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The Power of Partnership— Lake Wingra Watershed Gathering

by Jake Blasczyk, WATER Sub-Grant Co-Chair



Threatening rain vanished May 21st as the long-awaited day for the Lake Wingra Watershed Gathering arrived. Months of planning by the Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association's WATER (Water Action to Encourage Responsibility) Team became reality within Vilas Park's shelter and six large, rented

tents. The sun came out shortly after one o'clock when the featured guest, Andi Cloud, member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, made brief opening remarks. She talked about her culture, told a short story about her Ho-Chunk name—water—and introduced water stewardship and the 5Rs. The sacredness of water and the need to practice stewardship underlay all afternoon activities, along with the indigenous-associated values known as the 5Rs: Respect, Reciprocity, Relationship, Responsibility and Restoration. Andi encouraged all to reflect on the 5Rs.

Andi told stories and during another session led a learning circle about water stewardship. These events were all well attended. The afternoon also included 27 "hosts at tables" drawn (continued on page 10)

2022 RNA's Fourth of July Celebration Canceled Again

by Ronnie Hess

Ed: The RNA festival has been cancelled again because of COVID. The Board made an early decision not to take the chance of planning and then having to cancel. Hope to see you in 2023.

Perhaps you've wondered, as I have, why the egg toss game at the Regent Neighborhood Association's "annual" Fourth of July picnic has been a signature event, the capper, the bouquet, the finale, as it were, to a fine celebration. Perhaps (continued on page 12)



RNA Egg Toss—July 4, 2005. Photo: Paul McMahon

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A Note from the President

I am honored to have been elected as your new Regent Neighborhood Association Board President. Having served as your alder, I look forward to serving our neighborhood in this new way, continuing the commitment of the RNA Board to making our neighborhood and our city a place where all can thrive. In the midst of so much tragedy around us, I am always reminded of Maya Angelou's words: "Hope and fear cannot occupy the same space. Invite one to stay." I choose hope and believe that service to our neighborhood is one way to do so!

—Shiva



*RNA Board President
Shiva Bidar*

Upcoming RNA Board Meetings

• **August 23, 2022** • **September 27, 2022**

The Regent Neighborhood Association Board typically meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Please check the RNA website at **regentneighborhood.org** for any changes. All meetings take place online until further notice.

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As a member, you'll receive an informative annual membership directory in the fall. The membership directory is your guide to our thriving neighborhood. Join or renew now to make sure you receive your copy of this valuable resource.

Help support our scholarship fund! When you complete your membership form, you will also have the opportunity to make a donation to the RNA's West High Scholarship Fund! The scholarship fund was created with the purpose of acknowledging and celebrating the diversity, energy, and enthusiasm that West High School students add to our neighborhood. Two needs-based awards are given to graduating seniors who have demonstrated engagement in multicultural activities both in school and in the Madison community, while demonstrating a commitment to academic pursuits. The Regent Neighborhood has raised more than \$5,000 each of the last several years in support of this effort. With your support, we can build on that success. Thank you. ■

2022 RNA Scholarships Awarded

Alan Cruz Montes De Oca and Jada Smith are this year's winners of Regent Neighborhood Association Scholarships at West High. Congratulations! More on Alan and Jada in our next newsletter.

To contribute to the RNA scholarship fund, please see the article and highlighted links above. ■



Alder Report—District 5

Landmarks Ordinance Revised

At the May 24, 2022 Madison Common Council Meeting, the Landmarks Ordinance revision was passed. This revision, which impacts the five historic districts of the City, including University Heights within District 5, was designed to streamline language governing maintenance, repairs, alterations, additions, and new structures.



Alder Regina Vidaver
Photo: Jeanine Schneider

As Madison grew, the architectural styles brought to the City changed. Thus, our historic neighborhoods, which include Mansion Hill, Third Lake Ridge, University Heights, Marquette Bungalows, and First Settlement, exhibit wonderful architectural gems. With the designation of each of these areas

as historic districts at different times, different standards were placed upon each of them. These different standards consistently led to challenges for homeowners trying to perform needed upkeep or improvements to their homes, as the Landmarks Commission had to continually review which standards they needed to apply to which areas. There was also tremendous inconsistency between the districts' standards, with some having exceptionally detailed restrictions, and others with very vague language. The ordinance revision alleviates these inconsistencies, creating a more equitable process for everyone owning property in a historic district.

The revised landmarks ordinance is, while infinitely more streamlined, just the first step. City staff will be developing a guidebook to provide illustrated examples of opportunities for homeowners, as well as potential developers, to understand what is allowed under the ordinance. The City is lucky to have such a knowledgeable and dedicated historic preservation planner, Heather Bailey. *(continued on page 4)*

Alder Report—District 5 (continued from page 3)

Dr. Bailey has been instrumental in the revision of the landmarks ordinance, and will be at the forefront of developing the guidebook.

The Landmarks Ordinance Review Committee heard over and over: “these are not museums, they are our homes.” The members of that committee, myself included, took those words to heart, and have attempted to create an ordinance that best meets the needs of preserving our City’s historical character, while allowing owners to make appropriate modifications to improve the enjoyment of their properties. As people begin using the updated ordinance and eventual guidebook, there will undoubtedly be additional opportunities for improvements. It is important to remember that our ordinances are not static, but are living documents that can be modified as information and conditions



change. Please be in touch with me at district5@cityofmadison.com if you have ideas for future opportunities for improvement of the ordinance.

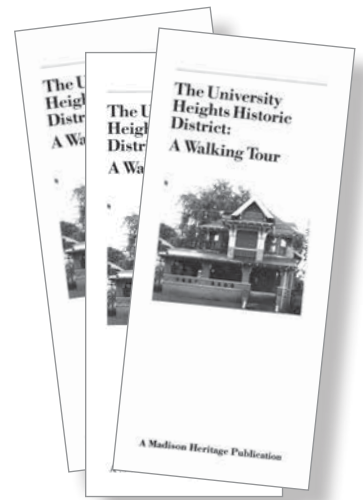
—Regina ■

University Heights Walking Tour Guides Available

Free copies are still available of *The University Heights District: A Walking Tour*, a self-guided architectural tour written by Timothy F. Heggland and published in 1987 by the Madison Landmarks Commission along with the RNA. Contact: rlhess@wisc.edu

Docent-led walking tours organized by Madison Trust for Historic Preservation do not include the University Heights District this season. A new tour, however, focusing on the Vilas neighborhood is being featured, as well as nearby Sunset Hills.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. Members, free. View tour details and purchase tickets at madisonpreservation.org. The Madison Trust for Historic Preservation celebrates and advocates for the preservation of historic places in the Madison area. ■





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Dane County Board Report—District 11

Dear Neighbors,

I always welcome the opportunity to share news from the Dane County Board of Supervisors, as there are many exciting projects and decisions before us. Today, I'm providing updates on a new dog park, re-siting of the landfill, the Jail Consolidation Project, Henry Vilas Zoo climate, and County meeting format.



*Supervisor
Richelle Andrae*

I am thrilled to share that in mid-May, we opened our newest off-leash dog park, located at a 36-acre site at Anderson Farm in Oregon. It has a vault toilet, which is a nice perk as dog parks in the county go. I visited recently with my pup, Roux, who enjoyed frolicking in the restored prairie.

On a different note, a significant issue the County is working through right now is re-siting the Dane County landfill, located on Madison's far east side off the Beltline. I'd say we're at the "end of the beginning" in the process, which can take seven to 10 years with all the state-permitting and other evaluations needed, such as environmental analyses. The County is proposing to purchase an adjacent piece of land currently part of the City of Madison's Yahara Golf Course, and build both an extension of the current landfill and a sustainability campus at the site. The location is proposed as a hub for potential bio-digesting, composting, education, and more. This is an exciting project, and will be an important step forward in reaching goals laid out in the Dane County Climate Action Plan (daneclimateaction.org/climate-action-plan).

The County faces another decision point in the ongoing saga of the Jail Consolidation Project, which would merge the county's existing three jail facilities under one roof, and close the outdated, 1950s-era maximum security floors located at the City County Building. The project has come in over budget, and the Board has through early August to determine a path forward to meet a timeline for borrowing authority, slated to expire. I was recently elected as Chair of the Public Protection & Judiciary Committee, and therefore am stepping up to the task to make sure that my colleagues and our community have the information they need to make an informed decision about how to proceed.



Roux, a Lab and Retriever mix, approves of the new county dog park. Photo supplied by the owner.

There has been media coverage about some concerns related to the climate and culture at the Henry Vilas Zoo, which is a county-operated resource for our community. A recent editorial in the Wisconsin State Journal called for an independent investigation to further evaluate the issues, especially following the departure of multiple staff of color. The County Board is determining whether an independent investigation is appropriate, and I share my commitment to make sure that our wonderful local, free zoo is a welcoming and safe space for all employees and visitors.

The County Board anticipates commencing hybrid meetings in mid-June; we meet every other Thursday at 7 p.m. and have not met in person since March 2020. I support a hybrid meeting format which opens opportunities for public engagement either in person or via Zoom. Please check dane.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx for meeting dates, times, and locations. Pending shifting realities with the pandemic, I look forward to meeting you in person as comfort and safety allow.

Please email me with questions or feedback on county issues at Andrae.Richelle@CountyofDane.com

—Richelle ■

Dane County Board Report—District 13

Thank you, members of Regent Neighborhood Association, for allowing me this opportunity to contribute to the July newsletter.

As I am writing this, my heart breaks from recent tragedies in this country. *Roe v. Wade* is in jeopardy of being overturned, banning abortion care, and threatening a woman's right to bodily autonomy. Ten black people were killed at a supermarket during a racially charged hate crime in Buffalo, NY. One man was murdered in California at a Taiwanese church, and most recently, 19 children were robbed of their futures and 2 heroic teachers were killed during a heinous act of inhumanity in Uvalde, Texas.

As I process these horrific acts, I am enraged more than ever over the lack of policy to protect children at an elementary school, those going to their place of worship, people running Saturday errands to the supermarket. There must be action from our State Legislature to protect our children, as well as legislation to protect BIPOC, and a woman's right to choose. I urge everyone who is outraged, upset, heartbroken, or disappointed to contact their state legislators and demand policy change. The Legislative Hotline, at 608-266-9960, can connect you with your legislators.



Supervisor
Olivia Xistris-Songpanya

As your County Supervisor, I am doing everything I can to ensure a woman's right to choose, and to make certain that guns are more heavily regulated. On May 19, 2022, the Dane County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution in support of abortion care.

I have been assigned to the Human, Health, and Needs Committee, where I am encouraged by the amount of passionate people doing great things in Dane County. I appreciate and support the work that is being done to alleviate homelessness, to provide more affordable housing in Madison, and rental assistance and legal service programs for tenants facing eviction or foreclosure. It is a wonderful reminder that there are people working very hard to provide quality programs and services for the residents of Dane County, and I am pleased as a supervisor to be able to assist with the process.

The Board has started meeting in person this summer, which is super exciting. It is so great to be able to meet in person. I hope you and your family take advantage of the many events our community has to offer this summer. Buy your weekly groceries at the Saturday farmers' markets, enjoy Concerts on the Square again, or explore the Madison Night Market on State Street!

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please email me at xistris-songpanya.olivia@countyofdane.com, or give me a phone call at 608-515-8968.

—Olivia ■

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Greetings from Randall!

Summer is all about catsup. Or is it ketchup? For me and our custodial crew at Randall, it's actually "catch up." We're catching up on a bucketload of chores we've been itching to take on. We're also catching up with one another.

I hover in awe of all our custodial staff knows how to do. Whenever I'm in the company of such handy folks, I trace from where they first picked up their enviable expertise. Almost without fail they reference a family member, often a dad, who brought them in early and showed them the way.

My father was a gifted surgeon, a feisty trombone player, and a loving guardian. But handy he was not. I recall a family outing waylaid by a flat tire. My dad hoisted up the hood, which made no sense to me at the time. Within a matter of minutes, a couple of volunteer nobles were on their knees like an Indy 500 pit crew. After making it well worth the workers' while, my father drove us to Sears where he purchased a new tire, not trusting a repair.

So at our home, when anything needed fixing, it was an outside job. As a result, I met so many wonderfully talented people. My parents would leave the laborers to their respective tasks. I seized my privilege to be a one-lad audience as they conducted their command performances.

As a father myself, I had few, if any, such skills to pass on to my children. I did try. I was my son Ian's elbow partner when he constructed his Pinewood Derby entry. He came in last place. I fashioned a suggestion box with my son Simon when he was his high school's student council president. The first suggestion placed in our creation? "Build another box."

It's little wonder that I am not only fascinated by the abilities of others, but also a bit intimidated. To avoid disclosure of my ineptitude, I have gone the YouTube route to gain some idea of how to do-it-myself. I usually find the videos make it look easier than *it* is, at least for greenhorns like me.

I can claim a limited number of successful home repairs, but my running record features more losses than wins. Still, when a project lies before me, I go for it, but I do my homework first. I consult with friends who are in the know. And every once in a while come those wondrous words: "How 'bout I stop by and give you a hand with that?" With my mouth full of humble pie, I sigh, "That'd be great." And it always is! Not only do I pick up tips from the masters, but I can posit questions as we go. YouTube doesn't give me that.

The most appreciated gift of all is not the completion of the task, nor my increased know-how. The most

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Randall Head Custodian Dave Gundersen demonstrates the operation of a water spigot for Principal John Wallace.

valued product is that rare opportunity to catch up with others as we "git r dun."

Go Raccoons!

John ■



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Greetings from Franklin Elementary

Spring at Franklin School has been a blast. We have been working hard and continuing to grow while playing in our sprinkler and eating shaved ice during the 90-degree heatwave. We continue to finish strong, ensuring all students academic and emotional growth.

We planned some awesome end of the year events like:

- A Flash Dash to raise money for the playground and school,
- Multiple outdoor field trips which are a new opportunity for students, as COVID mitigations decreased,
- A Franklin Farewell to celebrate our second graders' trip to Randall, and to say goodbye to some teacher friends,

- A Franklin/Randall family picnic at Brittingham Park in June.

While school is out, please be sure to enjoy fun summer activities with families and friends.

It has been an honor to support staff, families, and students at Franklin school as interim principal this year. While I will be transferring to Huegel Elementary, I know Franklin's next principal, Emily Powers, will have huge success starting July 1. She will introduce herself in your next newsletter to share the great work ahead.

Respectfully,

Kristi Kloos, Principal ■

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# News from West High School—You Say Goodbye and I Say Hello!

## **From Karen Boran**

After 29 years in education, I'm retiring at the end of this school year.

I came to education late, starting my career in my mid-thirties teaching adults how to read and write English. Sometimes it was in community centers, sometimes in factory lunchrooms, and sometimes at military basements and halfway houses. I loved it.

I went back to school and got my Masters in Adult Reading. My reading comprehension professor had passed away suddenly the summer I graduated, and the university offered me his job. OMG. It meant I had to go back to school to get my doctorate in Reading, Language, and Literacy. It also meant that National-Louis University in Chicago would pick up the bill. OMG.

I taught college freshmen of all ages how to read and write complex texts at the college level. Loved it. But then I began to wonder why they had graduated from high school and couldn't handle the reading of their textbooks. Was it because they had not been taught how to read the textbook? Why didn't they know how to pronounce these words?

I went back to school and got my reading specialist license. (You'll notice that there's a lot of "...so I went back to school..." in my story.) I was hired by a high school in Chicago to improve reading scores. We rocked it—in four years we went from 11.6% to 34.3% at or above grade level. I was recruited to be a reading coach, then spent time as a district literacy administrator and curriculum administrator, and finally a principal coach.

But where were the kids? The teachers? Was how I was spending my time having a real impact on student achievement? That's when I returned to high school as a school leader.

That was twelve years ago.

I have learned from my high school seniors that not everyone is ready for the next step once they leave high school. Once the school year ends, I'll be taking a gap year, too, to find myself. I want to learn how to sleep past 5:15 am. My husband and I will travel, and I'll finally get rid of the shag carpeting in my cabin.

I want to thank you for your ongoing support of



*Karen Boran, former West High School Principal*

West High. It's a great school—like most human institutions, it's flawed. West is a school with a great deal of heart and the will and the drive to do better. To be better.

I'm grateful to have had the chance to be part of it. I am also grateful that Dan Kigeya is the next principal. He's smart, he's a listener, and a West alumnus. I've had the privilege of watching him as he talks with West students and teachers over the past few weeks, and I'm impressed.

You're in good hands.

—Karen

## **From Daniel Kigeya**

Greetings, Regent Neighborhood Association! My name is Daniel Kigeya, Madison West's new incoming principal. I am very excited about joining the Madison West family.

I believe that strong and vibrant schools are built on the strength and support of the neighborhoods that surround them. So, thank you, neighbors of the Regent Neighborhood Association, for being supportive partners. I would like to continue to deepen and strengthen the partnership between us.

I've been a resident of Madison since 1990. Our family moved here from Michigan so my father could pursue his Ph.D. at UW-Madison. As a young scholar, I attended Hamilton Middle School and then went on to West where I graduated in 1997. I attended UW-Madison where I received my undergraduate degree in Legal Studies and graduate degrees in Social Work and Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis.

I have four wonderful children that all attended or are currently attending MMSD schools. Demetrius Kigeya, my oldest, is in his last year at Gonzaga University. He attended Shorewood, Spring Harbor and Memorial. He graduated from Shattuck St. Mary's in 2018. My oldest daughter, Kenya Kigeya, attends Madison College. She studied at Shorewood, Hamilton and West, and graduated in 2021. My youngest daughter, Jazmin, attends Hamilton. My youngest, Tyson, is a 4th grader at Chavez Elementary.

I believe public schools serve a vital purpose and function. I've dedicated my life *(continued on page 13)*



*Daniel Kigeya, West High School Principal*

## Lake Wingra Watershed Gathering *(continued from page 1)*



*Storyteller Andi Cloud, a member of the Ho-Chunk nation, shares stories about the importance of water in her people's history and culture.*

from a wide variety of organizations plus individual homeowners. Tables were organized into three clusters: Family Fun Activities, Examples of Water Stewardship, and Resources.

Approximately 190 people participated in the event before it ended at 4 pm. A four-member team collected evaluation information through observation and informal interviews. Analysis showed (1) participants were highly satisfied and enthusiastic; (2) many were 30 to 40 years in age with children and were primarily from near West Side neighborhoods or from neighborhoods near the site; (3) there were high levels of engagement between hosts at tables and participants; (4) hosts were very satisfied with many feeling that they benefited from networking with other hosts, making this event special to them; and (5) activities were diverse, engaging and interactive.



*The Watershed Gathering drew a crowd at Vilas Park.  
Photo: Steve Glass*

Evaluators noted that the variety of hosts at tables made this event different from other environment-related events. The 27 hosts were from across the spectrum: homeowners, non-profits, plant nurseries, city staff, lake advocacy organizations, and statewide organizations. Together, they provided rich opportunities to learn about water stewardship and related practices.



*One of several information tents at the Lake Wingra Watershed Gathering. The Regent Neighborhood Association was one of the event's sponsors.*

The Gathering was the major educational event of a subgrant received from the UW Arboretum in March 2021 under its agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Along with four other Madison grantees, the Arboretum committed to promotion of stormwater community engagement and education at the neighborhood level. Financial contributions from several organizations, including the generous contribution from the Regent Neighborhood Association, made it possible to expand the initially proposed smaller conference. Thank you, RNA Board Members.

### **Dudgeon School (Wingra) Park Rain Gardens**

During the last year, the WATER Team has also directed the installation of two rain gardens and a swale in the Dudgeon School Park and site of Wingra School. About 1600 square feet of blacktop were removed from one side of the school playground to create the complex. With the help of volunteers from several neighborhoods, Wingra School staff, and Madison Division of Engineering staff, the rain gardens and swale were completed and planted in mid-September 2021. Sub-grant funds paid for

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the plants while City Engineering grant funds paid installation costs. The engineered design with 1,200 native plants filters and keeps stormwater on site, preventing it from eventually reaching nearby Lake Wingra.

The rain gardens and the Gathering exemplify water stewardship and the 5Rs. Both also show the power of partnership among groups, organizations, city government, and individuals who care about our lakes and the land in-between. The rain gardens and the Gathering were made possible because partnerships were created based on collaboration. Thank you to all who were involved. ■



*The Flow Project tent.  
Photo: The Flow Project, Water@UW-Madison*



*At Water's Edge, a micron pen and paper artwork, by artist Katrina Harms, part of The Flow Project's "Confluence" exhibition at the Lake Wingra Watershed Gathering. Reprinted with permission of the artist.*

*"Confluence," presented by UW-Madison, showcases 14 UW System students paired with Wisconsin water professionals to create water-inspired art. At Water's Edge was a collaboration between UW-GB estuarian researcher Emily Tyner and the artist. [water.wisc.edu/flow/](http://water.wisc.edu/flow/) Can you spot the animals and plants?*



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## Fourth of July *(continued from page 1)*

you've even wondered about its history.

I remember playing egg toss with friends when I was growing up in New York. My mother was quite shocked by the game. Seeing what we were up to, she came out of the house and told us to stop. Born in England but having spent time in Spain just before World War II, she recounted that immediately after the Spanish Civil War, eggs were prized by a population close to starvation, and very expensive on the black market. She couldn't stand the sight of throwing eggs away. Well, that put the living fear of egg tosses in me. And gave me a better understanding of the consequences of hunger, and of war.

But let's go back to a "happier" time—14th century England. Apparently, according to my brief internet tutorial, the game began somewhere around 1322 in Lincolnshire. Chickens were a prized possession, and people who owned them were encouraged to give an egg as alms to the Church. The egg tossing, held during Easter, promoted church attendance. But here's the catch—the eggs doled out by the priest reportedly were hard-boiled. Another origin story goes that sometimes the river between church and village would

flood. Eggs were therefore tossed to villagers on the other side of the bridge. Since 2006, an egg toss in Swaton, in the East Midlands, on the last Sunday in June, honors the old celebration. The World Egg Throwing Federation promotes the "sport," with proceeds from the toss and other enticements going to "local, national and international good causes."

The RNA's egg tosses from picnics years back looked much like the Swaton version. There were scores of tossers and catchers lined up, each taking a step backward after every throw. By the time the shells cleared, a lot of yolks ended up on the grass. My mother would not have been amused. Joe Heggstad, however, has a different view. From 1974 to 1995, Heggstad was the owner of a grocery store we now call the Regent Market. He provided crates of ammunition over the years for the egg toss, not to mention the brats and buns. A 2015 RNA flyer announcing the picnic went so far as to list the egg toss as, "The Legendary Regent Market Egg Toss." Maybe next year, fingers crossed, we'll have a brat and toss an egg together. ■



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## West High *(continued from page 9)*

to education and MMSD because of how well it has served me and my children. The vibrant diversity and great teachers have given them a quality education. MMSD has the most dedicated and passionate educators around. So, I believe in the possibilities that MMSD provides. As leader at Madison West, I want to ensure that same experience for all our Madison West scholars.

Though MMSD and West have their positives, I am not naive to the challenges. There are many Madison scholars that are not able to tap into the opportunities offered. It is true that we have persistent opportunity gaps for our students of color. This is the reality even at Madison West. I want to change that and together with the staff, I believe we can. I am committed to combating these negative cycles and remain focused on continuous improvement in academic achievement for all.

Madison West has a storied history of providing a quality education. The investment through the

recent referendum allows us to provide quality learning environments. That investment has been well appreciated. That said, all the raucous activity will test our patience, especially residents of the Regent Neighborhood. Thank you for the inconveniences you'll have to endure throughout this process. I am committed to transparency and clear communication. There will be times when we receive untimely information, however, all efforts will be made to provide timely updates.

—Dan ■

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## Rep. Shelia Stubbs' (D-77th Assembly District) Statement on Mnookin Appointment

*Ed: On May 16th, The University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents unanimously approved Dr. Jennifer Mnookin's appointment as chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.*

"I am proud to see that the University of Wisconsin System is continuing to empower strong women with positions of leadership.

Dr. Jennifer Mnookin is a passionate advocate and visionary for public higher education, and it is an honor to welcome her as the next chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

"Dr. Mnookin is a tested, collaborative leader whose expertise and commitment to education can be seen in the metrics for UCLA's School of Law and in her track record of uplifting students of color. She was successful in diversifying the racial and gender makeup of the UCLA School of Law and she centered underrepresented student groups through scholarship endowments. Dr. Mnookin has proven



*Representative  
Shelia Stubbs*

throughout her career that she values equity and inclusion in education, and I cannot wait to see her leadership benefit the University of Wisconsin-Madison students, staff, and faculty.

"Dr. Mnookin is an exceptional leader that brings vision, enthusiasm, and passion for students' success and research. She has a genuine commitment to fostering an inclusive campus, and opportunities for growth. I am excited to welcome Dr. Jennifer Mnookin to the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus. This is an opportunity for growth within our campus community and I hope to collaborate in the future to serve our students." ■



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## What I'm Reading—Jill Maidenber

*Ed: Summer is upon us, and what better time to ask a librarian for a list of books to read. And who but Jill Maidenber? She has worked at Madison Public Library for 17 years, and at the Monroe Street Library location for ten. She and her family are longtime Regent neighborhood residents.*

I like literary and historical fiction, and occasionally nonfiction. Sometimes I'm seduced by a graphic novel—the interplay between word and illustration can be richer than words alone. I like audiobooks but like to see words on a page. My ideal reading situation is going back and forth between a physical book and its audio version.

Here are some of the books I've read lately, in fiction and non-fiction categories.

### Fiction/Historical Fiction

*Lost and Wanted* by Nell Freudenberger. As an MIT physicist grieves the loss of a friend, she explores the limits of logic to explain the universe.

*The Maid* by Nita Prose. Delightful audiobook narration by Lauren Ambrose (Claire on *Six Feet Under*).

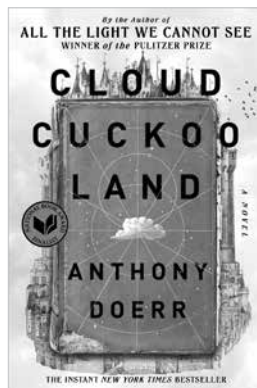
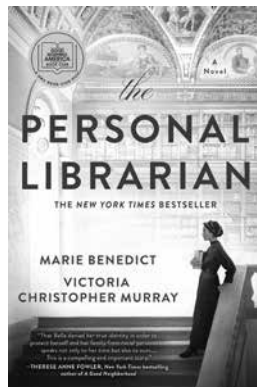
*The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict. Historical fiction about Belle da Costa Greene who curated J.P. Morgan's library and collection. She has a secret—she's Black.

*Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr. I love his sense of wonder and grandeur. Two family members have proposed we read this for a family book discussion.

*We Run the Tides* by Vendela Vida starts in 1980s San Francisco, with a lie among adolescent friends that culminates in 2019.

*Matrix* by Lauren Groff. Cast out of France's court, young Marie becomes prioress of an impoverished abbey in the 12th century. Groff was inspired to create a world of powerful women after hearing then-President Trump on the radio.

*Bewilderment* by Richard Powers. A beautiful book about logic and the limits thereof. Takes place in Madison.



*The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. I was hoping to love this book as much as I loved *A Gentleman in Moscow*. I didn't, but enjoyed it, as Towles is a masterful storyteller.

### Nonfiction

I love Erik Larson's books, especially *In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin*.

One thing I love about my job is perusing cookbooks that come across the librarian's desk. If I open a cookbook to three random pages and find recipes that appeal to me, I put it on hold. I recommend:

*Eating Out Loud: Bold Middle Eastern Flavors for All Day, Every Day* by Eden Grinshpan

*Milk Street Vegetables: 250 Bold, Simple Recipes for Every Season* by Christopher Kimball

*Simply Julia: 110 Easy Recipes for Healthy Comfort Food* by Julia Turshen. I'd also recommend her other cookbooks. I wrote her a fan letter. She wrote me back!

*Umami Bomb: 75 Vegetarian Recipes that Explode with Flavor* by Raquel Pelzel. ■



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## Recipe Corner—Blue Moon's Doctored Buffalo Sauce Recipe

*Ed: It's another summer without the Regent Neighborhood's Fourth of July picnic. Some of you may fire up the grill for your Regent Market brats and have a fine feast. (Don't forget the relish, ketchup, mustard, and buns.) Those of you who are more adventurous could try baked chicken wings with Blue Moon Bar & Grill's special sauce. Manager Jim Schmock gave us his recipe in restaurant proportions – a half gallon of this, a half-pound of that. We've cut things back to accommodate a family kitchen. Either make a whole batch of the hot sauce below, or pour out about ½ cup from Frank's Red Hot bottle and improvise with the additional spices and butter. As for cooking the wings, you'll need about three pounds, unboned and skin on. Cut each wing in two (you can remove the tips and discard, or save for making broth), toss the pieces in canola or other oil; place on a sheet pan lined with aluminum foil and broil (about 4-6 inches from heat) for about 7-10 minutes each side, then slather on the sauce and cook for another five. (You can also place the wings directly on a grill.) Blue Moon batters the wings and then cooks them in a deep fat fryer, but roasting cuts down on the fat.*

### Blue Moon's Doctored Buffalo Sauce

#### Ingredients

12 ounces Frank's Red Hot Original

1.6 ounces butter or 3.2 tablespoons

Scant 1½ teaspoons (or less) each of garlic powder, onion powder, cayenne, black pepper, Cajun seasoning, and Tabasco

#### Jim's Directions

Melt butter in a saucepan on low heat until melted. Add half of the Frank's Red Hot and stir until blended. Add spices and Tabasco and stir. Pour remaining Frank's Red Hot into the pan and stir. Perfect for tossing Wings and dipping just about anything. ■



*Blue Moon's battered and deep-fat fried chicken wings, slathered with the bar and grill's super-hot sauce.*

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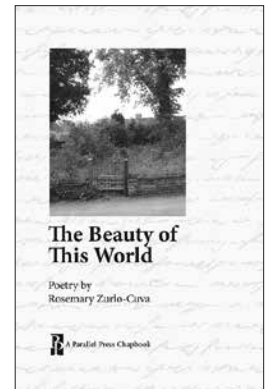
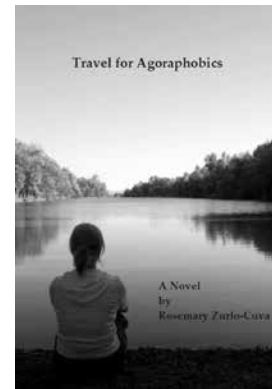
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## Poet's Corner—Rosemary Zurlo-Cuva

Rosemary Zurlo-Cuva lives within a football's throw of Camp Randall. She grew up in Milwaukee and received her undergraduate degree at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. She has lived in Madison ever since. She works as a journalist, editor and writing teacher. Her novel, *Travel for Agoraphobics*, was published as an e-book in 2011. The poem below comes from her chapbook, *The Beauty of This World* (Parallel Press, 2014), and is reprinted with permission.



### We Have Always Known Grief

There were always the fireflies, rising  
out of the grass at dusk, the call of crickets  
at summer's end when the fat milk pods begged  
to be split and their seeds to float like  
questions on the wind

and the endlessly churning lake, impervious  
to the cries of seagulls, changing color with each  
passing cloud, smoothing bits of shattered  
bottle glass and spitting them back  
as jewels to be treasured and forgotten  
in a small girl's pocket

the roar of the city bus after depositing  
the cleaning ladies on our unimproved  
suburban lanes as if aliens from  
another planet, the immigrant grandmother  
enthroned on a lime-green plastic  
lawn chair, tugging her black sweater close  
on the hottest summer afternoon. ■



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