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Regent Neighborhood Association Meeting and Candidate Forum

**March 28, 2007
7-9 PM**

**West High School
LMC (library)**

7-8 PM Candidates for the 5th District of the Madison City Council, Troy Thiel and Robbie Webber will be present to answer questions and to engage in lively discussion.

8-9 PM RNA Board Meeting
Watch your RNA Board in action. Share concerns and ideas.

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**"Take a SECOND to
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RNA Listening Sessions

RNA leaders will be available for friendly listening sessions on the **second** and **fourth** Saturday of every month. Share ideas, pose questions, and engage in discussion at the Froth House (Allen & Regent). Feb. 10 & 24, March 10 & 24, and April 14 & 28 from 9-10 AM.



The RNA Listserv is RegentNeighborhoodAssn@yahooogroups.com.
See page 14 for instructions on how to join and post to the listserv.

President's Message—

Some people adapt to cold wintry nights by snuggling under a quilt with a hot beverage and something interesting or relaxing to read. My guess is that not many people select the RNA bylaws, as their choice for interesting reading material, unless they want an alternative to a sleeping pill. Believe it or not, some of us occasionally read or at least refer to the bylaws. In the near future, the RNA bylaws may actually be "assigned" reading for some of the Board members, in order to insure that the bylaws (last revised in 2000) fit the current reality of our association. In other words, the Board wants to be sure that we are in compliance with the bylaws but not enslaved by them. It is likely that we shall make some recommendations for changes, in time for the May 23, 2007 RNA Annual Meeting.

"...the Neighborhood Association shall seek to establish and maintain a broad-based, inclusive, and credible organization to engage as many neighborhood residents as practicable in civic functions, social hospitality, neighborhood improvement projects...The Neighborhood Association recognizes that the articulation of common interests, strong communication links with residents and the constant pursuit of broad-based participation in Association activities are critical to the success of the Association..." (RNA Bylaws II. Purpose)

Our statement of purpose underscores the importance of providing opportunities for members and neighbors to express concerns and ideas. We list the names and phone numbers of the RNA officers, committee chairs or co-chairs, and area representatives in the annual Directory and in every issue of the RNA Newsletter to facilitate

communication. The RNA Listserv is another useful tool to exchange information and ideas pertaining to members and neighbors.

Two NEW communication initiatives are: 1) Guest Comments – We shall allow time at the beginning of each monthly Board meeting for guests to voice questions, concerns, and ideas. 2) "Take a SECOND to Speak FORTHrightly" – Biweekly listening sessions for the RNA leaders to hear members' and neighbors' concerns, to discuss ideas, and to exchange information. On the SECOND and FOURTH Saturday of each month, there will be an RNA leader at the Froth House (Allen & Regent) from 9-10AM. You will have a chance to speak FORTHrightly starting February 10 and 24.

The Candidates' Forum, at the March 28 RNA Board Meeting, the Neighborhood Plan Charrette (soon to be announced) are two other excellent opportunities for your active participation and expression of concerns and ideas. Don't forget two other important dates, where your vote is your "voice." Primary election—February 20 & General Election—April 3.

In order for the RNA to be a relevant and dynamic association, we need to hear from you, and we need your active involvement in events, meetings, and committee work. The strength and success of the RNA are dependent on the collective efforts of many people. We hope to hear from you and work with you soon.

—Kevin W. Corrado, Home: 231-2468,
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RNA Garage Sale Summer 2007

Are you interested in co-chairing or helping to organize a garage sale this summer? Contact Jeff Pfund. jeffpfund@yahoo.com
Here are some reasons to have a garage sale:

- A chance to bring out your Martha Stewart – tag,color code, organize, display, and sell to your hearts desire
- Heard the neighbors are having one and want to assert market dominance
- Really only need two broken crock-pots
- Have distinctly heard “skinny clothes” taunting us from the closet
- Dumping old Ikea crap to make way for quality Pier One merchandise
- Time for annual rotations of clothes, toys, and stuff that you don’t use
- Can’t find youngest child
- Releasing outgrown clothing into the wild proved unfeasible
- We had high hopes for these figurines, but it’s just not working out, so we’re afraid we’ll have to let them go
- Car will not fit into garage anymore

Who’s Responsible for Southwest Bike Path Upkeep?—by Peg Arnold

Seventy Regent Neighborhood properties border the Southwest bike path from the Virginia Terrace ramp to the Monroe/Regent intersection. The triangle created by Regent Street, Virginia Terrace and the bike path contains hundreds of individuals who are within a three minute bike ride or a five minute walk to the path. Hundreds of additional Regent Neighborhood residences located on the north side of Regent Street additionally have quick access to the path. Now that the bike path has been in place for nearly eight years it is hard for some to imagine the Regent Neighborhood without the wonderful recreational and commuter service that the path provides. It is also time for the Regent Neighborhood to step forth to assist in the responsibility for its upkeep and maintenance.

The land along the path belongs to the State of Wisconsin and should be looked upon as a linear park which is quite different than its old role as a R.R. right of way. The existence of the bike path within the boundaries of our Regent Neighborhood demands from

us special responsibilities. We are, after all, frequent users. The path is additionally the entry point to our neighborhood for many visitors to our neighborhood.

As important as the path is to our neighborhood it often shows significant signs of neglect. Discarded furniture, empty bottles, discarded paper, plastic dog waste bags, fire place ash, building waste materials and large brush and leaf piles are not an uncommon part of the bike path scenery.

A bike path subcommittee of the Greenspace committee was established by the Neighborhood Association during the regular November meeting. The committee will devote its energies to educating Regent Neighborhood residents to be good stewards of the path, conduct seasonal cleanup campaigns, work to eliminate invasive plants and begin a campaign of beautification by planting native plants.

Anyone interested in helping with this committee should contact Peg Arnold at 233-1784 or pegarnold2000@yahoo.com.

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Candidates for 10th District Common Council Alder

Nick Dorneanu –

My name is Nick Dorneanu and I am running for alderperson for district #10. I am also the president of Allied & Dunn Marsh owners association and a landlord on Crescent Rd.

I would like you to know that I am running for alderman due to all the empty promises we got for a better district. One of those neighborhoods is Allied Drive which brings a bad name to district #10. I do plan to fix this troubled area and reduce the crime and drug dealing and create better housing for all residents there.

I plan on making district #10 a better economic district with new modern developments and many jobs. My success in this district will benefit all by having better residents and a better economic community. I have plans to bring developers to create low income housing and senior citizens complexes which are very needed in my district.

I plan on bringing small business and create many jobs. As a business man I understand what it takes to create a better community.

We have one of the highest crime districts in Madison which is one of the top priorities on my agenda. I will meet with Madison Police and get them the funds to get extra manpower and increase their presence around my district.

I plan on creating better schools in my district. I will also work on a plan on reducing the traffic from district #10 by working on a plan and routes for our public services..

I will be the voice for all residents in the city council to create a better district. Thank you again and if you have any concerns please call me at 608-209-5012.

Brian Solomon –

My name is Brian Solomon and I am excited and honored to have this opportunity to run for District 10 Alder. I have lived in D-MNA for seven years and have spent much of that time trying to make our community and city a better place. My experience includes my profession (Director, Wisconsin Job Service) as well as numerous civic and community activities (including former President of D-MNA, member of the Equal Opportunities Commission, AIDS Network Board Member, co-creator of the Madison AIDS (ACT) rides, and more).

I am committed to environmental protection and equal opportunity for all Madison residents. To truly make a difference in our community, we must continue to achieve progress in the Allied Drive neighborhood, enhance our public transit system, protect our green space, promote quality economic development, and ensure equal opportunity. I pledge to act with integrity, educate myself, listen to my constituents, be respectful, treat others with dignity, be responsive, and focus on improving our community, valuing our diversity, and creating a more humane society.


I live on West Lawn Ave with my wife and two children. Please check out my website (www.briansolomon.org) for more information and feel free to contact me (briansolomon@charter.net; 446-1362) if you have any questions. Remember to vote on February 20th, and I hope to have your support.

Tom McClure –

It is time for a change for people who care. I am not a career politician; I am a retired person who cares about the area. What we need are jobs for a lot of people in the Allied Drive area. We also need grants to take care of the bike path, and beautifying the area with trees and flowers and other nice additions. I will be there for the people not the companies or other politician. I am for the people, by the people.

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Candidates for 5th District Common Council Alder

Troy Thiel –

My name is Troy Thiel and I am running for the 5th District's Alder seat of the Madison City Council and I hope to earn your support.

I believe that I am the strongest candidate for the position because I believe that the priorities of our neighborhood have not been the priorities of my opponent and I believe Madison's 5th District and the Regent Neighborhood deserve an Alder who is; 1) Responsive and attentive to constituent concerns, 2) Works collaboratively with the RNA, City staff and other elected officials to achieve positive results addressing the complex and diverse issues that effect our neighborhood, and 3) Is engaged and

enthusiastic about the representing our district on Madison's issues.

In the many conversations with other Neighborhood leaders, community activists and long time residents of our area, it is apparent that there is a very strong desire for the type of alder that I will be.

In the last several years, I have been very involved in our Neighborhood, serving as the Co-Chair, School Liaison, Executive Board and Past President of the RNA. Also, my wife Karen and I were the PTO Co-Presidents for Franklin/Randall. In those efforts I've been a leader in trying to catalyze important policy pursuits for our neighborhood.

If elected I will prioritize the issues of our area, including;

Traffic and Pedestrian Safety, Schools, Parks and Playgrounds, Zoning Code enforcement and restructuring, appropriate action on Development pressures, Business District Vitality, RNA Neighborhood Plan creation and implementation, improving City Services delivery, improved water quality and wise stewardship of Madison's financial resources.

I hope to earn your vote. Please contact me at 238-7677 or email troythiel@yahoo.com. You can also visit my website at www.troythiel.com.



Robbie Webber –

As a 15-year neighborhood resident, I am honored to have served as your alder for four years. In coming years, the neighborhood and the city will make decisions about how our community will look, feel, and move. I hope to continue working with you to represent the values and views of the Regent Neighborhood at the city, and I look forward to helping the neighborhood make decisions about our future.

I protected Metro service and worked against fare increases, supported traffic calming projects, brought the concerns of pedestrians and bicyclists to all levels of city government, and worked with a coalition of city agencies, the school district and non-profits groups for a Safe Routes to School Program.

To assure decent living and working conditions for all our residents, I supported progressive legislation such as the smoking ban, local minimum wage, sick leave ordinance, inclusionary zoning, the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, breastfeeding protections, and emergency contraception notification..

To assist the neighborhood in planning for the future, I sponsored the Neighborhood Conservation Ordinance and pledge to keep you informed as development projects are proposed. The upcoming neighborhood plan will be a significant tool in preparing for projects, and I gained a planning grant from the city for this process.

I am now working with the Madison Police Department to improve communication and address concerns you have brought to me.

Please contact me if there are issues you wish to discuss. Together we can do far more than any of us alone.

Change of Address

Susan & Russ Shafer-Landau moved recently and would like everyone to have their new address and phone number. They are now at 2125 Van Hise Ave and their phone number is 238-3258.

Put Your Sidewalk and Driveway on a Low-Salt Diet

Adapted from *Snow, Road Salt and the Chesapeake Bay* by Tom Schueler, Center for Watershed Protection

For safety reasons, we need to keep driveways and sidewalks clear of ice and snow. However, choosing the right product and using it correctly is important to help protect our water resources.

1. *Shovel early, shovel often.* There is no substitute for muscle and elbow grease for snow and ice removal. Deicers work best when there is only a thin layer of snow or ice that must be melted. Remove as much snow as you can during the storm if possible. Use a hoe or other tools to chip or scrape ice off the surface before any deicers are applied. If you have a problem with ice forming, determine the source and divert the melting snow away from your sidewalks and driveway to an area where ice won't be a problem.

2. *Buy early.* Make sure to buy your deicing product well before the big storm hits, otherwise you will be looking at empty shelves, and have few, if any, environmental choices to make at the store.

3. *Check the label.* The table below shows how the main ingredients of common de-icing products compare. Check the package closely to see what you're buying—often a product may contain several of the ingredients listed below, but the first one listed is usually the main ingredient (*figure 1*).

4. Apply salt early, but sparingly. Whether you choose calcium chloride, magnesium chloride or sodium chloride, a little goes a long way. Applying additional salt won't speed

up the melting process, so follow directions for application carefully and remember to first remove as much snow and ice as you can. The recommended application rate for sodium chloride is about a handful per square yard. Calcium chloride works at much colder temperatures and you need a lot less (about a handful per three square yards—about the area of a single bed). Choose calcium chloride over sodium chloride when you can.

5. Avoid kitty litter and ashes. Although these products may seem environmentally friendlier, they don't work to melt snow and ice—they merely provide some traction. Also, they often result in a mess on your floors. If you're looking for traction, stick with sand, which is cheaper and easier to sweep up.

6. Avoid Products that Contain Urea. Urea has been recommended as a safer alternative, reasoning that it does not contain chlorides and, as a form of nitrogen, will help fertilize your yard when it washes off. However, urea-based deicing products are a poor choice as it is fairly expensive and performs poorly when temperatures drop below 20 degrees F. The application rate for urea during a single deicing is ten times greater than that needed to fertilize the same area of your yard, and ultimately, very little of the urea will actually get onto your lawn, but will end up washing into the street and storm drain and eventually to the nearest lake or stream. (*continued on page 7*)

On the label:	Works Down to:	Cost	Environmental Concerns
Calcium Chloride	-25 degrees F	3 times more than rock salt	Uses lower doses No Cyanide Chloride impact
Magnesium Chloride	5 degrees F	n/a	less toxic and safer for environment than calcium chloride
NaCl: Sodium Chloride or "rock salt"	15 degrees F	about 5 bucks for a 50 pound bag	Contains cyanide Chloride impacts
Urea	20 to 25 degrees F	5 times more than rock salt	Needless nutrients Less Corrosion
Calcium Magnesium Acetate (CMA)	22 to 25 degrees F	20 times more than rock salt	Less toxic
Sand	No melting effect	about 3 buck for a 50 lb bag	Accumulates in streets and streams; needs to be swept up

(figure 1)

Put Your Sidewalk and Driveway on a Low-Salt Diet (continued)

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Given that nitrogen is a problem for surface water resources, it doesn't make sense to use nitrogen-based products for de-icing.

7. Consider nearby vegetation. Look at the plants growing within five or ten feet of your driveway, sidewalk and road. Salt-sensitive plants are listed in the table below (figure 2). If you have salt-sensitive tree, shrub or grass close to these paved surfaces, you should avoid any de-icing product that contains chlorides (magnesium chloride, rock salt or calcium chloride), or use very small amounts. You may want to use CMA as a safer alternative, or use sand for traction.

Landscaping Areas	Species at Risk from Salting
Deciduous Trees	Tulip polar, Green ash, Hickory, Red maple, Sugar Maple
Conifers	Balsam fir, White pine, Hemlock, Norway Spruce
Shrubs	Dogwood, redbud, hawthorn, rose, spirea
Grasses	Kentucky bluegrass, Red fescue

(figure 2)

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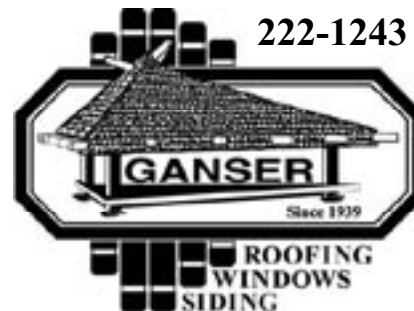


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Flags over University

—by Ronnie Hess

Red pedestrian flags are now up on the corner of University and Prospect Avenues. The flags, part of the Safe Community Coalition, are designed to make it easier for people to cross difficult intersections as well as to raise community awareness of pedestrian safety. Look for other flagged crossings around the neighborhood. The RNA is partnering with the Coalition, a local public/private partnership that sustains joint action by area agencies, businesses, and neighborhoods to reduce injuries and injury-related costs. For more information, <http://www.safecommunitycoalition.org/>

Green Space Committee Report

—by Patty Wood, Committee Chair

Thanks to all of the neighborhood gardeners who have beautified our neighborhood by caring for their yards, public gardens, ‘traffic calming gardens’ and participated in this past summers Regent Neighborhood Garden Tour.

In 2007, The Green Space Committee is expanding it focus by adding two important subcommittees. The Lakes Committee will be headed by Steve Arnold. It will concentrate on actions that we can follow to improve the water quality of our beautiful lakes. The second new committee will focus on policies, activities and beautification of the Southwest Bike Path which runs through our neighborhood. Peg Arnold will be organizing this group. Articles included in this newsletter provide details and an invitation to participate in both of these important new groups.

As always, the Green Space Committee has many new projects planned for 2007. We welcome any neighbors interested in joining our group. When the garden season commences in the spring, there will be many volunteer opportunities for you to get involved. Contact me at pwood@wisc.edu or phone 233-4680.



Lake Committee Update—by Steve Arnold

There are a multitude of attributes that make Madison a desirable place to live and work. The lakes contained within the city boundaries represent one of the foremost attributes but as nearly everyone understands the future quality of the lake experience for Madison citizens cannot be taken for granted.

Every drop of water that ends up in the street gutters lying within the Regent Neighborhood ends up in either Lake Wingra, Monona Bay or Lake Mendota. Water quality at three locations will be greatly improved if the water that enters the storm water system is free of pollutants and if more water can be directed away from the storm water system and into the water

table thus allowing springs that historically fed the lakes to be restored.

Scientists, research projects by area university and college students plus their professors, government officials plus agencies and organizations trying to support the lakes are all in agreement that properly directed resources and practices can greatly improve the quality of the lakes contained within the city boundaries of Madison. One of the resources that is critical in the pursuit to 'save the lakes' is an active and engaged citizenry.

The Regent Neighborhood Association Greenspace Committee is responding to the

water quality issue by creating a Lakes committee which will be a subcommittee of the Greenspace committee.

The Lakes committee will allow Regent Neighborhood residents not only with the opportunity to be better informed but to also become involved in activities, practices and educational experiences that will assist in improving water quality in our lakes. The Lakes subcommittee will conduct various workshops to assist residents in the installation of rainbarrels, raingardens and greenroofs.

Anyone interested in helping with this committee contact Steve Arnold at 233-1784 or siarnold@sbcglobal.net.



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Membership Committee & the Directory—by Karen Carlson

You should all have gotten your directory late in November. We had hoped to get it to you earlier, but it's a herculean effort involving much work, check and rechecking, and coordination among several of us. After it's printed and delivered to our distribution wallah, it's another big chunk of work to get it to area reps, then block captains, and then to you. Thanks go out to Ann Varda for data entry, Dave Drummond for computer expertise, Joy Drummond for paid advertisement, Susan Chwae of

Ginkgo Press for ad layout, and Tom Miskelly for distribution. Our new data base is working pretty well as we can now identify former members and send them an email reminder to rejoin. For those of you who join late, we'll get a directory to you by and by.

It's clear we are going to need some more help for the 2007-2008 directory. First good thing: we don't have meetings (well, maybe one). Second good thing: much of the work can be done on your own or with just one other person. Third good thing: tasks

tend to be discrete. Fourth good thing: there's a nice product at the end. Helping hands are needed for data entry, checking data with membership hard copy, designing the layout, checking the preprint version, and probably some more tasks I've forgotten.

In addition, it would be helpful for our distribution person to have backup if he's in a time crunch. So, please let me know if you can help (kcarlson2@wisc.edu, 233-7989).



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Crime Prevention & Safety Tips

Recent criminal activity in our neighborhood is a vivid reminder that we are all at risk of being victimized. However, we can all be responsible neighbors and minimize risks. We need help from the police, and the police need our help. Captain Jim Wheeler and others have stated that the police need citizens to be the eyes and ears for crime prevention. Timely and accurate reports by citizens provide valuable information for the police, in order to establish patterns and to allocate resources. Remember – Drive safely! Teach your children safe habits! Report criminal and suspicious activities! Be a watchful neighbor! (The following tips are an edited version of material obtained from the website: www.sandiego.gov/police/prevention/index, which was submitted by Lt. Jane Stoklasa, South District Office of the Madison Police Department.)

Home and Vehicle Safety

- Never let anyone into your home without proper identification.
- Never let strangers into your home to use the telephone.
- Always leave outside lights on after dark, or use motion lights.
- Keep all doors and windows locked.
- Lock gates, garages, and sheds.
- Lock your vehicles, bicycles, mopeds, etc.
- Never leave any contents or valuables in plain sight.

Personal Safety

- Try NOT to go out alone at night.
- Avoid unfamiliar areas.
- Use caution in parking lots, and don't walk in poorly lighted areas.
- Watch your surroundings and be alert for suspicious persons.
- If you suspect anyone in your house, do not go in. Call the police.

Emergency...911

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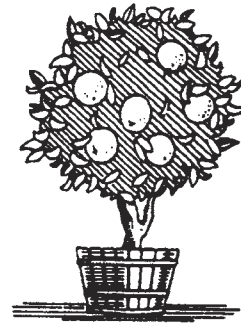
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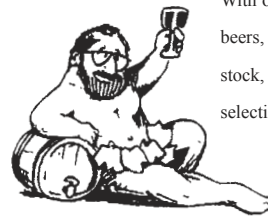


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Events Calendar

February 10 & 24

RNA Listening Sessions

February 20

Primary Election

March 10 & 24

RNA Listening Sessions

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