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for the
**2015 RNA Fall
Membership Meeting**



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A Pollinator Garden—and Your RNA Membership at Work

by Jeannette and David LeZaks

We clearly remember when we first saw our soon-to-be home. It was February 2013 and even under a foot of icy snow, we could imagine what the area adjacent to our house and the SW bike path could look like when the ground thawed. Our green thumbs started itching.

The open space next to our house is the triangle where Commonwealth Avenue and the Southwest bike path meet, and although the WisDOT technically owns the land, they leave it up to the City and the neighbors to maintain. We loved the idea of “activating” that open space and making it into something with more value to the neighborhood. Shortly after we moved in, and after the snow melted, we started talking with neighbors and realized that everyone supported transforming the space transformed with native plants.

To help this idea come to fruition, we applied for a Madison Neighborhood grant and secured funding to purchase perennial plants to fill the approximately 1500-square feet of land. In May of 2015, more than a dozen neighbors planted the 1,500 plants that are now blooming and beautifying the bike path. In addition, neighbors pitched in by providing plants that they had cultivated. It was truly a neighborhood effort. This summer, the nearly 50 species of native

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A Note from the President —

Fall has arrived and it's one of my favorite seasons. It's a wonderful time to be outdoors enjoying the many amazing resources our area has to offer: the lakes, farmers markets, bike paths, the Arboretum and the list goes on.

And speaking of bike paths and nature, I'd like to again thank David and Jeannette LeZaks for spearheading the grassroots effort to convert an underutilized patch of grass along the Southwest bike path at Commonwealth Avenue into a beautiful butterfly garden, complete with natural stone seating area. If you haven't been by, I urge you to check it out. And if you happen to see David or Jeannette, be sure to say thanks. They've created a tremendous neighborhood asset that will endure for decades.

If you're interested in learning about more good things happening in the neighborhood, please join us for the RNA's Annual Fall Membership Meeting on Wednesday, November 18th. The meeting will feature a presentation from the Regent Market Co-op on their renovation/expansion plans and an update from 1000 Friends of Wisconsin on the public art installation plan for the neighborhood's Walnut Street and Highland Avenue underpasses. I hope to see you there.



RNA Board President
Dan O'Callaghan

RNA Board Meeting Schedule

- **November 18, 2015**
- **January 27, 2016**
- **February 24, 2016**
- **March 23, 2016**

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 Dan O'Callaghan at danocallaghan@gmail.com.



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Pollinator Garden *(continued from page 1)*

plants have made a showy display. The plants provide habitat for pollinators, decrease stormwater run-off, increase groundwater recharge, and help to capture carbon dioxide. In addition, studies have shown that greenspaces like this are beneficial for human health too!

The native plantings are accompanied by a natural stone seating area that has become a stopping point and meeting place for users of the bike path. A bench or seating area was required per the terms of the Neighborhood Grant. We had considered installing a standard park bench, but after being introduced to Peter Nause of Second Nature Landscapes, it was obvious that a more “organic” seating area would complement the native plantings. With the help and donations of various companies and a lot of neighbors, Peter made the seating area come to life without breaking our budget. There is a Little Free Library right across the path from the seating area so people easily relax with a book.

We have loved seeing the space transformed from an underutilized green space to an area that is being used by everyone—humans, insects, and animals. Each day provides something different to observe and enjoy. We hope that the neighborhood comes to visit and enjoy as well.



The Pollinator Garden was funded in part by a grant from the RNA. Your memberships allow us to make financial contributions to worthy neighborhood projects. Learn more about the grant criteria at regentneighborhood.org. Thank you for your RNA membership.

Thank you to these providers of funding, materials, labor, and in-kind services:

- City of Madison Neighborhood Grant Program
- Regent Neighborhood Association
- Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association
- Plant Dane!
- Second Nature Landscapes
- The Wood Cycle
- Madison Block and Stone
- Winterland Nursery
- Wille Enterprises
- Mandt Sandfill

And many thanks to the neighbors who have donated money, helped plant, weed, and mulch! ■

Welcome To Our New Board Member!

The RNA Board of Directors welcomes new board member Megan Heneke. Megan moved to the Regent neighborhood in March, and she and her fiancé have a house on Rowley. Megan works on the RNA newsletter as editor. If you see her in the neighborhood, please thank her for her service and share your ideas of how the RNA and the newsletter can serve our neighborhood.



Megan Heneke

Megan is an Associate Director of Career and Professional Development at the University of Wisconsin Law School. She received her undergraduate degree in political science from the University of Iowa. Megan graduated from the University of Iowa College of Law in 2009 and clerked in Federal District Court in Cedar Rapids, Iowa for two years. She was an assistant public defender in Cedar Rapids until July 2014. ■

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This Neighborhood Business—Blue Iris Landscaping

A conversation with Taylor Elkins, owner and Regent neighbor

A Regent Neighborhood business, Blue Iris Landscaping, suffered a devastating loss of much of its equipment in a fire at its Fitchburg storage location in July. Owner Taylor Elkins took some time to chat about the business, the fire, and his efforts to keep things moving:

Tell us a little bit about your background.

I studied landscape architecture at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, but eventually switched to the fine arts program and went on to get a MFA from the San Francisco Art Institute. I have shown art work all across the country and won several awards. While going to art school, I continued to work in landscaping. I have loved plants and gardening and the fine arts since I was a kid, so landscaping was a logical way to combine the two.

I started the business in 1995 after working for several landscape businesses both in Madison and in the San Francisco Bay area. In the Bay Area, I worked for a high-end landscape company on both small exquisite back yards and larger estates.

What services does Blue Iris offer?

The list of things we do ranges from small projects like yard clean ups, tree and bush planting, perennial gardens, and rain gardens to larger things like total yard makeovers with retaining walls, patios, rock gardens, and Japanese-influenced gardens.

I concentrate on making unique designs for residential homes that fit the desires of each homeowner. I use my artistic background to combine the textures, forms, and colors of native and non-native plants in ways that are intriguing year round. Since plants, stones, and bricks are my tools, I have built up a large repertoire of trees and bushes (around 400) and perennials (585) of which I know the growing requirements, habits, forms, colors, and bloom times.

With respect to the stone & brick work, I have sent myself and various crew members to extensive training sessions put on by the ICPI (the brick-laying certifying organization for the United States and Canada) and NCMA which is the retaining wall national standard-setting agency. I am a nationally certified installer of retaining walls, brick patios, driveways, and paths.

Have you completed projects since the fire?

Since the fire we have continued to install landscapes, but certain phases take longer since we no longer have our three dump trucks to haul large quantities of material. We only took two days off to recover from the shock and then we went right back to work.

How has the community helped your business since the fire?

Living in and interacting in the local communities has always been important to me, but since the fire, I have realized how important those communities are. Neighbors, friends, and clients have all been chipping in to the fundraising sites to help us recoup some of the \$150,000 we lost. It has been a huge boost to me and my crews' morale to see the outpouring of support from friends and clients. People also donated tools to help us keep going.

How can people continue to help?

There are a couple of ways people can help with the recovery effort—by sending a check to the Blue Iris Fire Fund at P.O. Box 5492, Madison, WI 53705, or by going to the Gofundme site and donating to gofundme.com/qxb8asv7. These donations are extremely helpful to get us back on our feet. And if anyone knows someone selling a landscaper's dump truck we would be interested in talking with them. ■



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Regent Neighborhood Streets and Transportation

by Charlie Peters

A group of neighbors has begun meeting to discuss issues related to pedestrian and bicycle safety. These discussions have resulted in the recognition that a policy-based Regent neighborhood transportation plan is needed. The plan will recognize the unique transportation burden our neighborhood faces due to its proximity to two of the largest employers in the City of Madison and work to engage those employees and employers and Regent neighbors in the development of a long-term solution. We also plan to engage our civic leaders and city staff to help us reframe transportation infrastructure issues as quality-of-life issues.

We have a four-step plan to meet these objectives:

- 1) Letters have been sent to the Central District Police Captain and to the City Traffic Engineer, inviting them to meet with our group to provide their advice. We hope to hold those meetings in October.
- 2) We will draft a civic engagement and neighborhood outreach plan during the next couple months.
- 3) We will review progressive transportation plans from cities throughout the world and put together a detailed transportation plan outline that provides

our policy vision as well as an understanding of the impacts of various possible solutions. We hope to complete this by Spring.

- 4) Engage relevant constituencies in discussions about the plan—perhaps late Spring next year.

If you have interest in being a part of our team as we work on these objectives please don't hesitate to call or email me: 235-2009 or capeters53@gmail.com



In other RNA transportation news:

- Last Spring, the City developed and installed signage on Farley, Highland, and Grand in an attempt to slow drivers near the Kendall Avenue Bike Boulevard and pedestrian crossings;
- The City has reviewed all signage and crosswalks around Randall School and have made changes to comply with the most recent standards;
- The West High bike parking infrastructure discussions with the Madison school district, SARIS cycling group, and the City of Madison, which began early this summer, are in hiatus. ■

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RNA Neighbors “Go Solar”

by Jim Yockey

If you are walking down the north end of Breese Terrace on a sunny day, your eye will likely be drawn to an orange-blue translucence sitting on the flat roof of a mid-century modern cedar shake house. The structure is arresting both because of the spectrum of light that it emits as well as the wave-like metal framing that holds it. What is it?

It's my way of capturing sunlight to reduce my energy bills and reduce my carbon footprint. Technically, it is a TenK® Wave solar array optimized for flat roofs, manufactured in Minnesota and installed by my friends at Full Spectrum Solar. Lots of neighbors have asked what this is and why it looks different than other solar panels around town so I said I would explain a little bit about it in the RNA newsletter.

These solar panels have an opposite facing piece of glass that is coated with a special film engineered at 3M. It reflects all the energy producing wavelengths without the infrared (heat) producing wavelengths. Heat degrades solar panels. This system increases the amount of sunlight hitting the panel by reflection of the sun's rays that would otherwise miss the photovoltaic panel. The result is electricity production very close to what one would achieve if the panels were on trackers that followed the sun. But these panels are fixed and so there is



A roof-top view of the solar array at 1602 Summit Avenue

no risk of moving parts breaking down. To put it in perspective, a typical south facing array in Wisconsin will produce about 1,200 kWh per kW per year. My array is producing about 1,440 kWh per kW per year.

It's fun to geek out on the technical details of the solar panels and micro-inverters, but the real fun part is watching your energy bills drop to a third of their previous amount and even go negative.

Over the last 6 months I've saved \$400 dollars on my MGE electric bill. I also received a large (30%) reduction on my taxable income for investing in clean energy. (Full disclosure I develop wind and solar for communities throughout North America so I am not a neutral observer). Still I think others in RNA would benefit from going solar. Soon we will be installing a larger array on the Regent Market Co-op roof as well as a solar awning that our fellow neighbors made possible in our recent bond drive for the RMC expansion.

Solar costs continue to drop and climate change continues to accelerate. From my perspective I think it makes a lot of sense to investigate solar for your home.

Sunny regards,

Jim Yockey

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Alder Report — District 5

by Alder Shiva Bidar-Sielaff

Here is a summary of some key neighborhood issues:

- **Stevens St. Park:** the park renovation was completed at the end of September. It looks absolutely beautiful and I hope you all take the time to enjoy it.

- As I write this article we are at the height of the **City budget** season. The City Council's final deliberations on vote on the 2015 budget is scheduled for November 10 (and November 11 if need be!). An item that directly impacts our neighborhood is the Midtown Police Station. In 2014, the City purchased the former site of the Mount Olive Church at 4018 Mineral Point Rd. to build the new police station that will serve the near west side neighborhoods. I along with 8 other alders have made a budget amendment to plan for construction in 2016 and opening of the station in January 2017.

- **Landmarks Ordinance:** The Ad Hoc Landmarks Ordinance Review Committee made up of 5 alders (including me) worked for over 1.5 years to rewrite the non-historic district specific sections of the City's Landmarks Ordinance. I am proud to say that we ended up with an newly-written ordinance that through much clearer language and some stricter parameters allows continued support of our historic resources. Here is the new ordinance: madison.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=3859385&GUID=B5D5559DE-48A7-4FB8-B911-1F1FA54928C1

The Historic District specific sections will be revised in the next 1-2 years and the process will have a significant neighborhood engagement component.

- **Traffic Safety:** I am continuing to work with the RNA Committee and city staff in looking at ways to improve pedestrian and bike safety in our neighborhood.

- **UW Campus Master Plan:** The UW-Madison campus planning staff will be holding a "2015 Campus Master Plan Update: Initial Alternatives" presentation at 7:00 PM on Monday, November 16, 2015. The meeting will be held at Union South (check for room location in the "Today in the Union" schedule). The presentation will be approximately 45 minutes with questions and comments to follow. This presentation will be similar to the master



Alder Shiva Bidar-Sielaff

plan Public Open House #3 that will take place on October 27, 2015. This joint neighborhood meeting will be more focused on impacts to the west campus neighborhoods. The UW-Madison campus planning staff team will be conducting this presentation and have invited members of the City of Madison Planning Department to participate. The most current presentations and newsletters can be located on the official Campus Master Plan Update website: masterplan.wisc.edu/documents/OH-Gordon.pdf. You can sign-up for the mailing list by sending an e-mail request to: masterplan@fpm.wisc.edu

Thank you for your continued involvement in neighborhood and city issues. 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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Greetings from Randall!

Okay, Regents, it's pop quiz time. Find the error in this sentence that folks make alot. How 'bout that. You got it! A lot should be scribed as two words, not one.

As a classroom teacher, I honed this point home by having my scholars think about an open plot on the planet that they really liked a lot. I prodded them to ponder this space as a vacant lot the next time they questioned if they should fashion one or two words. Of course, some of my students thought that my explanation noted not so much the open space between two words as the empty space between my ears.

I have an open space in Madison that I really like a lot. Robin Park resides, and somewhat hides, just behind Mineral Point Road. We first met during one of my childhood visits from Louisiana. The grounds were actually the extended expanse of my cousins' backyard. Our band of boisterous boys clandestinely crossed the ravine to enter the somewhat forbidden territory, prepared to take on any and all foes our fabrications could unleash. The fact that I am privileged to posit this report supports that we prevailed.

Not so many years ago, I traveled to Madison as a candidate for the principalship at Randall. After my morning interview, I was told I would receive a call back mid-afternoon if I was selected for the second round of consideration. I rambled around town, pondering the place where I wanted to receive that fateful call. Ah, but of course—Robin Park.

I hadn't visited the verdant vastness in many decades, but we recognized each other with my first trod on her sod, a dropped coin in a juke box that triggered the wheels and reels of my memory. The empty space was soon occupied by hovering holograms reenacting colossal campaigns. As I beheld the spirits, recognizing myself in the mix, I heard a compelling call to return to that adventuresome life. I then heard a different call—on my cell phone.

I still visit my old friend Robin Park from time-to-time. She, of course, has other friends now. I do, as well, chief among them Robin's not-so-distant cousin Olive Jones Park. Along with many of you, I had a helping hand in her makeover not long ago. Olive is indeed



Principal John Wallace and Olive Jones (somewhat invisible) share the view from the Randall attic.

looking good and thankfully rarely vacant. When she seemingly is, I behold another cast of characters not known to Robin. I view the fading visages of Randall alumni who have moved on to other schools during my brief term, yet who will always be with me, and with Olive. Like my cousins and siblings at Robin Park, these Raccoons are invisible to the common eye on our playground.

Olive and I most often survey these revelers from the Randall attic windows during our frequent upper level rendezvous. Olive claims that she imbibes so many more recollections from that vantage point than I ever could imagine. I concede her that notion.

There's really no such thing as a vacant lot. Such empty spaces are filled with the precious past and a potent future featuring all those things that we like—a lot.

Go Raccoons!

John Wallace, Principal ■


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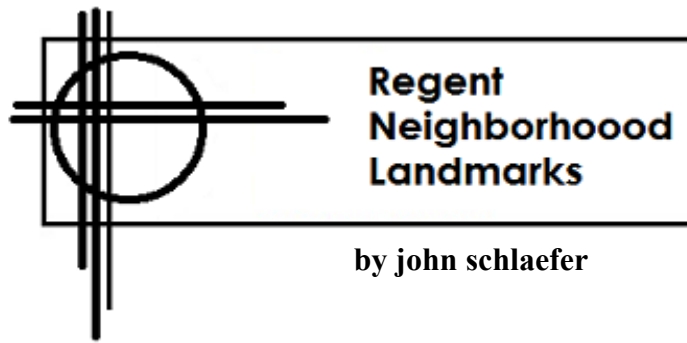
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The house is a prime example of late Queen Anne and Shingle style architecture that was popular in the Midwest in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. It was designated a landmark by the City of Madison on January 7, 1974.



Photo: John Schlaefer

The Architects

Allen Conover and Lew Porter were in partnership from around 1886 until Porter left the firm in 1899. Based in Madison, they practiced throughout Wisconsin, having branch offices in Ashland and Fond du Lac. They worked primarily in the Richardson Romanesque Revival, Queen Anne and Shingle styles. Two of the firm's best known buildings in Madison are Science Hall and the "Old Red Gym" on campus.

Conover also taught civil engineering at the university. At that time the majority of architects in this country received their training as civil engineers. Only a very few went to Europe to receive true architectural training. Frank Lloyd Wright worked for Conover and received his first training while he was attending the university. Louis Claude, future partner in the prominent Madison firm of Claude and Starck, also worked for Conover and Porter.

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Neighbor Writes Social History of Lake Mendota

by Don Sanford

Have you ever wondered why someone built a road across Lake Mendota's North Bay? Or perhaps you want to know when a sea serpent was last spotted, or if your friend *really did* swim across the lake many years ago.

The answers to these questions, and many more, can be found in my recently published book, *On Fourth Lake: A Social History of Lake Mendota*. It is the story of the people, places and events that have shaped the shoreline of Lake Mendota, Madison's greatest lake, as we know it today—the story of Native people, settlers, iceboaters, sailors, fishers, hunters, explorers, politicians, entertainers, lifeguards, boat captains, inventors, scientists and Olympians, much of it in their own words.

I spent over a decade preparing this social history of Lake Mendota. My work combines the personal experiences of people who lived, worked and played on the lake with the events that shaped Madison, the Badger State and the nation.

The first book of its kind, *On Fourth Lake* takes you on a guided tour around Lake Mendota, looking at the lakeshore from the water. It is richly illustrated with more than 500 maps, newspaper articles and photographs. Many of the images were sourced from private collections and have never before been available to the public. This book is a must-have for anyone who spends time on Lake Mendota or has an interest in the history of Madison and Dane County.

A Lake Mendota mariner, I am a member of the Four Lakes Ice Yacht Club, past Commodore of the Mendota Yacht Club, and Commodore of the International Nite Ice Yacht Class Association. I hold a 100-ton Masters License, Great Lakes and Inland Waters. Since 2006, I have been a captain for Betty Lou Cruises in Madison. I also host Madison School & Community Recreation's (MSCR) Lake Mendota celebrity cruises.



You may order *On Fourth Lake* online at: LakeMendotaHistory.com. The following Madison book and museum stores also carry the book: University Book Store, A Room of One's Own, Mystery to Me, and the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art museum store. Visit the website for a list of upcoming book events. I can be reached at Don@LakeMendotaHistory.com, (608) 225-7520. ■

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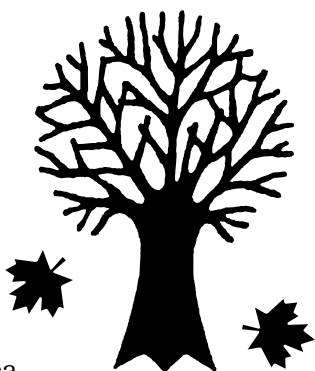
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Keep Leaves Out of the Street

Choices You Make This Fall Can Help Keep Area Waters Clean Next Summer

Red, gold, and orange leaves gently falling from trees—a true symbol that autumn has arrived. The choices we make with falling leaves today can impact the health of our land and water next summer. Nutrients released from decaying leaves are a great addition to lawns and gardens, but an unwelcome guest to area lakes and rivers. Leaves and yard debris in the street gets washed directly to lakes and streams via storm drains when it rains. Even if the leaves never move, rainwater running over and through them makes a nutrient-rich tea that's carried directly to the storm drains promoting algae growth. The good news is that together we can take simple actions to keep leaves and nutrients out of our waters.

- **Mulch:** Mulch leaves directly on the lawn. Shredded leaves act as a natural fertilizer returning nutrients to the lawns. If your lawn mower has a bagger, empty the chopped up leaves on gardens, flowerbeds or around trees and shrubs.
- **Compost:** Mix leaves with other compostable items and spread it on gardens next spring. It saves money and water, helps your gardens, and benefits the



environment. For tips on how to start composting, visit myfairlakes.com/yardAndGarden.aspx#compost. If you don't have the room in your yard, take your leaves to the Dane County compost site.

- **Rake:** If you rake, pile leaves on the terrace, not in the street. Covering the piles with a tarp is a good idea to prevent them from blowing around and reduce nutrients that can leach from them during a rain. Check with your municipality for pick up dates and other requirements so that your leaves are at the curb for as short a time as possible.

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News From Regent Market Co-op

by Kurt Reinhold, RMC Expansion Project Manager

Regent Market Co-op recently signed a contract with a builder and will begin demolition of the recently-acquired and former Mike's Liquor space in mid-October. The Co-op hopes to have that side of the new space complete by Thanksgiving, the back half of the present store completed by January, and the entire project completed by April 1. When finished, the store will have a new entrance, facade, and solar power on the roof. It will also feature a new deli and a walk-in "beer cave" on the west end of the store. The entire store will be updated with more spacious



aisles and a sleek retro or vintage style design. The Co-op plans to stay open the entire time with the exception of a few hours here or there while cooler equipment and products are moved. ■



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Dane County Board Report — District 10

by Supervisor Jeremy Levin

I hope this edition of the RNA Newsletter finds you and your family well. The fall is when the County starts its annual budgeting process. 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 programs.

Dane County focuses primarily on the proposed human services budget—human services account for more than 50% of Dane County's over \$500 million budget. The Health and Human Needs committee, which I chair, will hold several meetings throughout October to craft the budget. The County Board held a public input session on September 16 to solicit public comment on developing changes to the human service budget.

Recently the Board authorized a new project position for Medicaid Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) intake and eligibility. This will help the Dane County Department of Human Services for the 2016 budget and beyond, because the County has been certified for the CCS program. This benefit offers a flexible array of individualized, community-based psychosocial rehabilitation services for people with mental health and/or substance abuse needs. It is a voluntary program that serves people of all ages, and will likely be very helpful in assisting the County's homeless population with wraparound services in City-County developed housing. In 2014, the County



Supervisor Jeremy Levin

partnered with the City on what is referred to as the Rethke Project – the creation of 60 new units of permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless single adults that will operate under the “Housing First” model.

Just recently, the Public Protection and Judiciary Committee received the reports from the three work groups that were created under the comprehensive reform of the Dane County criminal justice system: Mental Health, Solitary Confinement and Incarceration; Length of Stay; and Alternatives to Arrest and Incarceration. A summary can be found at: board.countyofdane.com/documents/pdf/556_whitepaper.pdf

On October 1, 2015, Briarpatch Youth Services, Inc. is scheduled to open the first ever shelter facility in Dane County dedicated to serving runaway and homeless youth ages 13-17. The Briarpatch Youth Shelter will provide a safety net for these youth and will close a significant gap in the continuum of services for this vulnerable population.

Finally, Dane County regained the prestigious “AAA” bond rating from Standard and Poor's Ratings Services (S&P). This unique distinction comes after an independent, objective assessment of the county's financial health by S&P. It means the County will get the lowest interest loans available when it goes to borrow money for large projects such as highway improvements, lake clean-up efforts, and other long term capital expenditures.

Should you or your family have an interest in specific Dane County projects or initiatives, please contact me at levin.jeremy@co.dane.wi.us or call me at 608.577.9335. ■

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The mission of Blessed Sacrament School is to foster self-confidence, personal responsibility, academic growth, and discipleship in its students. As a ministry of the parish, students participate in faith practice through worship, service, study, and play. Children are taught to respect others by recognizing and appreciating the similarities and differences among themselves and others.

Founded in 1924 by the Dominican priests and brothers of the Central Province of the Order of Preachers, Blessed Sacrament School was originally staffed by Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters. While many improvements and additions have been made over the years, the Dominican values of values of truth, justice, compassion, partnership, and community remain at the core of the school today.

Continuing to Grow and Change

Blessed Sacrament School continues to grow and change to meet the needs of students. The last ten years have seen the introduction of Spanish for all grade levels, extended day- and after-school programs, a four-year-old kindergarten program which offers many options for days/times of attendance, and a half-day and full-day five-year-old kindergarten program.

The most recent building improvements include a science lab, the addition of smart boards in every classroom, and a new playground built in 2013. Many of our Regent neighborhood friends also enjoy using the playground during the after-school hours and weekends!

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Students at Blessed Sacrament's Athletic Association's Hawaii 5K Fun Run held in September

Welcome Volunteers!

Blessed Sacrament School also features a robust volunteer program. Parents, grandparents, parishioners and friends volunteer in classrooms, in the lunchroom, on the playground and as coaches and enrichment leaders.

Demonstrating Dominican Traditions

Pope Francis called upon us to "care for our world" during his visit to the United States in September, 2015. While the Pope was addressing Congress, 61 Primary Unit students walked and ran laps around the campus for the 40th Annual Hunger March. First, second, and third graders raised over \$7000 to help support the needy in the Madison area as well as across the globe. When asked why she was participating in the Hunger March, one third grader explained, "the Pope has asked us to take care of our planet and all the people on it, so we are answering his call by supporting those that are in need in our town, the country, and the world!"

For more information about Blessed Sacrament School, please visit school.blsacrament.org. Watch for more information regarding Open Houses in January 2016 during Catholic Schools Week.

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