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Please join us for the
2018 RNA Fall
Membership Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 7 p.m.
at Pasture and Plenty
2433 University Avenue

featuring

Christy McKenzie,
Owner of Pasture and Plenty

introducing

Lexicon of Sustainability
Food/Art Installations

Local Refreshment

Pasture and Plenty to Host Lexicon of Sustainability Pop-Up Show

Pasture and Plenty is partnering with the Regent Neighborhood Association to bring the Lexicon of Sustainability to Madison. The show consists of 24 informational art pieces to educate and spur conversations around food systems.

The Lexicon of Sustainability is based on a simple premise: people can't be expected to live more sustainable lives if they don't know the most basic terms and principles that define sustainability. By providing the Pop-Up Show, the Lexicon project fosters relationships among members of the community around topics of sustainability.

Aside from hosting shows here in the Regent Neighborhood, Pasture and Plenty will be a curator and act as a "lending library" to share these works with local schools and community groups planning their own sustainability initiatives.

The Lexicon of Sustainability was founded by Douglas Gayeton and Laura Howard-Gayeton to accelerate awareness and adoption of sustainable principles to combat climate change. By illuminating vocabulary, this lexicon of food helps engage and activate people to pay attention to how they eat, what they buy, and our responsibility for creating a healthier, safer food system. You can learn more at thelexicon.org and join the conversation at Pasture and Plenty on Tuesday, November 13. ■



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A Note from the President —

Greeting Neighbors,

I hope this finds you, your family and friends well.

We are so excited to welcome the new City of Madison Midtown Police Station to our area. The station is located on Mineral Point Road on the property formerly occupied by Mt. Olive church. Prior to the Midtown station opening, the Regent neighborhood was serviced by the South District.

Your neighborhood association has two open board seats, the President-Elect and the Sustainability Chair. If you are interested in helping to shape the direction and vitality of our neighborhood by serving on the RNA board, please let me know.

We want to extend our greatest appreciation to John Schlaefter. John served on the RNA board for many years as the treasurer, president, and his most lasting impact for our neighborhood was his leadership on guiding and implementing the Old University Avenue Corridor Plan. Thank you, John, for your commitment and service to making our neighborhood one of the best in the City.

Please join us for the annual RNA Fall Membership Meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7 p.m. We are delighted to be hosted by Pasture and Plenty, on the corner of Old University and Highland Avenues. If you haven't visited their renovated space yet, you're in for a treat. It'll be a great opportunity to meet our new neighbor, see their new space, learn about the dining opportunities they offer, and hear about up-coming experiences in store for our neighborhood. On behalf of the RNA board, we hope to see you there.

Best regards ~ Mary



*RNA Board President
Mary Czyszczak-Lyne*

2019 RNA Board Meeting Schedule

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| • January 28 | • April 22 |
| • February 25 | • May TBA |
| • March 25 | • June 24 |

The RNA Board meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7 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 Mary Czyszczak-Lyne at mary.czyszczaklyne@wisc.edu.

Midtown Police Station Opens

The long awaited Midtown Police District station opened on September 9. The staff has been busy with planning the Badger Football games and meeting with residents and stakeholders.

The Midtown District covers the near west side of Madison and includes parts of the UW campus, Camp Randall football stadium, West High School, Memorial High School, Edgewood College and High School, Marshall Park, Odana Golf course and Henry Vilas Zoo. To learn more, go to cityofmadison.com/Police/midtown/

We are grateful for the support of community leaders and alders and we are confident this new station will help us most with our problem-solving ability. Specifically, the Community Policing Team (CPT), the Mental Health Officer, and the Neighborhood Resource Officer are connecting to the community in



*Captain Jay Lengfeld
Midtown Station*

meaningful and efficient ways. The CPT has already completed a number of traffic enforcement projects and has spent time at West High and Memorial High during the lunch period and at the end of the school day. They have worked on a number of problem addresses and have arrested wanted individuals. The Mental Health Officer has been working hard with residents who are experiencing mental health issues to get them the services they need. Our Neighborhood Resource Officer is focusing on addresses that generate five or more calls for service each month and supports the CPT and Neighborhood Officers. In addition to these initiatives, we are excited to welcome a Gang Officer in late January.

With the station in the middle of the district, patrol officers will be closer to their beats when doing reports, processing evidence, and conducting interviews. While the station is open for business, there are still many items that need to be finished. Everyday there have been workers in the station. There is a Community Room that residents can use for free and is designed to hold up to 50 people. We hope to see you at an event soon! ■

Eat Smart Culinary Guides Win Best Culinary Series in the World!

The Eat Smart culinary guidebook series, published by Joan Peterson and Susan Peterson Chwae (Ginkgo Press, Inc.), was awarded the 2018 Gourmand World Cookbook Awards' top honor — 'Best in the World' in the Food Series category at Gourmand's annual awards event in May in Yantai, China.

Regent Neighbor Joan Peterson was on the first Board of Directors of the Regent Neighborhood Co-op, was on the RNA Board, and produced the first RNA Directory and several subsequent ones, as well as produced the RNA Newsletter for many years. Her daughter Susan Peterson Chwae also worked on the directory for several years.

Joan and Susan, along with Ginkgo Press executive chef Edward Chwae, traveled to China for the Awards ceremony and were thrilled when the Eat Smart culinary guidebook series was announced as the winner.

The Eat Smart series had won the 'Best in the USA' in the Food Series category earlier this year. The series then went on to compete with other countries entering books for the 'Best in the World' title in this category.

The Gourmand World Cookbook Awards organization has been celebrating the best food and wine books in the world for the last 23 years. The competition



Accepting the award on stage in Yantai China, left to right: Joan Peterson, Susan Peterson Chwae, and Edward Chwae

has become the most prestigious of its kind and has informally become known as the Oscars of the cookbook world. Publishers from over 200 countries nominate thousands of books each year.

The four-day awards event in Yantai was attended by nearly 500 people — including food and wine book authors, publishers, and others who are involved in some aspect of food and wine book production.

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0.013% - The increase in average sold price over 9/16-8/17.

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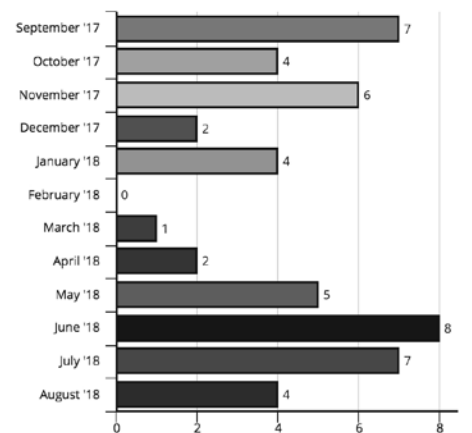
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If you are interested in sitting down with a local expert to learn more about the market value of your home, insight into the Madison Area market and local neighborhood trends, or what you can do now to get ready to sell in the spring, stop by Office Hours this winter to talk with Jessica Osiecki, a Madison native, local Realtor and attorney.

NUMBER OF HOMES SOLD/MONTH



Average Sold Home Statistics

3 bed, 2 baths

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29 Days on Market (vs. 50 days in 9/16-8/17)

\$253.30 - sold price per square foot

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Meet Our Neighbor — Wisconsin Humanities Council

In 2016, the Wisconsin Humanities Council moved its base of operations from downtown Madison to the office building at 3801 Regent Street across from MSCR and Hoyt Park. We are a staff of seven people excited to be a part of the Regent Neighborhood. We love coming to work among the oaks!

The Wisconsin Humanities Council (WHC) is a nonprofit committed to working statewide on a local level to strengthen community life. Our funding comes from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the state of Wisconsin, and private donors. Since 1972, we've created a rich array of opportunities for citizens all across the state — as well as right here in this neighborhood — for those who want to experience history, literature, and all that the humanities offer to enrich our lives.

Have you attended a Wisconsin Book Festival event at the Sequoya Branch Library? The festival was founded by the WHC in 2002, and we continue to support it. A local playwright's presentation of *Learning to Stay* produced by Forward Theatre also came to Sequoya thanks to a WHC grant. A series of talks this summer about Joyce Westerman and the women's professional baseball league was popular statewide, and hosted by the Sequoya Branch. We have funded Shakespeare programming at West High and this fall we're funding a revue for West students by the Music Theatre of Madison on issues that affect women. Plus we are in our fifth year of supporting Talking Spirits tours at the Forest Hill Cemetery!

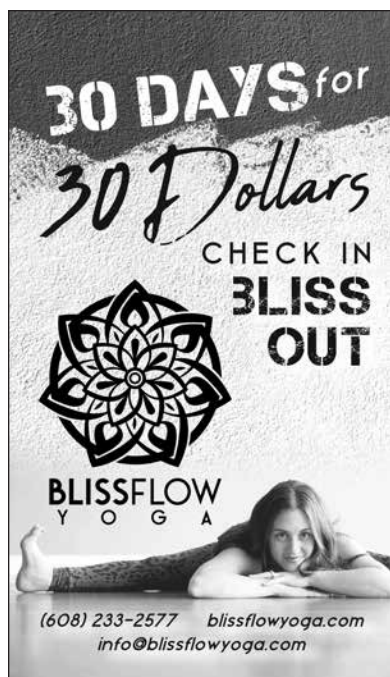
Additionally, our ShopTalk speakers travel the state, sharing stories and insights into the meaning of



Wisconsin Humanities Council staff, left to right: Jessica Becker, Shoshauna Schey, Meg Turville-Heitz, Dena Wortzel, Michael Kean, Carmelo Dávila and Gail Kohl

work. Firefighters, brewmasters, an attorney fighting human trafficking, and a Black police officer whose work touches on some of today's most sensitive issues are just some of our presenters who prompt rich conversation in communities large and small. Our newest initiative, *Beyond the Headlines*, creates opportunities for citizens and journalists to talk face-to-face about the role of journalism in helping citizens confront urgent social issues.

To learn more about WHC events, programs, and grants for public humanities projects, please visit us at wisconsinhumanities.org or find us on Facebook and Twitter @wihumanities. Or better yet, stop by! We would love to meet you! ■



Eat Smart Culinary Guides *(continued from page 3)*

Joan Peterson founded Ginkgo Press and the Eat Smart series 25 years ago. She started the series after extensive travel all over the world with her husband, having realized that there were no guidebooks dedicated to the foods of a country. Joan felt that the best way to get to the heart of a culture is through the food, so she decided to write them herself. The first guidebook was "Eat Smart in Brazil." Twenty-five years later there are 14 guides in the series, with 11 of them authored or co-authored by Joan. Three others were written by Madison authors: Ronnie Hess (France, co-author Portugal), Carol "Orange" Schroeder and her daughter Katrina Schroeder (Denmark), and Mary Bergin (Germany).

In 1998, Ginkgo Press began creating culinary tours primarily based on the Eat Smart books. In 2019, tours will be offered to Morocco, Turkey, India, Portugal, and Jordan.

Ginkgo Press recently teamed up with DelecTable/VomFass on University Avenue in Madison to present the 'Dinner with the Author' series. Every other month a 5-course dinner with beverage pairing is offered, featuring one of the countries in the Eat Smart series. Information about these dinners is available from VomFass at madison.vomfassusa.com and Ginkgo Press at eatsmartguides.com ■

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The Cat Annex — No Dogs Allowed!

An innovative and new veterinary clinic annex will cater to cats only, providing an environment that helps calm common but sometimes serious anxieties.

Lakeview Veterinary Clinic, a Madison-based small animal veterinary clinic, has added The Cat Annex, a cat exclusive facility, to its practice. The Cat Annex is located at 3506 Monroe Street, right next door to the current Lakeview Veterinary Clinic, in the building that was home to Mallatt's Pharmacy for nearly a century.

"Most cats do not like change. Something simple like rearranging furniture can cause stress," says Dr. Tom Bach, veterinarian and clinic co-owner. "When we force them into a little carrier and then make them ride in a car, this is not a good start to the day for most cats. In an effort to help them feel more calm and comfortable when they reach our clinic, we've created a space that caters to their needs and quells those anxieties. To ensure a safe and non-stressful experience for our cat patients, dogs are not allowed in The Cat Annex," says Dr. Bach.

The Cat Annex is also uniquely designed to provide spaces that make cats more comfortable. The Annex features three private exam rooms each complete with cat beds, cat trees to climb, places to play, and cat-calming scent dispensers.

The opportunity to develop the additional clinic space came at the perfect time for the Lakeview team. "We have outgrown the space in our building but love our location," says Dr. Pam Mache, veterinarian and clinic co-owner. "By creating additional clinic space in The Cat Annex we can now offer more appointment time to both dogs and cats in our current clinic, while simultaneously providing this alternative cat only option in the new Annex."



"We are excited about the expansion and our ability to increase access to care for both dogs and cats," added Dr. Mache. "We are also happy that we have the opportunity to allow the iconic Mallatt's building to continue to operate as a neighborhood business."

As part of The Cat Annex, Lakeview Veterinary Clinic is partnering with Madison Cat Project (formerly Dane County Friends of Ferals) and has an adoption room housing cats and kittens that are in need of loving homes. Drop-in visitors are welcome.

About Lakeview Veterinary Clinic

For 12 years Lakeview Veterinary Clinic has served small animals and their people. With six veterinarians on staff, the team cares for thousands of animals annually and prides itself on being a neighborhood practice that enjoys getting to know all patients and their people. Services include well-animal care, diagnosing and treating sick animals, surgery, dentistry, and a full portfolio of ancillary services including behavioral counseling, dietary counseling and in clinic appointments with specialists that perform abdominal and heart ultrasounds. For more information or appointments visit lakeviewvetclinic.com or call 608-236-4570. ■

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News from Franklin

My name is Sylla Zarov (the kids call me Mrs. Z.) and I am the principal at Franklin Elementary School. We serve students in 4K through second grade and are paired with Randall Elementary School. Our current enrollment hovers at right around 400 students.



Principal Sylla Zarov

Here are some highlights from the start of our year:

- Franklin and Randall are first year Welcoming Schools! What does that mean? Welcoming Schools is a professional development program providing training and resources to elementary school educators to welcome diverse families, create LGBTQ and gender-inclusive

schools, prevent bias-based bullying, and support transgender and non-binary students. We are excited to be engaged in this important work.

- We had an all-school assembly to introduce our mascots, Freddy and Fiona Falcon and to talk about the Franklin 5: Be Kind, Be Safe, Use Your Words, Show Respect, and Follow Directions. ■



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Greetings from Randall!

"What meal reminds you of home?" That query acted as the icebreaker for one of my recent meetings. Many folks went back in their minds to their childhood for the answer. Not surprisingly, the common theme was fare shared at winter and fall festival tables. The noted sides, however, were varied. Many of the culinary delights would fall under the category of comfort foods.

Comfort is one of those interesting words whose root bespeaks a different meaning than is normally intended. Com — together. Fort — strong. We find a unique sense of strength when we come together as families. Of course, sometimes with our kin it's not so much that we've got each other's backs as much as we get on each other's backs. Still, it seems there's no place like home for the holidays.

I've spent a number of holidays in other people's homes. I celebrated one Thanksgiving at a posh palace in La Jolla. A Japanese butler served us dinner in courses. He presented a plate of roast beef in round robin fashion. When my turn came, I whispered to the bowing attendant that his presentation looked delicious. "Arigato," he replied, his eyes cast to the center of the tray. I heard him to say "avocado." Resting in the middle of the platter was what looked to me to be an albino artichoke of some sort. I figured the gentleman had grabbed the wrong English term. His countenance seemed to suggest I take the item. I did, only to find out the artichoke was actually a decorative flowered onion centerpiece. My hosts held back no laughter. Later that night, I requested a peanut butter and jelly midnight snack from the nocturnal butler. His creation was as beautiful as it was delicious. On the side of the plate was a diminutive flowered onion.

I know the difference between an onion and an artichoke. I also know avocados, which have a most interesting etymology that I will leave to the reader to discover. As a Louisiana lad, a la my dad, our family referred to them as "alligator pears." I never considered the ovates to be comfort food until I experienced them transformed into guacamole.

Our Randall Latino students are no strangers to guacamole. Neither are our Hmong and other scholars. Yeng Her, one of our English Language Learner teachers, recently chatted with me over supper about avocados being a big part of his diet for flavor and health. He never tasted one while being raised in Laos. When I moved to Wisconsin years ago from Louisiana, I had never heard of a rutabaga and local stores never featured okra or crawfish. That's all changed, of course. The treats we eat like the company we keep have endless possibilities. Still, we

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Randall Principal John Wallace and lunchmates discuss the common traits of certain vegetables.

more easily find comfort in food than with those with whom we share it.

Most of our students here at Randall tote a lunch bucket to school, though our hot meal program features some mighty tasty offerings. My fave? A twist on a soul food staple. Mac and trees (broccoli). Now that's comfort food! And I have the added pleasure of enjoying the dish with a group of Raccoons far more diverse than the folks who got the whole Thanksgiving thing going centuries ago. Strong together indeed!

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John



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Leaf Mulch: Good for the Flowerbed, Good for the Watershed

by **Tim Kuhman, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences at Edgewood College and Friends of Lake Wingra board member**

Every autumn as the days get noticeably shorter and the trees throughout my neighborhood begin to drop their leaves, I watch as frustrated homeowners tackle the Sisyphean task of raking those leaves off their yards and out of the streets. They rake and re-rake as the wind blows their neat piles around and new leaves continue to fall incessantly for weeks or months. For some, this task is all about maintaining a neatly manicured lawn. While others realize that being a good steward of our Madison lakes requires vigilant raking of leaves so they don't end up in the storm water drains and, ultimately, in the lakes where they decompose and release their nutrients into the already nutrient-laden lake water, leading to an overabundance of aquatic plants and algae. Regardless of the reason, raking all those leaves is viewed by most as an obligation.

I, on the other hand, see opportunity in all those falling leaves! Instead of feeling the burden of having to dispose of them, I think of the benefits and beauty they will bring to my flowerbeds the following year as leaf mulch. Turning those leaves into mulch takes little more effort than raking them into piles for the city to pick up, and keeping those leaves on your property means you won't need to purchase mulch or fertilizer for your flowerbeds ever again.

Leaf mulch is my preferred form of mulch for flowerbeds: it is easy to spread, looks nice, substantially reduces growth of weeds, and decomposes to provide valuable nutrients and organic matter that continually improves garden soil. While it was once possible to purchase leaf mulch in the Madison area, it is no longer being sold by garden centers due to the risk of spreading the recently introduced Asian jumping worms. However, by collecting the leaves from your own property and turning them into leaf mulch, you can simultaneously help protect our lakes from excess nutrient inputs and produce high-quality leaf mulch that will improve your flowerbeds and save you money.

All you really need to make your leaf mulch is a lawnmower with a removable bag and a place to pile your chopped leaves for the winter. Most mowers either come with a bag or can be outfitted with one for minimal cost. Leaves can be mowed directly off the lawn and out of the street with the mower, or they can be raked into shallow piles and then chopped by running the mower back and forth over the pile until all the leaves have been chopped into small pieces. I like to spread a medium sized tarp on the ground



Cora Kuhman working hard to help compact the mowed leaves before soaking them and weighing them down with bagged leaves (in the background) to be turned into leaf mulch over the winter months.

near where I am mowing so I can frequently empty the mower bag onto the tarp and then haul the filled tarp to the pile where the leaves will be kept until the spring. Alternatively, you can use a leaf mulcher/shredder to chop the raked leaves directly where you'll be turning them into leaf mulch. I set up a large compost ring in my vegetable garden, selecting an area that I know I won't be planting until a little later in the spring or early summer. I like to connect two or three of the "geobin" type compost bins together to make a larger ring that is about eight or ten feet in diameter, but the size will vary depending on how much leaf mulch you wish to make given the extent of the flowerbeds that will need to be mulched and your availability of leaves. (Though keep in mind that if you need more leaves than you have on your own property, many of your neighbors would undoubtedly be delighted to let you mow them off their yards, too!) Simple hardware cloth or chicken wire can also be used to make the leaf mulch bin.

There are four main factors that will determine the speed at which your leaves will be converted to the dark-colored, partially-decomposed leaf mulch that is best to use on your flowerbeds: size of the chopped leaf fragments (the smaller the better), volume of the leaf mulch pile, wetness of the leaves, and time. There are tradeoffs between all these factors. For example, you could make a pile of coarsely chopped—or even unchopped—leaves and if you're willing to let them sit for a full year or more before (continued on page 12)

Leaf Mulch *(continued from page 11)*

using them they will eventually turn into perfectly fine leaf mulch, or eventually compost. However, most of us don't want to store the leaf mulch pile for more than the winter months, so faster is better. Having a larger pile helps maintain higher temperatures in the center of the pile due to the metabolic activity of the decomposers that are breaking down the leaves. These higher temperatures further speed up decomposition. The decomposers also need a relatively wet environment, so keeping the leaf pile wet is important. If there aren't any heavy autumn rains that soak the pile before winter sets in, you should consider soaking the pile thoroughly with a hose and sprinkler. I also like to collect a few of the large brown paper leaf bags that some neighbors place on the curb, and I set them on top of the chopped leaves to help weigh them down and hold in moisture after soaked them with water. The unchopped leaves in these bags don't turn into very good leaf mulch for the flowerbeds, but they work great to mulch the aisles of our vegetable garden in the spring. I even cut the paper bags into strips in the spring to place under the leaves in our veggie garden aisles as an extra weed barrier. It can also be helpful (and fun!) to have kids jump on the leaves in the pile to pack them down so more can fit in the bin and so they stay wet longer after they are soaked with water.

Instead of begrudgingly raking your leaves to the curb this fall, consider getting your mower and leaf mulch bin ready now so when the leaves start to fall, you will be ready to enthusiastically collect those leaves and turn them into leaf mulch, with visions of beautifully mulched bloom-filled flowerbeds in your head. You will have the satisfaction of knowing that you've done your part to protect our Madison lakes, save some money, and beautify your property at the same time.

Tell us what you've found successful for leaf mulching or ask us any lingering questions you have. Our email is info@lakewingra.org, we'll post a follow up article to share other tips and Q&A. Happy mulching! ■



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by Greg Lawless, RMC Board Member

When I joined the board of the Regent Market Co-op in January 2017, a full year had already passed since the big expansion. I learned how much work and money went into that. At that point, we had a full year of financial records to consider. Our annual sales had met our projections, and our gross margin—which is our total revenue minus the cost of goods sold—was also tracking well.

It took more than a year for me to really get my head around the business, and I'm still learning. I do know that we operate in the walkable midst of several neighborhoods that spend a great deal of money on groceries, alcohol, and home supplies. We are a block away from a very large and diverse body of high school students, teachers and administrators. And there is some unknown quantity of regular pass-through traffic.


The board of directors and general manager John Wendt agree that we can create more value out of that beautiful space of ours. In other words, we are not done growing.

We always welcome customers' ideas on what new products they would buy if available, or if there are special services they would happily pay for. If you like, you can email me your thoughts at greglawless@hotmail.com. I will compile responses and share them with John and the board.



Regent Market Co-op General Manager, John Wendt

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Alder Report — District 5

Dear Neighbors,

I would like to give you some updates on neighborhood and city related issues:

- Over the next month the City council will be discussing and making amendments to the proposed 2019 executive capital and operating budget. Please contact me with any budget priorities and feedback you have. We will be voting on the final budget on November 13, 2018. Here is the link to the budget: cityofmadison.com/budget/
- The Midtown Police Station, 4020 Mineral Point Blvd, is fully open and operational. The Midtown District covers the near west side of Madison and



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includes parts of the UW campus, Camp Randall football stadium, West High School, Memorial High School, Edgewood College and High School, Marshall Park, Odana Golf course and Henry Vilas Zoo. cityofmadison.com/Police/midtown/

- The city is continuing its historic preservation planning process. For details and updated information about the planning process, visit cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/the-historic-preservation-plan/1761
- University Ave from Farley/University Bay Drive to Shorewood Blvd is slated for reconstruction in 2020–21. Please stay tuned for the public input sessions, most likely in early 2019.

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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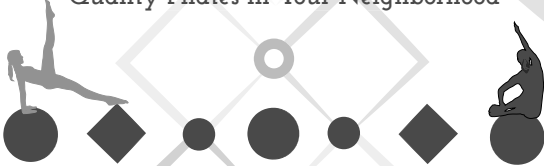
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Dane County Board Report — District 10

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. The County Board held public input sessions on September 12 & 13 to solicit public comment. During Wednesday's hearing, which focused on the Human Services Department, speakers urged the county to be a community partner to keep the Kajsab House open, which serves the Hmong, Cambodian, and Laotian community. The facility is slated for closure at the end of September. On Thursday, the board heard from environmental leaders who urged the county to continue working on improving water quality. That includes implementing proposals from the Healthy Farms, Healthy Lakes Task Force (board.countyofdane.com/Healthy-Farms-Healthy-Lakes-Task-Force) designed to reduce the amount of nutrients washing into the lakes. Since I have been appointed this term to the Environment, Agriculture and Natural Resources (EANR) Committee, lake levels and the health of the lakes are before my committee frequently, and very timely in the emergency management concerns with the heavy rains this summer. Further, the County Executive, who introduced his budget on October 1st, includes \$18 million for continued flood relief and future flood prevention efforts in his 2019 budget proposal. Half of that, or \$9 million, would be used to buy land prone to water runoff that would then be restored to prairie, which has better absorption capability. Farmers and landowners also would receive funds in a county pilot program to plant portions of their land with prairie grasses that keep more soil in place and retain more



Supervisor Jeremy Levin

water. Also, \$1 million will be added to Urban Water Quality Grant Program, which allows municipalities be to apply for money from the county for stormwater control projects such as retention ponds.

Over the next 25 years the region's population is expected to grow by another 150,000 people. Greater Madison is asking for public input into future growth planning for Dane County. I encourage you to take that survey so that A Greater Madison Vision receives a robust response. The survey gathers public input for the next regional development plan, which will guide regional growth and development through 2040. The survey will be available until November 12 at greatermadisonvision.com.

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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Wings Over the Neighborhood

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It's hard for me to believe but we are now in our seventh year of operation in Madison! I come from a Finance background originally but have always had an entrepreneurial spirit. That spirit, along with a passion for chicken wings, led me to make a career change in 2012 and begin working towards opening the restaurant. I haven't looked back since!



My wife Kari and I live near the restaurant on Van Hise Avenue and absolutely love the neighborhood. Come say hi! We met here in Madison while I was running the restaurant and she was doing her medical residency at UW. We've been in the neighborhood for almost five years and last year became proud homeowners. My wife now works at GHC as a pediatrician so some of your kids might see her in clinic!

We have our own online ordering website at wingsovermadison.com but you can also reach us at (608) 467-3300 or just stop by anytime! As of 2014, we also have a second location on Brady Street in Milwaukee (called Wings Over Milwaukee, of course), so please visit us next time you're out that way, too! ■

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This newsletter is a quarterly publication of the Regent Neighborhood Association with a circulation of 1,900. The deadline for the February edition is January 7, 2019. We welcome articles of general interest to the neighborhood about local history or personalities and discussions of local issues. Please send items or inquiries to Megan Heneke at meganheneke@gmail.com.