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2013 RNA Fall Membership Meeting at the Wisconsin Energy Institute

Wednesday, November 20, 6:30-8:30 PM

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A Note from the President —

At our September meeting, the Regent Neighborhood Association Board approved our University Avenue Corridor Plan. Several years in the making, the plan includes input from five open houses beginning as early as 2010 and some important modifications based on input at our July neighborhood meeting.

The plan, the Executive Summary and notes from the neighborhood meetings are available for review at the RNA web site: www.regentneighborhood.org.



RNA Board President Jon Miskowski

The Executive Summary reads, in part:

The Corridor is a vibrant mix of residential, university and business locations which offers residents and visitors a variety of locally-oriented services, retail, commercial and dining opportunities. These uses are in balance with the residential character of the neighborhood. ... For those areas where redevelopment is proposed, the plan gives developers, institutions, city staff, and residents a sense of the values and vision of the neighborhood. The goal is to ensure that these values and vision are used to guide the design and review of new projects.

We believe the plan reflects the prevailing views of the residents of the neighborhood as expressed in many hours of conversations and written comments.

This is not the end of the process. Our Alder, Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, will introduce the plan to the Common Council for consideration. It will be referred to various city boards and commissions for review. Each of these bodies will hold a public hearing on the plan and may recommend changes. Finally, the plan will return to the Common Council for discussion and approval. We strongly encourage Regent residents to stay attentive to the process and continue to express their opinions on the priorities for our neighborhood.

Thanks to the UAC Planning Committee for completing the plan and providing a vision for the future of the University Avenue Corridor. ■

RNA Board Meeting Schedule

- November 20, 2013 (see p.1)
- January 22, 2014
- December TBD, 2013
- February 26, 2014

The RNA Board meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 7–9 p.m. at the Best Western InnTowner at 2424 University Avenue. These meetings are open to the general public. Agenda items are solicited through the RNA listserv or can be emailed to RNA President Jon Miskowski at jonmiskowski@gmail.com.

Franklin School Playground

by Dan O'Callaghan

A recent donation from the Regent Neighborhood Association supported the purchase and installation of new playground equipment at a local public elementary school. Under the leadership and direction of Principal Britta Hanson and numerous community supporters and volunteers, the students at Franklin Elementary (305 W. Lakeside Street) have new, safe playground equipment to use during recess this school year.

The donation from the RNA was critical in bridging the gap in funding to allow the playground renovation at Franklin Elementary move forward this past summer. While the public school is located in the Bay Creek neighborhood, many Regent neighborhood children attend Franklin for grades 4K–2. Randall Elementary (1802 Regent Street), located within the Regent neighborhood, is paired with Franklin Elementary and serves public school children in grades 3–5.

The RNA also provided earlier support for renovating the unique city playground (Olivia Jones Park) that serves students at Randall Elementary. The RNA's decision to support both playground projects is strong evidence of neighborhood support for our public schools and reinforces the idea that, on one level or another, we are all stewards of the success of our young learners.

The new playground equipment at Franklin Elementary was installed during a community build event on Saturday, August 17th. Over 40 individual volunteers helped assemble and install the playground equipment. Food for volunteers was donated by Roman Candle Pizza. The Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD) complemented this community work by removing the old play equipment, adding a new concrete entrance to the school and adding a fresh layer of wood chips to the playground.

Since the start of the school year, the equipment has been thoroughly enjoyed by our students and community members. The 4K students are delighting in the additional play structure that was added and the older children are enjoying the new equipment that is designed to keep active kids engaged in play. The playground improvements encourage all our kids to get moving in safe and healthy ways.

This project would have been significantly delayed had the RNA not stepped in to join the Franklin Randall Parent Teacher Organization, Rayovac, UW Health and other local business partners in supporting the playground equipment purchase. Thank you RNA members for your continued support



Principal Britta Hanson and Franklin Elementary School children enjoying new playground equipment. The purchase of equipment was made possible, in part, by a donation from the RNA.

of strong neighborhoods and our local public schools. Hope to see you on the playground sometime soon! ■

Your RNA Membership At Work

The RNA's \$8,000 contribution to the Randall School playground is only the most recent demonstration of the power of your RNA membership contribution. The RNA was proud to make a similar contribution to the Randall School playground. Thank you for investing in our infrastructure for play!

To continue our ability to pull together for investments large and small, **send your \$10 annual membership gift to: RNA Membership, PO Box 5655, Madison, WI 53705.** You can download a membership form at www.regentneighborhood.org/Download2.html.

The next project may not be as much fun as a playground but will be important to the quality of life in our neighborhood. Thank you. ■

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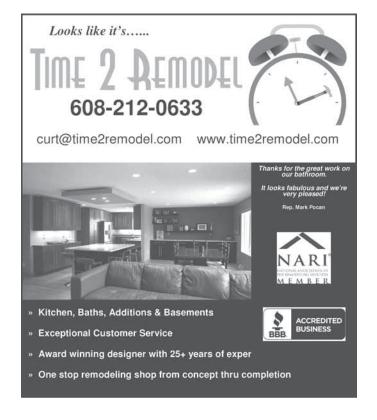


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The new building brings many of the Institute's 100 affiliated faculty members together in a facility designed to encourage collaboration. The state has approved Phase 2, which will add more laboratories that will be built with private funds.

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District 5 Alder Report

by Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, Alder

Dear Neighbors,

Hope you are enjoying this beautiful Fall. Here are a few of the neighborhood issues I have been working on over the past few months:

• Robberies in the Regent **Neighborhood:** There have been six robberies between early August and mid-October, three of which were armed. Most victims have been students. MPD South



Alder Shiva Bidar-Sielaff

District and UWPD are collaborating with a focus on community outreach & education, additional police presence and overtime, and detective work to arrest suspects. I have been in close contact with Captain Balles to make sure that we communicate informa-tion to neighbors in a timely manner. We have also contacted residents of the eastern portion of the neighborhood by mail and through the community policing team contact to raise awareness, answer questions/concerns, and provide safety tips. Unfortunately a spike in robberies is an annual trend right at the beginning of the UW academic year. We need to continue being very vigilant about suspicious activity and follow the theft prevention tips outlined in the MPD information link: www.cityofmadison.com/police/ documents/publications/

ResidentialBurglaryTheftfromAuto.pdf

- 2635 University Avenue (former Scooter-U site): The construction of the two-story doctor's office building approved by the Plan Commission this Spring is under way.
- The Kendall Avenue Bike Boulevard was extended to Bluff and Regent all the way to Midvale.
- Traffic Study: The final report of the near-west side traffic study should be available in December. It will help guide a more comprehensive approach on reducing commuter traffic impact in the neighborhood and improving walkability and bikeability. For updates in the study, please go to http://www. cityofmadison.com/trafficengineering/ nearwesttransportationstudy.cfm
- **Budget:** We will be debating and adopting the budget November 5 through 7. The proposed executive capital and operating budgets are

available at http://www.cityofmadison.com/comp/ budgetindex.htm. I am planning to introduce an amendment to add resources for crosswalk paintings to the Traffic Engineering Department so we can continue meeting the demand for repainting crosswalks and/or adding crosswalks in the neighborhood. In addition, I will be introducing an amendment to have a citywide pedestrian safety education campaign using the ad spaces on Metro buses.

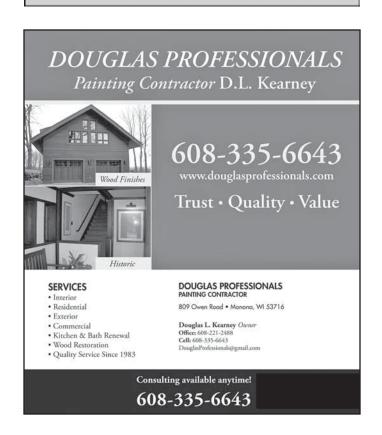
As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any comments, questions, and/or concerns. I can be reached at district5@cityofmadison.com or (608) 220-6986.



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from Madison Gas and Electric

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- Windows, insulation, air sealing and duct sealing homes.
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- Fuel cells and microturbines.
- Hybrid gasoline-electric, diesel, battery-electric, alternative fuel and fuel cell vehicles.

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IRS rules require manufacturers to certify that specific measures are eligible. Homeowners should obtain a copy of this certification from the manufacturer, installer, or retailer when buying these products. Certifications need not be submitted to the IRS, but should be kept on file in case the IRS has questions. Homeowners should also make notes on when each eligible measure is installed—measures "placed in service" in 2013 are eligible. (Renewable energy system credits are good through 2016.)

For more information and forms, visit:

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Internal Revenue Service — irs.gov

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District 10 Dane County Board Report

by Jeremy Levin, DCB Supervisor

I hope this edition of the RNA newsletter finds you well. The Fall is when the County starts its annual budgeting process, and this year looks to be as tough as the last few. The State's imposed levy limit, which allows a levy increase equal to the greater of zero percent or the increase in equalized value due to net new construction, constrains the cost to continue for many departmental



Supervisor Jeremy Levin

programs. Dane County focuses primarily on the proposed human services budget — human services account for nearly 50% of Dane County's over \$500 million budget — and the Health and Human Needs (HHN) committee, on which I continue as Vice-chair, will hold several meetings throughout October to craft the budget.

In other news, faced with legal restrictions to collective bargaining with its employees, the Dane County Board approved legislation that preserves the county's long tradition of partnering with its workforce. The two pieces of legislation maintained open and fair communication between the county and its employees through a comprehensive amendment to the Civil Service ordinance, and a resolution that approved the county's first Employee Benefit Handbook.

Collective bargaining is prohibited under Act 10. The Civil Service ordinance amendment eliminates outdated provisions and creates an efficient process to review, discuss, and approve terms and conditions of employment to the extent allowed by the state law.

Dane County's Employee Benefit Handbook is intended to replace the terms and conditions of

employment that are currently contained in the county's collective bargaining agreements to the extent allowed by Act 10.

Finally, a new BioCNG filling station located at the county's Rodefeld Landfill is turning even more trash into gas. The station is an important component of the County Executive's "CNG by 2023" effort to expand the county's use of the cheaper, cleaner, homegrown fuel over the next 10 years.

The new filling station more than doubles the CNG generation of the county's existing, from 100 gallons of gasoline equivalent (GGE) per day up to a capacity of 250 GGE per day. The new station will also increase fuel storage more than six-fold. The BioCNG generated at the landfill costs the county the gasoline equivalent of \$1.25 a gallon to fill up its fleet. The landfill's BioCNG vehicle fueling station operates in conjunction with an existing system the county created to convert landfill gas into electricity. Those electricity sales earn taxpayers over \$4.3 million annually.

As always, please feel free to contact me at levin. jeremy@co.dane.wi.us or call me at 608.577.9335 with specific questions and concerns. ■

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Greetings from Randall School!

by John Wallace, Randall School Principal

It is said that imitation is the highest form of flattery. For this reason, I find a certain comfort in the somewhat unsightly scarecrow who reigns over our school garden. A band of our students assembled the character recently as part of our outdoor classroom renewal project. The silly sentry features the attire that has become my standard fare.

One fall, I erected a similar pseudo specter in our front yard. Returning home after a late night meeting, I walked from the garage to check the mailbox and screamed as I confronted a tall, raised-armed assailant. I was as embarrassed as relieved when I recognized the stuffed statue to be my own creation. The incident brought me back to an event from my early adulthood.

I was raised in an old Deep South home. My father was born in the front bedroom that my stoic grandfather, who lived with us, later claimed as his chambers. Upon my grandfather's passing, the room somehow held more of a haunting than nostalgic nature. None of us grandchildren felt completely at ease inhabiting the room alone.

One night while visiting my parents, I was asked to retrieve an item from the bathroom annexed to the questionable quarters. The venture required me to first travel the long, high-ceilinged hallway that led passed the dining and living rooms. Ashamed of my apprehension, I chose to champion the quest by completing the route in total darkness. My trembling hands turned the noble knobs of the stately doors that secured the parlor from the proposed passage. I eased forward, stepping on my shadow until it was swallowed by a sea of black. My heartbeat tripled the pace of my feet. Moving now by touch, I pushed open the portal to my grandfather's former dwelling. Meters seemed like miles as I approached my final destination. My mission seemingly accomplished, I grappled for the bathroom wall switch. At first flash, I was stricken by the face-to-face visage of a man, bent forward in attack position. I belted out a howl of fear, countered by the assailant's shriek back at me. I cried out again in terror, as did my foe. I then realized I was looking at myself in a door-length mirror. I had literally nearly scared myself to death!

The fear factor is one of those tools that educators of yore employed to establish the compliance of their pupils. We know now that fear closes the minds of



Principal John Wallace promotes an open-armed approach with his Randall students.

our children to learning. We realize the need for structure, akin to "strict," but "mean" and "monstrous" have no place in education. As principal, I foster the notion in our children that our approach is that of the tomato cages in our garden. We provide the safeguards to protect them from wayward ways while providing all the elements they need to grow strong and to yield amazing fruit. Their behaviors determine the diameter of the concentric circles we place around them. Our goal, however, is to remove the restrictions altogether as the youngsters become independent, responsible and respectful learners.

Old school ways can sometimes lead observers to deem students embracing their teachers and principals as close friends to be a decline in propriety and social decorum. We as the caregivers of the Raccoons know better. We have learned that the way to our students' minds is through their hearts and spirits. As long as the birds are perched on the scarecrow, they are not eating the corn.

Go Raccoons! ■



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Thank You Area Reps and Block Captains

by Rollie Cox, Newsletter Distribution Manager

As you have already noticed, this issue of the RNA newsletter arrived in your mailbox via the USPS. The RNA board approved a one-year pilot to distribute the newsletter by mail. In the past, block captains (over 70 dedicated individuals) in the RNA neighborhood delivered the newsletter to your front door.

RNA has been extremely fortunate to have had this committed group of neighbors bring you important news via the newsletter. Please thank your block

captain next time you see them. RNA will retain the Area Rep and Block Captain structure as it is mandated in the RNA bylaws. Therefore, the RNA president and board are exploring with the block captains new ways for them to participate in the RNA.

Personally, I want to thank the RNA Area Reps and Block Captains I worked with as the newsletter distribution manager. It's been my great pleasure.







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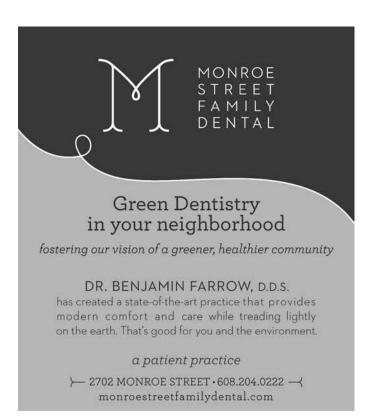
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Welcome, Chancellor Blank

The RNA welcomes UW–Madison Chancellor Rebecca Blank to the neighborhood with this look at the history of her new home.

The Olin House has functioned as the official residence of the chancellor of the University of Wisconsin since 1925. It was designed fifteen years earlier as a private residence for John Olin, a prominent Madison attorney and member of the university law faculty.

In addition to having been engaged in a busy professional life practicing and teaching law, Olin's principal avocation was the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association (MPPDA). Olin founded the organization in 1894 and served as its president until 1909. In this role he promoted park development in Madison; by 1909 the MPPDA had acquired approximately 265 acres of park land (much of it waterfront property), and the city had established a park commission. Olin's wife, Helen Remington Olin also was dedicated to social concerns and was well known for her work with the Wisconsin Woman's Suffrage Association and for her advocacy of a meaningful co-education curriculum at the University of Wisconsin.

John and Helen Olin selected Ferry & Clas of Milwaukee to design the house; at nearly the same time as securing the commission for Olin's residence, Ferry & Clas were at work designing the Brittingham Boathouse in what had been a blighted waterfront area in Madison. Olin had the experience of working with the architects on the boathouse project as the president of the MPPDA.

The Olin House has been recognized as a contributing element within the University Heights Historic District, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982. The University Heights district is an important resource for representing early suburban development in Madison, for the prominent individuals that chose to build there and for the fact that the district contains a residence designed by Louis Sullivan and another by Frank Lloyd Wright, located within blocks of one another. The Olin House is extremely well-built, well-designed and prominent within this important Madison neighborhood. Its site, which is many times the size of most neighboring lots, further distinguishes the Olin House. For its development, Olin secured the services of the nation's most pre-eminent landscape architects to design a park-like setting for the residence.

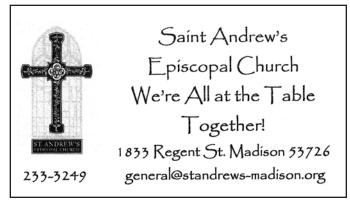
English Tudor Revival references from the exterior are reintroduced in the scale, finish and detailing of the first floor living room, which the Olins furnished with

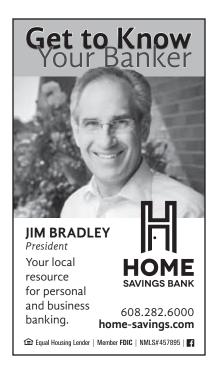


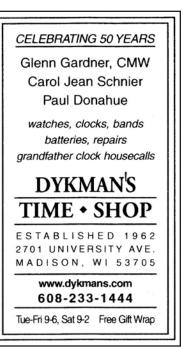
Olin House, University Heights Photo: Madison Trust for Historic Preservation

some Arts and Crafts pieces. The large living room is thirty-two by seventeen feet, exclusive of its two alcoves; the ceilings are at thirteen feet and the walls are wainscoted with quarter sawn white oak to a height of 81/2 feet. The oak woodwork was stained a dark shade, making it similar in color to the walnut trim in the dining room. The floor is constructed of eight-inch quarter sawn white oak veneer, approximately an 1/8th inch thick, edged with thin strips of black walnut. Screws used to secure the boards were counter sunk and a small piece of wood used to conceal the screw. The oak boards were fastened together with glue to prevent shrinking. Boards that are broader than those used for flooring elsewhere in the residence were purposefully selected to be in "keeping with the size or dimensions of the room." The space was illuminated with a large and ornate chandelier that was centrally placed and sconces were situated on walls throughout the space, including on either side of the fireplace.

Article from Cornerstone Preservation Research & Planning, www.cornerstonepreservation.blogspot.com











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The Affordable Care Act Health Care Exchange in Wisconsin

by State Representative Terese Berceau

There has been a tremendous amount of information (and misinformation) about the provisions and implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). For example, significant percentages of people think Congress repealed the ACA or that it was ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. Of course, neither one is true.



Rep. Terese Berceau

A number of ACA provisions are already in effect, including:

- no lifetime limits on coverage.
- dependent children up to the age of 26 can remain on their parents' health insurance.
- preventative services are covered with no co-pays or deductibles.
- children with pre-existing conditions cannot be denied coverage.
- insurers can spend no more than 15% or 20% (depending on size) of premium payments on overhead and administration. Consumers already received over \$3.4 billion in rebates from companies that were overcharging their customers.

Several provisions will go into effect on in the next few months, including:

- guaranteed issue insurance companies cannot deny coverage except in cases of fraud.
- no one with a pre-existing condition can be denied coverage.
- the state's HIRSP (health insurance risk sharing pool) program ends.
- insurance companies can consider only whether someone has individual or family coverage, area of residence, age, and tobacco use when determining premiums.
- limits access to many catastrophic plans to people under the age of 30.

The private health insurance marketplace, or exchange, begins this fall. Consumers can check insurance eligibility and determine whether they qualify for subsidies or tax credits to help pay insurance premiums. Policies will be offered for individuals and small groups. You are not eligible to buy insurance on the exchange if you have affordable coverage from your employer or if you qualify for Medicare or Medicaid.

Right now, the best resource for information about the marketplace is: www.healthcare.gov

Or call toll-free: (800) 318-2596.

Open enrollment in the marketplace began October 1, 2013. You must enroll by December 15, 2013 and make your first premium payment, for your new health coverage to start on January 1, 2014.

Starting in late September, the state Department of Health Services notified people who will be impacted by changes to BadgerCare due to Governor Walker's refusal to accept billions of federal dollars to expand eligibility. About 87,000 parents/caretakers and 5,000 childless adults will lose their BadgerCare coverage and need to transition to the private marketplace. Wisconsin is removing more low-income individuals from Medicaid than any other state — more than twice as many as the second-place state.

Thirteen insurance companies will offer plans for individuals in Wisconsin's marketplace. Nine companies have plans for small businesses with fewer than 50 employees. A list of these insurers can be found here: http://oci.wi.gov/pressrel/0813qhp.htm

Each plan in the marketplace must offer a package of essential health benefits, which is described here: https://www.healthcare.gov/what-does-marketplace-health-insurance-cover/

Please share this with any family members, friends or neighbors who could benefit from this information. And if you have any questions, please call my office at 266-3784 and we'll be happy to help! ■



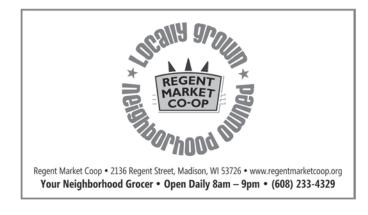












University Avenue Discovery Center

by Elizabeth Gach, Program Manager, UADC

University Avenue Discovery Center (UADC) has been supporting children (age 2 years 9 months through 9 years) and their families since 1967. While they rent their programming space from the First Congressional Church they have no affiliation with the church nor are they a part of the Wisconsin Institute for Discovery. Over many years, the childcare center has grown with the times but continues to hold true to its late 1960's roots of equality, solidarity, social justice, and exploration of the arts. With low teacher-to-child ratios (1:6 for Three-Four Year Olds, 1:7.5 for Four-Five Year Olds), emphasis is placed on individualized learning strategies based on each child's unique abilities. Their Four-Year-Old Kindergarten program, which is licensed through the Madison Metropolitan School District, has a refined curriculum that builds each child's academic foundation with play-based learning, experimentation, community involvement and group discussion.

The Nationally Accredited Center is committed to forming a community atmosphere within each classroom and within the school as a whole. In addition, exploring their larger community of campus, downtown area and local parks is an integral part of the learning experience at UADC. The school often invites community members to participate in events such as Open Houses, Bake Sales, Parent's Night Out, Parenting Classes-Networking Nights, Bike/Safety Rallies etc. throughout the year. The idea is that everyone benefits from the interwoven relationships and support system that come with community.

The school is committed to exposing children to the Arts through formal classes in Dance, Yoga, Music, Art Appreciation, and Spanish Language. Seasonally, the whole school takes part in putting together a

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performance featuring newly-learned music and dance skills that are as inspiring for the parents as they are enriching for the students. Also, once a year students put their art projects on display for a very fancy night of appreciation and family involvement.

Recently, UADC took ownership of a Community Garden Plot at Eagle Heights to support their Go Local/Organic Initiative. (The school provides breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack daily at no additional cost.) Children take part in growing, maintaining, and harvesting from the community garden, in addition to reaping the nutritional benefits of hot meals served with this produce. Children seem to really enjoy the diversified menu as much as the teachers and parents do.

With the arrival of a new Director in April the school continues to move forward in a progressive way through innovative teacher educational opportunities and parent support arenas, while still holding strong to the rich history and solid foundation.

University Avenue Discovery Center offers full and half day care throughout the week operating from 7:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in learning more about their unique programming contact Paula Drew at director@uadc.org, or call (608) 233-5371. ■



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RNA Board Seeks Committee Chairs

The Regent Neighborhood Association is looking for volunteers to chair two of its committees:

• Streets and Transportation

This committee advocates for safe streets for residents as we walk, bike, and drive through our neighborhood. It works with city officials and staff on developing equitable and appropriate solutions. It provides leadership and education on neighborhood traffic and parking issues.

Sustainability

This committee serves as a resource for promoting sustainable, green practices by the neighborhood as a whole, individual residences, and neighborhood businesses. Its goal is to increase the reuse and recycling of materials, the reduction of carbon emissions, and to encourage other green practices.

The committee also provides guidance on the use, maintenance, improvement, and creation of parks, playgrounds, greenspaces, and historic open spaces in the neighborhood. It works cooperatively with government agencies and others for the betterment of the neighborhood and the city.

The RNA Board meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Best Western InnTowner from 7–9 pm.

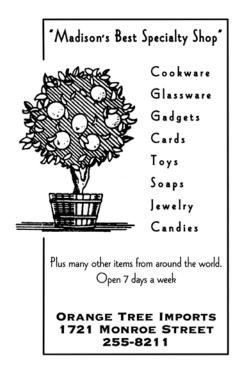
Email your interest to RNA President Jon Miskowski at jonmiskowski@gmail.com. ■

About the Regent Neighborhood Association

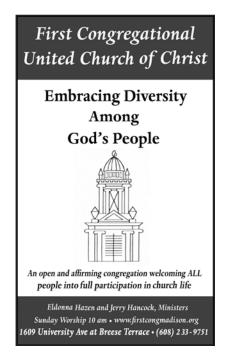
The purpose of the Regent Neighborhood Association (RNA) is to articulate common interests in the neighborhood, work for neighborhood improvement, and maintain strong communications with and between residents. The RNA seeks to be a broad-based, inclusive, and credible organization engaging as many neighborhood residents as possible in efforts to improve the neighborhood.

Specifically, we strive to:

- maintain the family and residential character of the neighborhood while welcoming small businesses;
- improve the quality of schools, green spaces, transportation, and other features of the neighborhood;
- encourage good relations between homeowners, landlords, renters, and business owners; and
- promote citizen involvement in neighborhood and city affairs.









RNA Newsletter Ad Rates 2013 – 2014

The RNA publishes 4 newsletters between June 1, 2013 – May 31, 2014. The newsletters are mailed to approximately 1,700 homes and businesses in the Regent neighborhood.

Ads are black-and-white and are available in 5 sizes:

Small: 1 business card-size, 3.5" x 2"

Large: 7" x 2" or 3.5" x 4"

Half-page: 5" x 7.5" **Full-page:** 7.5" x 10"

Two-Page ad or newsletter insert: 8.5" x 11"

Advertise in all 4 issues and receive a 10% discount on the package.

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Two-page \$750	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	4 for \$2700

Deadlines: Fall Newsletter—**September 30, 2013**

Winter Newsletter—January 6, 2014 Spring Newsletter—March 31, 2014 Summer Newsletter—May 31, 2014

Distributions: Fall Newsletter—early November

Winter Newsletter—early February

Spring Newsletter—early May

Summer Newsletter—mid-June for July 4th

For ad specs or questions, contact Mary Sarnowski at sarnowski@mac.com or 238-1224.



Regent Neighborhood Association P.O. Box 5655 Madison, WI 53705

Announcements—

Spaghetti Dinner at First Baptist Church

Free Spaghetti Dinner at First Baptist Church, 518 N. Franklin Avenue, the first Monday of every month from 6 to 7pm. All are welcome!

Come join with your neighbors for good food, good conversation, and crafts for the kids! Hope to see you there!

Jason Mack
Minister of Community, First Baptist Madison
608.233.1880 x3
Jason@firstbaptistmadison.org ■

Regent Fall Resale

The West High School PTSO will hold its fall resale on Saturday, November 23 from 8:00 am − 1:00 pm in the West High School Cafeteria. This popular resale will include gently used items contributed by the entire West High community. Items will include clothing, household items, sports equipment, furniture, games and more. West High School is located at 30 Ash Street. Please enter the resale by following the signs on Regent and Van Hise Street. All proceeds will directly benefit West High teachers, students, and school. ■

Regent Market Co-op Board

A number of RMC Board members' terms are up at the end of this year so we are looking for new board members to take their places. We are looking for community-minded individuals with a desire to help our little store continue to prosper and provide convenient local food at a reasonable price. We are

especially looking for those that have retail business experience. If you are interested please contact me at jfyockey@tds.net. Thank you for your continued support.

Raking for Rockets

Looking for a way to clear your lawn of leaves this fall without breaking a sweat? Wanting to help support West's award-winning rocket club, but don't know how? We've got the perfect solution. Contact us to secure the rakes of a few hard working rocket club members who offer their detail-oriented raking experience and manual labor for your donations. Your generous contributions allow us to purchase supplies and fund travel to construct and launch their designs.

Scheduling Contact Information

Online form: http://raking.westrocketry.com

Email: raking@westrocketry.com

Contact: Pavel Pinkas (Mentor) (608) 957-2595 ■

Got Leaves?

Put away your rake and pick up the phone! The Madison West Regent Baseball team can help you... and you can help us! Our crew will rake your leaves for \$70 and up, per job.

Work days available:

• November 2

• November 9

• November 3

• November 10

Schedule your time today! Call 608-271-5066 or email mocates@sbcglobal.net (put Leaf Raking in the subject line). ■

Join the RNA Listserv — groups.google.com/group/regentneighborhoodassn

This newsletter is a quarterly publication of the Regent Neighborhood Association with a circulation of 1,700. The deadline for the winter edition is January 6, 2014. We welcome articles of general interest to the neighborhood, discussions of local issues, personal interest stories, etc. Please address items or inquiries, or for current ad rates, to Mary Sarnowski, 238-1224, sarnowski@mac.com. Letters to the editor do not necessarily reflect the views of the Regent Neighborhood Association.