, the “Olive Jones Field”, was deeded to the city of Madison in 1906 “for the establishment of a public playground in connection with the Randall Public School Building” by Supreme Court Justice Burr Jones and named in memory of his wife. A much-needed playground revisioning is currently underway and will likely be implemented in the next few years.

To celebrate this historical turning point celebrating 100 years in the neighborhood, families, educators and alumni of Randall School invite your participation in Randall's 100th Anniversary Celebration on September 30th from 10:30 am into the afternoon. Highlights of the event include an architectural bus tour of several historic landmark homes in the University Heights neighborhood, Story Corps-like booths for alumni to record their memories of time spent at the school, rooms designated by decade for alum to reunite, the unveiling of the gift of a mural by parents/artists/children's book authors Laura Dronzek and Kevin Henkes, presentation of a centennial celebration song crafted by students with Leotha Stanley, children's games from the early 1900's (facilitated by MSCR), a parade and cake for a thousand!

Extend an invitation to alumni you know who have moved out of the neighborhood and join us to mark this memorable occasion!

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# EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL - 125 YEARS

## YEAR ONE, YEAR 125

Dear Neighbor,

We have something in common; we love our neighborhood—the lake, the parks, the zoo, the cozy streets, our local shops, the architecture and our history. Yet it's possible with busy lives to live side-by-side not knowing much about one another. So after my first year as Edgewood High School president, Edgewood's 125th anniversary year, I'm grateful for this opportunity to share with you some interesting and possibly surprising facts about how EHS serves our youth and enhances our neighborhood, city and metro area.

An Edgewood High School education is based in five values accepted by most of civilization as good. Truth, justice, compassion, community and partnership are values especially prized by our Dominican sponsors. All EHS courses examine their curriculum, quite literally, in the light of these values. A quarter of EHS students are non-Catholic.

It's typical for EHS graduates to give double the amount of volunteer hours required for graduation, over 200 hours each.

Over the past decade Edgewood's minority enrollment has increased 10% a year and is comparable to the percent minority population in the metro area.

Edgewood educates the whole student—intellectually, socially, physically and spiritually—for a life of learning, service and personal responsibility.

I look forward to many more years of cooperation among all of us to make our neighborhood the best it can be!

—Judd Schemmel, *president of Edgewood High School of the Sacred Heart* - [schejud@edgewood.k12.wi.us](mailto:schejud@edgewood.k12.wi.us), 257-1023, ex. 141

## The Longest Thriving High School in Madison, Edgewood has a Storied History

**1871** Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters begin their girls' elementary and high school near the Capitol.

**1881** School moves to the Edgewood grounds when Wisconsin Gov. and Mrs. Washburn—who go on to found what is now General Mills—donate their official residence, working farm and orchard for “educational purposes of the highest order.” The sisters had visited and cared for the chronically ill Mrs. Washburn.

**1899** Mail service reaches the remote EHS campus.

**1905** The Sisters donate a strip of land to allow for a continuous “pleasure drive” around Lake Wingra.

**1918** A grotto to Our Lady of Lourdes—which still exists—is built in thanks that, though thousands in Madison die of Spanish Influenza, no students or sisters perish.

**1924** At the request of the growing number of Catholic parishes and parents in Madison, boys are admitted.

**1930s** Edgewood sells the last of the farm animals. School sports begin to be offered.

**1950s** The era of boarding students, some of them orphans, ends. Grade school and college move into their own new buildings.

**1960s** As a result of the baby boom, enrollment soars. A major addition takes place.

**1970s** The Rock is unearthed as a result of construction and becomes an outlet for student spirit.

**1993** The era of EHS without Sisters—but not without faith—begins. Gradual renovation of and additions to aging facilities begin, and continue today.

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## ALDER NOTES - KEN GOLDEN

Development issues dominated the City's agenda during the past few months. With the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, the City has set out in a direction quite different than the one we were heading in 10 or 15 years ago, when I was first elected. We're trying to respond to a number of different factors: the needs of a changing population, including older family groups without children; the need for more efficient land use along transportation corridors to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our current transit system and possible future rail or street-car systems; our need to be better stewards of the environment by employing such strategies as reducing the amount of farmland and open space being gobbled up by our increasing population and better managing our water resources. Finally, the increased concentration of population that comes with these in-fill projects is the best way to keep our neighborhood business districts financially healthy.

Dane County is projected to grow by 60,000 or so in the next decade, a population equal to the size of Janesville, and we need to find places for these folks. There are more and better infill projects like Monroe Commons and single family development on the city's edge on lots as small as they are in our neighborhood. These developments are the best way to achieve the results we seek.

One recent project near the Regent neighborhood drew a great deal of attention. There is now an approved proposal now at the Midvale Plaza area for both the expansion of Sequoia Library and for the infill development of 140+ units of condominium and rental housing. The debate on that subject was very sharp and, to me,

indicated that some city residents and the Common Council were not seeing the same future. I think the city, and I am including myself in this, have to do a better job of explaining to the public the advantages of and need for better land use through approving projects of this kind. We must maintain our standards though to make sure these developments are high quality, function well and are compatible with the neighborhood.

I begin my Alder Notes with these thoughts because there is a development proposal I think is quite significant. The project involves a substantial building at the corner of Monroe and Regent Streets. A recent neighborhood meeting revealed many concerns with the proposal and suggested the developer needs to change his proposal substantially. I think this is an excellent example of showing some discrimination in reacting to development. Not all development that increases density and housing opportunities is good development. In this case, the current proposal involves five actual stories, but because of some unique architectural features, it would actually be at least seven stories in height (and more on its eastern end). The neighborhood residents who attended the August 17 meeting found the project entirely too intense for the site, cited its inconsistency with our comprehensive plan (which recommends no more than 4 stories) and asked for a very different proposal. We have asked the developer to go back to the drawing board and come up with something more appropriate for this gateway location. I hope people see that we are not going to simply approve any high density development just because it has density. We need to also consider compatibility, architecture,

scale, mass, etc. We need to be more careful in general and particularly careful in infill projects and existing neighborhoods such as ours. Stay tuned.

There are a number of traffic calming projects happening in the near west side that you will no doubt encounter—many not in the Regent neighborhood but close by. Spooner St.- north and south of Regent St has been approved for calming. Others on the agenda or approved include: Edgewood Ave between the bridge over the SW Path and Monroe will have 2 traffic circles and one island, West Lawn Ave—humps and Nakoma Rd - islands. One project merits special mention is the long-anticipated closure of through traffic on Edgewood Drive (behind Edgewood College along Lake Wingra). Construction is in process as I write this. Additional measures can be expected on West Lawn Avenue since we haven't yet addressed future impacts in the area near Monroe Commons. We'll wait to see what the impacts actually are before we fix the problems.

I have to confess that, since redistricting, a lot of my energy has been devoted to my representation of Allied Drive. I suspect that folks in the Regent Neighborhood will understand this and agree with these priorities. There are some very exciting things happening in the Allied Drive area, and I'll let you know about those as they come to fruition.

I hope everyone had a great summer.

—Ken Golden

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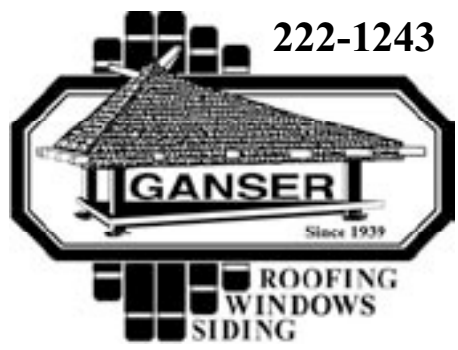


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