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2016 RNA Fall Membership Meeting

Wednesday, November 16, 7 p.m.

featuring

A Conversation on Dane County's Race to Equity Project

*The Regent Neighborhood Association and
Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church
invite you to hear a presentation from*

Andre Johnson, Madison West High
and UW–Madison graduate, will speak
to the restorative justice work in
Dane County which shifts away
from criminalizing behavior to
holding youth accountable, repairing
harm, and addressing root causes.

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church
1833 Regent Street

Community Paint Day at Randall School

by **Kati Walsh, Art Teacher**

On a mid-October Saturday, Randall School kids and adults started painting a collaborative mural on the Olive Jones Park retaining wall. Over the next few days, Randall students continued painting, and grown ups and West SAIL (Student Achievement through Individual Learning) students repaired rain damage and provided touch ups.

Thanks to all of you who helped paint—the mural looks amazing! Equally amazing are all the connections made. Regent neighbors worked with Franklin and Randall families of all ages and abilities. Parents who had never met each other, new play dates were planned, Franklin and Randall people came together with neighbors, Randall alumni and their families...what a wonderful community! Sharon Kilfoy of Dane Arts Mural Arts said it was “the best-attended community paint day we have ever had for a mural.”

And thanks for your support of the Regent Neighborhood Association. Together, you have helped make this project a success!

If you haven't had a chance to see the mural yet, stop by! If you would like to know more about the mural, email Randall School's art teacher Kati Walsh at kcwalsh@madison.k12.wi.us. ■

(photos on page 3)



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A Note from the President —

I enjoyed reading the series of articles "Take a Tour of Madison's Neighborhoods" recently published in the Wisconsin State Journal profiling 20 neighborhoods across Madison. Although it's true that every neighborhood has its own unique features setting it apart, what struck me most about the series was the common themes on display: good housing stock, easy access to recreational opportunities, strong local schools, engaged neighbors, and pride of place. That certainly describes the Regent Neighborhood! We're fortunate to be part of a wonderful community and we each have a lot to be thankful for. As the chilly air returns and the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, I encourage you to take a couple of minutes to go out of your way to say thank you to a neighbor who has had a positive impact on your corner of the neighborhood.

— Dan

P.S. Louise, thanks for seeing to it that the Little Free Library is well-stocked and for always greeting me with a smile.



RNA Board President
 Dan O'Callaghan

2017 RNA Board Meeting Schedule



- **January 25**
- **February 22**
- **March 22**
- **April 26**
- **May 24**
- **June 28**

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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West High School Food Pantry—Watch for the Food Drive!

by Jen McDonald, RNA School Relations Committee

This winter, with the help of the Regent Neighborhood Association, West High School will launch their first-ever food pantry for students with food insecurity.

Many of us in the neighborhood are familiar with West High as our home high school. However, most people do not know that West has a growing population of students who come from families that are homeless or who are living in poverty. In addition to struggling with homelessness and financial hardship, these students face hunger and inadequate nutrition on a daily basis. Social workers and teachers at West have always provided food to students when the need was urgent. They fund these efforts out of their own pockets and have



never been able to reach all the students who are in need. In August, the RNA pledged \$6,000 over four years to West High School to establish a permanent food pantry in the cafeteria at West.


Watch your email in November as we will be running a food drive the week before thanksgiving (which is national hunger awareness week) to stock the pantry prior to its grand opening! Particularly needed items include cereal, pasta and pasta sauce, mac 'n' cheese, and healthy snack bars.

If you would like to drop off food before the official food drive starts, please contact Jen McDonald at 608-332-0673. ■

Community Paint Day *(story on page 1)*



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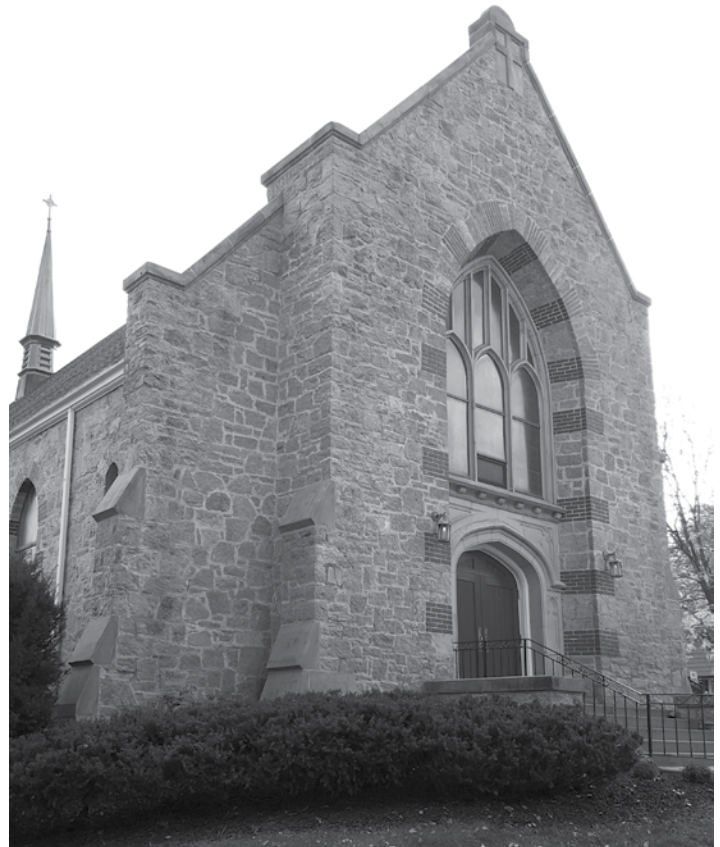
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Our Neighbor Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church

It is with great excitement and genuine gratitude that we write to tell you that the repairs and renovations at Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church are nearing completion. By the time you read this letter, the south retaining wall and our new sign—the last two major pieces of the project—may well be completed! We may, weather permitting, undertake one additional project to repair the collapsing retaining wall between the church at 1833 Regent and the building next door at 1825, but that will be a small job with minimal noise and disruption to the neighborhood. Your patience as we worked to shore up our foundations at the beginning of our second century as your neighbor has been a real gift. Now we are looking for ways to give back.

We undertook this project with an eye towards creating a resource for the neighborhood. Our Alder, Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, told us as we were beginning this process that public meeting space is at a premium in the neighborhood. Saint Andrew's already hosts, at no cost, six Alcoholics Anonymous groups, five Girl Scout groups, the Regent Market Co-op annual meeting and party, and the Fourth of July Rag Tag Band rehearsal. We are an emergency evacuation site for Randall Elementary School. We also host countless music studio recitals and concerts by groups like the Wisconsin Baroque Ensemble. That is an exciting list and we would like to do more. We hope that our newly-renovated space will enable us to better serve our neighborhood by providing meeting space, creating opportunities for community gatherings, and hosting cultural events and offerings.

If you haven't seen the work we have done inside the building, we invite you to stop by. The office is staffed Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We would love to show you around. And if there is a way that we can partner with you, our friends and neighbors, in support of our community please be in touch. We would love to hear from you!



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Love Your Lake, Don't Leaf It

by **Adrienne Marvin, Friends of Lake Wingra**

Fall in Wisconsin is one of the most beautiful times of year. We all enjoy the gorgeous colors, the crisp smell in the air, and the crunch of leaves beneath our feet. Unfortunately, for our lakes the fall is also a dangerous time of year.

While we do our best to keep up with the raking, a lot of leaves still end up on the street. When it rains, the leaves start to break down and release phosphorus. Phosphorus is obviously naturally occurring, but with all of the leaves decomposing at once, the lakes are often overwhelmed. Excess phosphorus in lakes leads to more algae in the summer. Unfortunately, here in Madison, we're all too familiar with the problems that come with algae in the lakes.



Luckily, the solution is simple. When you rake, keep the leaves out of the street as much as possible.

Rather than creating leaf piles on the side of the street, keep them confined to the terrace. The large leaf piles create a sponge effect that doesn't allow the phosphorus to run down the storm drains. Even better, the phosphorus that does escape will filter through the ground instead of going directly down the drain and into the lake.

So, this fall you (or the kids you send out to do the raking) can be environmental heroes! All you have to do is keep leaves out of the street and on the terrace instead. Next summer you can pat yourself on the back as you enjoy a sunset paddle. Remember, this fall: Love your lakes, don't leaf them! ■



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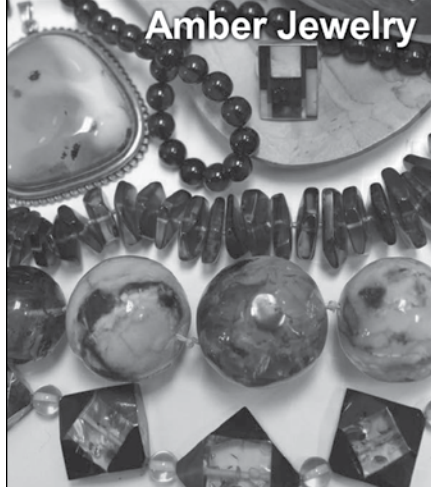
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Let the Sun Shine! Regent Market Co-Op Goes Solar

by **Adolf G. Gundersen, RMC Board President**

The Regent Market Co-Op is pleased to announce that it plugged in its solar awning on September 22. Now a measurable portion of the store's energy supply, which will grow once additional solar panels are installed on the roof, is as "locally grown" and "neighborhood owned" as the rest of the store.

The solar project was an important and planned component of the store's recent expansion, completed in May. It will reduce the store's carbon footprint and energy costs, thereby increasing the store's fiscal independence.

Under the supervision of project manager Kurt Reinhold and with input from Board member Jim Yockey, both of whom have extensive experience with solar energy, the actual installation was done by the local firm Full Spectrum Solar.

Initial checks of the solar awning have shown that it is functioning according to specifications.

Admire the new solar awning as you enter the store the next time you drop in for some brats or a growler and check out our real-time monitor of the energy that's flowing from it. ■



Regent Market Co-op's recently-installed solar awning

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Alder Report — District 5

by Alder Shiva Bidar-Sielaff

Dear Neighbors,

Here is a summary of some key neighborhood issues:

Fall is City Budget time!

As I write this report, we are in the midst of city budget deliberations. I have joined a number of my colleagues in proposing amendments to the proposed executive budget to ensure that we continue the commitment made in last year's budget to start construction of the Midtown



Alder Shiva Bidar-Sielaff

Police Station in 2017 and the reconstruction of Monroe Street in 2018. For details about the city budget go to: cityofmadison.com/finance/budget/2017/

UW Campus Master Plan:

The most current information on the project: www.masterplan.wisc.edu. UW-Madison is submitting the Campus Master Plan to the City for city approvals this Fall.

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!

The only thing that remains after a crisis is our behavior during it. I chant this mantra whenever I am suddenly called into action. One recent morning my walkie-talkie squacked, “John, you’re wanted in the nurse’s office immediately!” My churning Chuck Taylor’s delivered me down the floor and to the door in record time. My tense torso collided with a semi-circle of our Raccoons, surprisingly all smiling. They were huddled around a stick and wire contraption that hosted the star of the show - a monarch butterfly-to-be emerging from its chrysalis.

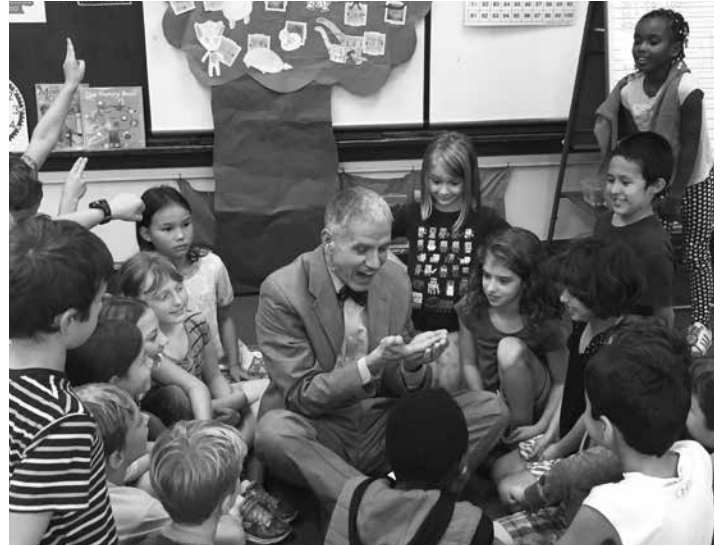
Amidst the respectful silence, I recalled having witnessed such an event on a *Nature* segment. But this feat was live and in person, and shared with loved ones, equating to at least double joy. The youngsters’ soft sidetalk revealed they being more in the know about the metamorphic process than I. We reveled in being the bodacious bug’s captured audience.

One less engaged child noted, “I’ve seen this before.” I immediately recalled the words of the great Krishnamurti. “The day you teach the child the name of the bird, the child will never see the bird again.” The first time the child sees the spry, flittering, feathery object, and you say to her, “sparrow,” then tomorrow when the child sees another spry, flittering, feathery object similar to it, she says in a jejune manner, “Oh, sparrows. I’ve done sparrows.” The child becomes blinded to what actually is by her preconception of sparrows.

I was bouncing Bootsie, my 8-month old granddaughter, by the kitchen window last week. A sparrow settled on the feeder just outside. Most of its kinflock head to the skies with the slightest movement of a human observer, but this bird was different. Upon closer inspection, I noticed one damaged eye. While such a condition may be to the chirper’s demise in another setting, its ignorance was bliss and resulted in a lowered heart rate and a bursting belly.

Heeding Krishnamurti, I chose to spare my words with Bootsie. We just took in the dinner theater. In time, her questions will come. Oh, how they will come! For now, she helps me to become like a child again, loosening my conditioned concepts and memories to see each event as it is rather than what it has typically been.

Our Randall learning community has somewhat embraced this approach in observing one another’s practice. We strive to suspend judgment and focus more on our *noticings* and *wonderings*. As a result, we are more attuned to what is actually happening rather than our preconception or anticipation of



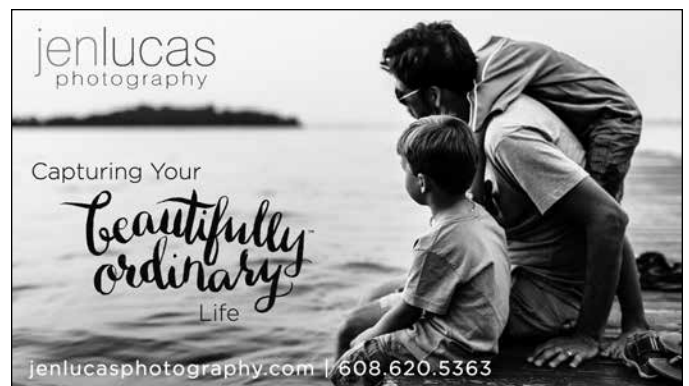
A monarch butterfly uses Principal John Wallace’s palms as a laughing pad.

events. I’ve extended this approach to countless enterprises, including neighborhoods walks. I’m embarrassed by how many houses I’ve come to know that I would have formerly been unable to identify in a line up of suspected Regent residences.

Of course, sometimes our noticings and wonderings lead to the need for action. Such was the case on a recent predawn morning. As I walked to my car digging for my keys, I saw two young men beating me to the punch. They were dancing down Kendall, pulling door handles like slot machines, hoping for the jackpot. One soldier of fortune’s eyes met mine for a reckoning moment. I dialed 911. He was 86ed by the darkness.

Of course, such events are rare in our neighborhood and even more uncommon at Randall, for which we can all be thankful. Our safe school acts as the protective chrysalis that allows students to learn and grow in their own unique ways, enjoying the struggle that brings the wings that will take them away from us all too soon.

Go Raccoons! ■



MadiSUN Brings Affordable Solar Energy to Local Residents

The sun is shining on Madison this fall, and the City's MadiSUN program wants to help residents reap the benefits. Mayor Paul Soglin and the City of Madison have launched two new programs that make it easier and cheaper for local homeowners to install rooftop solar electric systems.

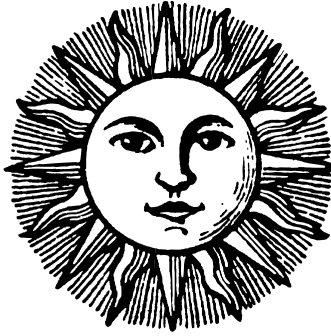
The MadiSUN solar group buy program is designed to simplify the process and reduce the costs of installing solar systems through a group purchase approach. Dozens of local families will go through the installation process at the same time, working with a pre-qualified installer that has been thoroughly vetted and can guarantee a competitive price. The Group Buy program is recruiting interested households from now through September 16. Interested participants can learn more and sign up at madisunsolar.com.

"Being part of the Group Buy back in 2012 was a great way to go," says Madison resident Steve Elmore, who participated in the program and installed 12 solar panels at his Bay Creek home. "The Group Buy allows you to get your questions answered and you can rest assured that there are others by your side. Everyone was very helpful."

Elmore and his family helped launch the 2016 program at a press conference with Mayor Paul Soglin. "We saved a lot of money, and we continue to save money," Elmore added.

MadiSUN will also offer a new Solar Energy Loan, in partnership with Summit Credit Union, to provide low-cost financing for residents who want to install solar. Madison households can borrow up to 100% of the installed cost of a solar energy system at a highly competitive fixed rate, with no collateral, no fees and flexible repayment terms. The maximum loan amount per household is \$20,000.

MadiSUN's new initiatives will add value to the state and federal incentives already in place. These include a 30% federal tax credit in place through 2019, as well as Focus on Energy solar rebates up to \$2,400 for residential customers. Demand for solar rebates typically picks up strength at this time of year, and funds could be exhausted before long. As of mid-June, there will be no more funding for Focus on Energy solar rebates after this current year.



"These programs are going to be a financial win for all of us," said Mayor Soglin. "They're going to be a financial win for those who invest in solar and they're going to be a financial win for our larger community."

RENEW Wisconsin, a local nonprofit organization working to grow renewable energy statewide, will administer the program on behalf of

the city. Community partners such as Sustain Dane, the Wisconsin Council of Churches and Madison's neighborhood associations will help spread the word.

"We are really grateful for the cooperation of neighborhood leaders and homeowners," Mayor Soglin said.

Interested households have several opportunities to learn more about the program. MadiSUN will host Information Sessions across the city to help residents determine whether their home might be a good fit for solar and to educate residents about participating in the group buy or solar loan programs.

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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 much on the proposed human services budget—human services account for more than 50% of Dane County's over \$500 million budget—and the Health and Human Needs committee, of which I chair, will hold several meetings throughout October to craft the budget. The County Board held a public input session on September 15 to solicit public comment on developing changes to the human service budget. Dane County Executive Parisi unveiled his budget on September 29th.

In the area of human services, the County Executive is continuing to invest his "Access to Opportunity," which includes initiatives to begin to address some of the very real barriers to work for those coming from disadvantaged families. This budget includes efforts to employ more minorities in the County's Highway Department by helping them get a commercial driver's license (CDL).

In Dane County Executive Parisi's 2017 budget, he is adding a fourth Mental Health Crisis team for the Madison School District to ensure all four high school attendance areas have access to critical mental health services before a crisis occurs. The new team will focus exclusively on the LaFollette attendance area and continues the jointly funded program by the school district and county that was started by the County Board in the 2013 budget.

The Executive is also building upon the 2012 County Board's Clean Lakes Initiative, which included almost \$27 million over five years in the County's Capital budget to spend on projects aimed at cleaning up the county's lakes. The Executive is proposing a new \$12 million initiative to clean up 33 miles of streams that feed phosphorus directly in the lakes on a daily basis. This work will remove 870,000 pounds of phosphorus, the chief culprit responsible for algae growth, from area waters

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Supervisor Jeremy Levin

The Executive's budget includes dollars for the Alliant Energy Center (AEC) both for renovations of bathrooms and the AEC Master Planning process. The County Board embarked upon this planning process back in February and requires the completion of a comprehensive market study of the AEC facilities to determine the nature and order of potential improvements to the facilities and grounds and all costs and returns on investment associated with such improvements. The study will include an analysis of current, past, and potential future customers and event industry trends.

This year, the Executive chose to fund the County Board created Dane County Affordable Housing Fund to continue to assist community partners in creating new opportunities to fulfill the goals under the "Housing First" model. In 2014, the County 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. The second project on Tree Lane focused on getting dozens of families into housing. This newest site slated for 2017 proposes the creation of more single housing units.

In non-budget news, Dane County now has accepted ownership of the property at 615 E. Washington Ave. to use for the day resource center, which the Board has approved to fund for the base level of operations at the center. This is about seven blocks closer to downtown and overnight shelters than the Messner Building further down E. Washington, which the County will now look to divest itself of in the near future. The building at 615 E. Washington will open faster, and is a better deal for taxpayers than the Messner building, projected to cost at least \$500,000 less for both purchase and renovation.

Should you 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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Streets and Transportation News

by Charlie Peters, RNA Streets & Transportation Committee




A reminder that an on-line Traffic Incident Report has been developed for neighbors to report concerns involving negative—or potentially negative—interactions between pedestrians and/or bicyclists

and automobiles. These concerns might include accidents or close calls witnessed, speed violations, infrastructure issues, etc. The results are being entered into a database and mapped to support improved safety in the neighborhood. This is meant to provide information in addition to, not instead of, concerns reported through more formal means: 911 calls, Alder communication, and use of on-line city of Madison reporting tools. The tool and incident map can be accessed on-line at the bottom of the RNA website: regentneighborhood.org

The Streets and Transportation committee continues to develop a detailed transportation plan for the neighborhood that will provide a policy vision as well as an understanding of the issues of concern and the impacts of various possible solutions to those concerns. We hope to complete a draft this winter for review and comment by any of you who are interested. If you would like to be a part of that review or would like to become involved with the

work of the Committee don't hesitate to call or email me: 235-2009 or capeters53@gmail.com

As temperatures and leaves begin to fall we all know that winter is just around the corner. Please remember that as a homeowner it is your responsibility to make sure that the entire width of your sidewalks are clear of ice and snow by noon the day after the snow has stopped. If you have trouble removing all of the ice the city provides free sand in barrels around the neighborhood. If as a homeowner you fail to comply with these regulations you may be issued a citation with a fine. Thanks for making sure pedestrians can safely walk in our neighborhood during the winter. ■



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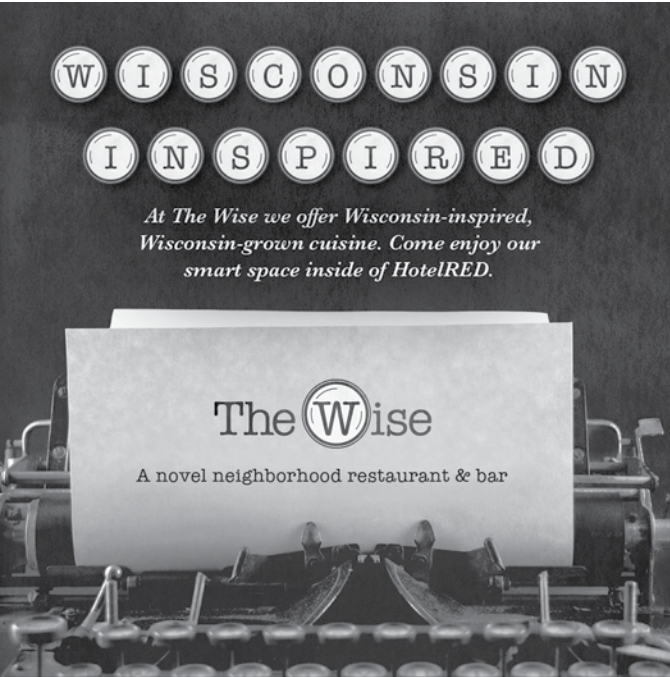
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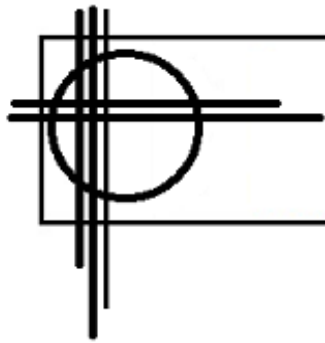
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Regent Neighborhood Landmarks

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This five-bedroom Victorian Georgian house, one of the first houses built in University Heights, was built for Professor Charles F. Smith in 1896. Smith was a professor of linguistics at the university, and the founder of the University Heights Poetry Club. He sold the house to his friend Professor Frederick Ogg in 1917, who was one of the founders of political science as a course of study. At one time in the 1970s, the house was owned by Odessa Piper, of L'Etoile fame, who replaced the original porch with a more modern glass in a red framework design. Since the building is a local landmark, the Landmarks Commission made her restore the porch to its original architecture.

The building was designated as local landmark number 135 on May 6, 1966.

The Architect

Experienced researchers have been unable to discern who the architect of this building was.

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A Message From Captain Patterson

It was a busy summer in the South District, but our officers did a fantastic job balancing the demands of the daily calls for service and our love for community outreach and engagement. Officers were able to attend numerous events, neighborhood cookouts and other informal get-togethers. Please keep us in mind for any future gatherings or if you have been thinking about hosting a Fireside Five-Oh at your home.



*Captain John Patterson,
South Police District*

What is a Fireside Five-Oh? It could be a chat, a party, a social hour, a conversation, a place of common ground. Mostly it's a chance to get together to meet friends and neighbors and the local cops who work in your neighborhood.

What do we talk about? Whatever is on your mind! Maybe it's a specific neighborhood concern, maybe it's curiosity about the men and women who choose to be Madison police officers. There is never a shortage of questions when it comes to policing.

Who can you invite? It's up to you! Friends, neighbors, and family are all welcome. One or two officers who work directly in your neighborhood will also attend. A group of 8-14 guests works best. It depends on the size group you can accommodate. And, as your guests, we'll even bring treats! :)

Why is the Fireside Five-Oh held at your home? Your home is your turf, not ours. Indoors or out, on the patio or in the family room, wherever you're most comfortable. The idea is to promote a more informal, intimate dialog. We want you and your guests to feel at ease so that meaningful conversation at a personal level begins to happen.

How do you set up a Fireside Five-Oh Chat? Email our Community Outreach and Education group: Sergeant Scott Kleinfeldt at skleinfeldt@cityofmadison.com or Police Officer David Dexheimer at ddexheimer@cityofmadison.com.

While we are always interested in your feedback and thoughts on how we are doing, we now really need to hear from all of you! Every year, the MPD conducts a survey in each of the five police districts. Below is a link to this year's on-line survey for the South Police District. Please take a few moments to enter the below link in your browser and let us know how we



An officer and a few friends decorate the sidewalk of the South District station at Make Music Madison in June.

are doing and what issues are important to you!

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Madison_WI_2016_SouthPolice

I read all of the commentary submitted via this survey and share it with supervisors and officers in the South District. We use your input when planning for 2017, so your responses are valuable.

As always, please feel free to contact me directly at jpatterson@cityofmadison.com or 608-267-8687. ■



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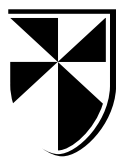
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News from Blessed Sacrament Parish

by Jan McNally, Communications Manager



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The first three months of the 2016-17 school year have been filled with excitement, curiosity, and plenty of activity.

Raising awareness for those in need

The spirit of sharing with others filled our Primary students' heads and hearts as their feet completed more than 13 laps around the Blessed Sacrament School Campus during our annual Hunger March.

Students earned over \$7,000 in donations for those less fortunate. As a special bonus, some of our alums were on hand to cheer on the runners as part of their high school's Edgewood in the Community Day. Fun was had by all as they worked to help others!

New fiber-optic internet access and media center

Our new Media Center is buzzing with the addition of our new fiber optic internet connection installed over the summer by SUPRANET Communications, Inc. Our students are learning basic computer skills, along with project collaboration, internet safety, presentation skills, and educational games in Math and Science. All of the new technology is designed to enrich the basic classroom curriculum that is taught through daily instruction. The relationships that are built between our teachers and students are an important part of the nurturing environment that defines our school. Through the generosity of our parents, we have added several more Chromebooks to our computer carts so that even more students can improve their computer skills all at one time.

Students learn about music from MSO members

In October, our intermediate unit students enjoyed a visit by the Hunt Quartet of the Madison Symphony Orchestra! Students met with quartet members in small groups to learn about melody, rhythm, expression, and form, and ended with a mini-concert. The MSO Hunt Quartet will return to us three more times this year. We are grateful to our music teacher, Helga Swatzak for "scoring" this great opportunity.

Learning outside the classroom

Our seventh and eighth graders experienced a close-up look at the outside world around us and had the opportunity to create lasting bonds of friendship while learning at Nature's Classroom in Lake Geneva. Students hugged their parents, grabbed their bags, and hopped on buses for a week-long adventure at camp with three of their dedicated teachers and several parent chaperones. Rave reviews could be heard from the students as they piled off the

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buses on Friday afternoon! This annual junior high adventure is an out-of-the-box experience that helps prepare our older students for high school. The program is designed to help the students improve their social skills while building their self-confidence with collaborative, team-building projects.

While the older students were learning about nature, history and the meaning of community, the 4K and 5K students skipped over to a pumpkin patch and giggled their way through the bumpy hayride. After selecting their favorite pumpkins, the adventure concluded with a tasty snack of apple cider and homemade donuts. The bus ride home was much quieter, as many smiling faces slowly slipped into sleepy mode. What a great field trip!

Blessed Sacrament's 2016 Christmas Market — November 18 and 19

In November, the students and their families will be filling the cookie stand with homemade goodies at the annual Blessed Sacrament Christmas Market and taking chances on many awesome raffle prizes. Stop by Friday, November 18 from 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 19 from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. to shop the great variety of specialty items offered by our vendors and treasured scholastic books at our book fair. Warm and yummy lunch items are being offered both days from 12:00–1:00 p.m. Visit blsacrament.org for more details.

OPEN House — Sunday, January 29

Mark your calendar for the Blessed Sacrament School Open House on Sunday, January 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Wednesday, February 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Bring the entire family and take a closer look at our 4K through 8th grade multi-aged curriculum offered in a nurturing, Catholic values and faith-based environment. If you would like to visit with us before then, please call our office at 608-233-6155 to set up a tour. Our door is always open to new families! ■

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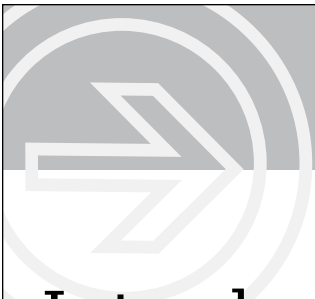
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History

Beth Swedeen and Sara Pope, West parent alums, neither of whom currently have students at the school, have been the backbone of this initiative since 2010. Amy Boutelle is our current West parent taking the lead. Last year Franklin Randall School and the Regent Neighborhood Association partnered with West in an attempt to grow the Regent Resale in support of our neighborhood schools.

How Regent Resales Make A Difference

Regent Resales have made solid contributions toward improving the academic experience at West for all students. This is the sixth year of the Regent Resale and we have cumulatively raised more than \$35,000 dollars which has been contributed to classroom improvements such as new desks, books, calculators, computers, and other school supplies, as well as student aid for the BSU college tour, field trips, club participation, college scholarships, and more. In addition, we provide grants to teachers and other support staff to foster creative and innovative changes to curriculum and student support services. In light of successive budget cuts this need has never been greater.

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