

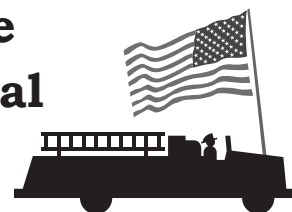


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**The Regent Neighborhood Association
Invites You and Your Family to the
Neighborhood Fourth of July Festival
Friday, July 4, 2014 at
West High Athletic Field**



About Noon

Parade The festival kicks off with a parade led by our one-and-only Rag Tag Band. Kids of all ages—red-white-and-blue-tify your wheels and selves and line up at the corner of Grand and Park Place.

12:15 pm

Let the games begin! Good, old-fashioned fun brought to you by your neighbors. There'll be lots of home-made games, prizes, water balloons, catapult, cake walk, face painting, and more. And the Box Maze returns!

Food! Brats, hot dogs, veggie dogs, soft drinks, and a dessert booth!

About 2 pm

Egg Toss Legendary Regent Market Egg Toss.

About 2:30 pm

End of Festival

**How You Can
Participate**

- Call a coordinator and volunteer. See other side for details.
- Dust off your instrument and join the Rag Tag Band.
- Decorate your bikes and join the parade.
- Create and run a game.
- Bake a treat for the cake walk or the dessert booth.
- Play the games and have fun with your neighbors.
- Have a brat and toss an egg.
- Stop by the membership tent & join the RNA!

**Remember
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RNA 4th of July Festival — Working together makes it happen! Contact one of our organizers and see how you can help!

Set Up: 9–11 am. Contact Dave Hughes, hubiehughes@sbcglobal.net or 695-8707, or Sue Brook, suebee2000@sbcglobal.net.

Rag Tag Band*: Marli Johnson, MStarCatch@aol.com or 271-1219.

Brat Stand: Ron Rosner, rosner7@charter.net. Brat grillers and sellers.

Beverage Stand: LD Oakley, 263-5866 or ldoakley@wisc.edu

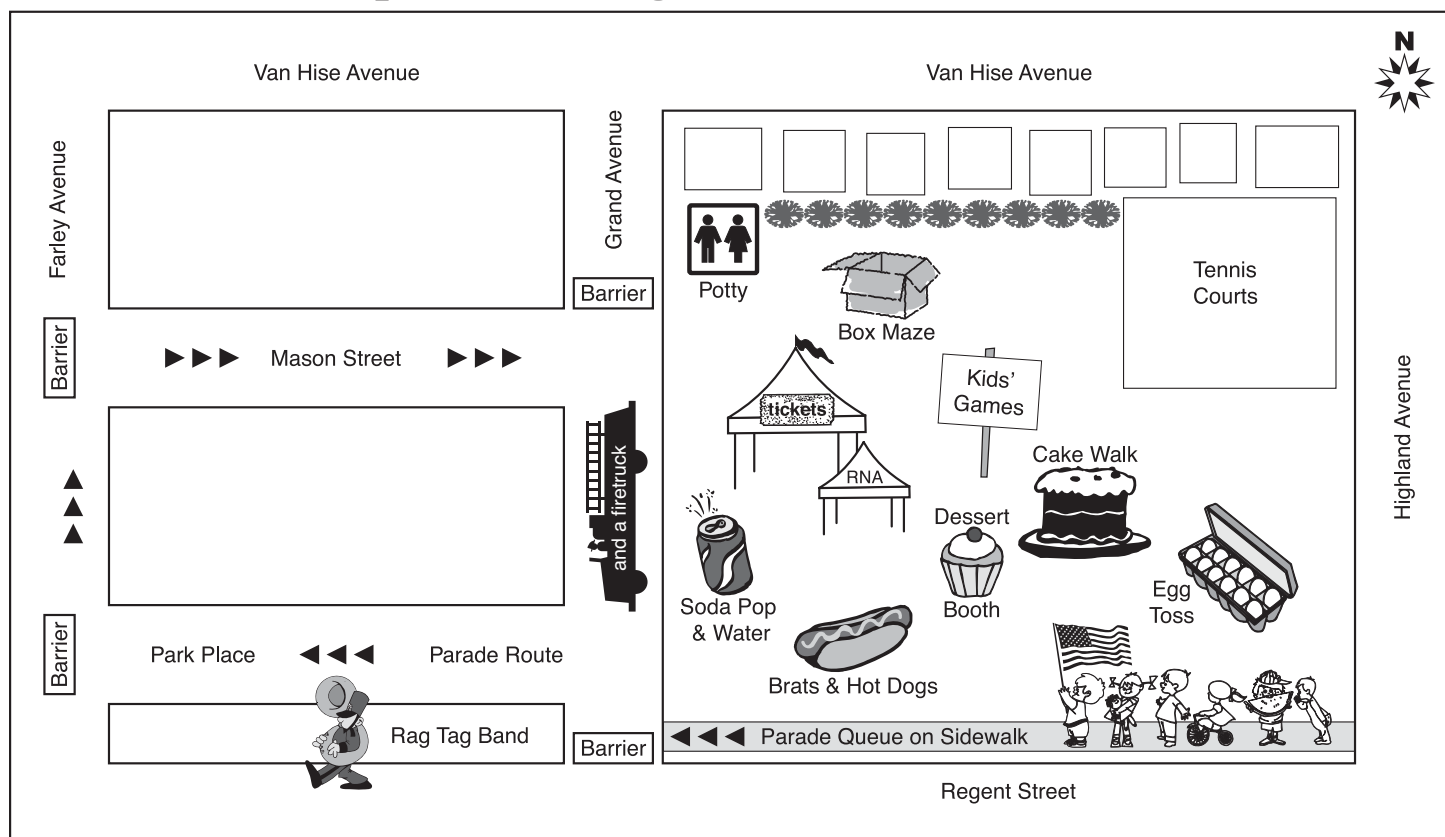
Ticket Sales: Contact Dave Hughes, hubiehughes@sbcglobal.net or 695-8707

Games: Diana Greenberg, 232-0217 or jerrydiana@sbcglobal.net. Create & run a game, split the profits with the RNA. Prizes provided.

Cake Walk: Erin Porter, erinsundell@yahoo.com. Bring baked goods to the field on Friday.

Clean Up: With your help, it won't take long! Contact Dave Hughes, hubiehughes@sbcglobal.net or 695-8707, or Sue Brook, suebee2000@sbcglobal.net.

RNA Festival Map at West High Field



Please supervise children and let's celebrate safely.

* Band Members WELCOME to join our Rag Tag Band this July 4th

Haven't played for a while? Not much experience? A real hot shot? All are welcome! On July 4th, the Regent Neighborhood Rag Tag Band proudly marches around the block then plays a fun concert on the West High athletic field. We begin with easy tunes for less experienced performers then graduate to intermediate pieces and a few show-off numbers. Rehearsals to be announced soon. Respond right away so that we can reserve your spot! Music available ahead of time. Questions? Email Marli Johnson, MStarCatch@aol.com, or call (608) 271-1219. ■

Oliver's to Open on Old University in Fall 2014

Proprietor Bob Harriman recently met with Regent neighbors to announce his new restaurant, describe the restaurant and answer questions.

The Regent Neighborhood gains a new restaurant this fall in the recently-developed space at 2540 University Avenue in the Mullins Development. In environment and dining options, Oliver's promises a middle ground between its neighbors Lombardino's and the Blue Moon Bar & Grill. Owners Don Michelson and Bob Harriman promise food we would serve at our homes every day without constraints on time. In other words, everyday food that is anything but ordinary. Oliver's will serve brunch every weekend in addition to offering lunch and dinner every day.

While Oliver's is the first brainchild of collaborative owner's Don Michelson and Bob Harriman, its local roots are strong and conceived in restaurant know-how. Both Don and Bob are "old west side" kids: two West High grads who went on to attend UW-Madison. Don has found success in commercial real estate, while Bob owns a general contracting firm that has built many Madison dining favorites (including last year's Heritage Tavern, Francesca's al Lago, and Sardine—of which he is a co-owner). "Oliver's is the culmination of 35 years of around or in the [restaurant] business," Harriman said. While choosing to remain a designer and builder of restaurants until now, Harriman is excited to try on this new role, saying, "I've always wanted to do this—this is what I've always wanted to try."

Plans are for Oliver's to seat 93 people at the bar and dining area and will open additional outdoor seating as Wisconsin weather allows. Co-owners Bob and Don aspire to create a welcome destination for nearby neighborhood residents as well as employees of the UW Hospital. Recognizing that there is a unique feel



Yearbook photos of restaurateurs Bob Harriman and Don Michelson from West High in the mid '60s

to the area surrounding this new restaurant, Oliver's will strive to create a space harmonious with the near west neighborhood's soul.

Oliver's will feature several locally-sourced menu offerings such as pan-roasted brussels sprouts and candied nuts, perch fish fry, and salads with roasted beets. Traditional ingredients will dominate the menu, but offering diners a present-day preparation.

From the greeting at the door to the delicious food arriving at your table, the owners promise a comfortable tone. Bob Harriman hopes that Oliver's is "what the neighborhood has been asking for for a very long time." ■

Dr. Ed Holmes Goes Out Like A Lion

The RNA recognized the contributions of West High Principal Ed Holmes with a gift to the Dr. Edward S. Holmes Legacy Scholarship Fund. The RNA is proud to contribute to a fund that honors your work and continues an investment in our children.

Congratulations, Ed.

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University Heights Gardens in Olbrich Tour

Olbrich's 2014 Home Garden Tour will feature seven gardens in University Heights on Friday, July 11, from 10 am–4 pm, and Saturday, July 12, from 9 am–3 pm.

Tickets are available at Olbrich's Growing Gifts shop until July 10, and at 2206 Van Hise Avenue on the tour days. The cost is \$12 for members of Olbrich Gardens, and \$14 for non-members.

University Heights is one of Madison's first suburbs and an area that has been named to the National Historic Register for its diverse collection of architecturally-important homes. Since its inception in 1893, its curvilinear streets and beautiful hilltop vistas have made it a highly-desirable area for homeowners. Homes include some of the oldest in the district, as well as modern construction that echoes vintage architectural details. As you stroll through this notable neighborhood, you are invited to visit seven exceptional gardens. Sites encompass shady woodlands as well as sunny vegetable and floral displays. Plantings range from ancient Camp Randall oaks to the newest perennial cultivars. Garden structures include stone walls, paths, and patios; fountains and ponds; and an authentic Japanese teahouse. Talk with homeowners, landscape designers, Olbrich volunteers, and Master Gardener volunteers, and learn some of the techniques employed by the artists and gardeners who pay homage to this historic community.



The garden of Ron Rosner and Ronnie Hess is one of seven in University Heights to be featured in this year's Tour.

The total distance between garden sites is 1.5 miles, making the tour very walkable! Enjoy a variety of delicious lunch options at The Froth House, a neighborhood coffeehouse, featuring a lush outdoor patio for dining!

For more information, contact Katy Plantenberg, Olbrich Botanical Gardens at 245-3675 or kplantenberg@cityofmadison.com ■

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Alder Report, District 5—Shiva Bidar-Sielaff

Dear Neighbors,

Summer is definitely here! Here is a summary of some key neighborhood issues:

- **Oliver's—our new restaurant at 2540 University Avenue (next to Lombardinos, in the new Mullins building):** The proposed new restaurant's alcohol license has been approved with the following conditions: closing time of Sundays–Thursdays 11pm; Fridays–Saturdays 12am; the closing time of the outdoor patio will be 9pm; no music allowed on the outdoor patio. Oliver's will be opening in the Fall. I hope you are all as excited as I am to try this new restaurant in our neighborhood.
- **The University Ave Corridor (UAC) Plan was approved by the City Council on May 6.** It has truly been a long and arduous process. I would like to thank the RNA Board and UAC Subcommittee for all their work! I believe we ended up with a well-balanced plan that will help guide future investments in this key neighborhood corridor.



Alder Shiva Bidar-Sielaff

- **Arts under the underpasses at Highland and Walnut:** One of the recommendations of the UAC Plan is to create a much more attractive sense of place by adding art within this currently start spaces. The City arts coordinator, Karin Wolf, is already working on this project. As soon as there are more specifics, I will make sure to share!
- **Landmarks Ordinance:** The Ad Hoc Landmarks Ordinance Review Committee made up of 5 alders (including me) has started to meet to discuss the recommendations of the Landmarks Commission and make final recommendations to the City Council. I will be sending information to the listservs. I look forward to hearing your thoughts as we discuss the changes to the ordinance.

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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Dane County Board Report, District 10—Jeremy Levin

I hope this edition of the RNA Newsletter finds you and your family well. As I begin my service for another two-year term on the County Board, I was reappointed to the County's Health and Human Needs (HHN) committee and elected to serve as Chair. I value my role on HHN, as the county spends more than half of its budget on human services for residents in need.



Supervisor Jeremy Levin

The 2014–16 term will see an active term for the County's human services: HHN, along with the Executive Committee, was presented the findings of an audit report from Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP in regards to Dane County's Department of Human Services current approach to and future planning for Purchase of Service contracting on May 15. This analysis will hopefully lead us down a path to more efficient and effective contracting; The HHN committee has also worked to finally secure a daytime homeless resource center that should open up this fall, while the purchasing of that site and renovations move forward, homelessness will unfortunately be a continued concern that will face the committee and our community; The HHN Committee will continue the County's work on racial equity and be involved in the start of the study involving the County Jail, assessing our three current

jail facilities for space, security, mental health, and supportive services for inmates.

In non-human service news, the county has established this new endowment fund to support Dane County Parks. The new fund, "The Friends of Dane County Parks Endowment," will be managed by the Madison Community Foundation and enable anyone with a passion for the parks to make a tax refundable donation of any asset, including cash, stock and real estate. The endowment has been created through a successful public/private partnership with Dane County and the Madison Community Foundation, which will match 2-to-1 all donations to the endowment in 2014. Individuals interested in making a gift to The Friends of Dane County Parks Endowment are encouraged to contact Darren Marsh, Dane County Parks Director, at marsh@countyofdane.com or at 608.224.3766.

Finally, Dane County's two composting sites, in Verona and Waunakee, will stay open until July 1st to provide free compost to the public. Dane County will be giving away compost by the car and truck load for free, after recently being notified that municipal partners like the City of Madison won't be bringing compost material to county sites any longer.

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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Bike Path Gardens Brings Neighbors—and Neighborhoods—Together

by Joyce Knutson

As any gardener can tell you, there is always something that needs doing in a garden—even if it's simply standing back to enjoy the view. And there's plenty of view to be enjoyed at the Southwest bike path/Prospect Avenue gardens.

Residents of the Regent and Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhoods come together on the third Saturday of each month during the gardening season to tend the gardens. On one Saturday in May, weeds were pulled, mulch was distributed, and plants were put in the ground to augment those already there or to replace those that did not survive our long, hard winter. A few days later, the Blessed Sacrament third- and fourth-grade running club helped pull dandelions and garlic mustard along the gardens.

We invite you to join us! The Prospect Avenue gardens are a great place to reflect and connect with neighbors. Whether you garden for enjoyment, exercise, or a feeling of accomplishment, gardening at Prospect Gardens offers another benefit: the good feeling that comes from helping your neighborhood. Stop by anytime. ■



Running Club from Blessed Sacrament after a job well done (photo by Jake Blasczyk)

Commonwealth Bee & Butterfly Garden Update

by David and Jeannette LeZaks

On a beautiful Spring weekend, with the help of a small army of volunteers, we planted about 1,000 native perennial plants in the Commonwealth Bee & Butterfly Garden at the intersection of Commonwealth Avenue and the Southwest bike path. This was funded by the city's Neighborhood Grant Program and a gift from the RNA. Thank you for all of your support. We will have several workdays throughout the summer and are in the process of designing other improvements to the site as well.

Before, during, and after pictures of the site are available at [flickr.com/photos/davidzaks/sets/72157644854791241/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/davidzaks/sets/72157644854791241/) ■



Your RNA membership dollars at work: Volunteers planting perennials in the Commonwealth Bee & Butterfly Garden

A Note from the Little Free Librarian

New Little Free Libraries are showing up in the Regent neighborhood and through-out Madison all the time. Join the Little Free Libraries of Madison Facebook group and stay informed. And stop by any Little Library in the neighborhood to give and receive good books!

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Greetings from Randall!

One June day, I made my way over to our partner school Franklin to visit the primary grade kids. A kindergartner asked me to tie his shoe. I told him to give it his best shot first, and then I'd put the finishing touches on the laces. It dawned on me that I don't receive requests for such assistance at Randall, especially during this season of bare feet and flip-flops.

The event reminded me of the words of Dorothy Canfield Fisher that I shared with our students during morning announcements around Mother's Day. "A mother is not a person to lean on, but a person to make leaning unnecessary." I suppose the quote could somehow be fashioned to fit an Independence Day theme as well. Our goal and greatest joy as parents and teachers is watching young folks grow to need us less and less and want us more and more.

This past year, Randall joined all Madison schools in broadening this "teach a man to fish" approach. You may have heard of what's called the gradual release of responsibility. The four-step process begins with the teacher demonstrating the task at hand ("I do"). The students then join the teacher in performing the act ("We do"). The collaborative element follows, with students engaging with one another ("You do together"). The final component is independent work (I do alone). That peer practice piece was the missing link back in many of our own elementary school days.

A former student of mine stopped to visit me not long ago with his first-born child in tow. He noted that he hears all the time from his cronies about how different kids are today as compared to when their parents were tadpoles. He asked me my take on that notion. I suggested he look at the changes in the world and realize that we are all products of our environment. My feet never knew shoes during my Louisiana summers. I was out the screen door at dawn and back home when the locusts legged a lullaby to the setting sun. Now an unchaperoned child signals a red alert to any bystanders, and understandably so. One has to wonder if play dates, video game escape and a schizoid schedule of organized activities aren't the result of a prominence of potential perpetrators.

As our children grow, we engage them in our own gradual release of responsibility. We show our children how to live wisely, safely and responsibly. We fashion and share such a lifestyle with them. We encourage them to build friendships that allow them to learn, play, dream and resolve conflicts with an ever diminishing dose of parent control. When they



RNA resident Simon Yang presents his duct tape replica of the shoes his principal wears.

do achieve independence, our wish is the same as it has always been - that they be safe and happy.

The increased interactions across fences and along the avenues that summer affords us reveals the safe haven that the Regent Neighborhood is to all of us. Keep your earbuds at bay so as to enjoy birds as bards, rolls of thunder, and harbinger bike bells. And if by chance a challenged cherub asks for your help in tying a shoe, start with step two: We do.

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John Wallace, Principal ■

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Our Spring fling street fair in conjunction with the Gallery night art walk this past May 2nd was a great success and many of you may have had a chance to meet our new store manager, John Wendt. The board promoted John, after many years with the RMC, to permanent GM after Randy Winkler stepped down to pursue other opportunities. This month is just like a typical May, we have seen many of our neighbors dodging raindrops to duck under the broad green stripped awning of the Regent market only to find that everything they need is right here at our own little corner market. The new season brings lots of fresh Asparagus, Rhubarb and a burning desire to grill out. In addition to a new expanded selection of farm fresh produce, the Co-op also features a full specialty meat market along with imported Cheeses, salads and lunch specials. The market is dedicated to providing a great shopping experience, locally sourced fresh and specialty prepared foods, local employment and a genuine neighborhood atmosphere.

There has been talk over the past year around an exciting growth opportunity for the Co-op, which would involve consolidating the food market with Mikes's Liquor store, just next door, to provide a convenient one stop shopping experience in the heart



of the Regent Neighborhood. The board has made 2014 a year for growth for the grocery and we will be sharing the details with members and interested neighbors at an open house to be scheduled later this summer. We will be relying on a capital campaign among our membership, supporting organizations and business partners for the funds necessary for the expansion. The new store layout will keep much of the charm of the old-fashioned market, but will allow more generous aisles, better lighting, upgraded refrigerated display cabinets along with a selection of beer, wine and select liquors. Please stop in to say hi to John and the crew next time you are passing by the corner. We are here to serve you!

Jim Widder
RMC Board President ■

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A Note from the President —

In May, the Madison Common Council adopted the amended University Avenue Corridor Plan. Although city boards and commissions made some changes to the plan, the final version largely preserved the neighborhood's vision for the Corridor as expressed in the original plan.

The Plan vision statement reads:

The Corridor is a livable, walkable community that is a pleasure to live and work in.



*RNA Board President
Jon Miskowski*

A vision of a more pleasurable place and a more visually appealing corridor took a major step forward on June 10 when the Madison Art Commission made a \$10,000 grant to support a proposed art project beautifying the Highland and Walnut bridges and underpasses.

In the Spring semester, as a class assignment, UW Professor Sam Dennis's Urban Design class explored those areas with neighborhood input. From that, they proposed a variety of ways that public art could transform those areas. Their designs can be seen on the RNA website. The City Planning staff is working with those designs to create a plan to radically transform the underpasses and bridges. There's still a lot of work to do and significant dollars to raise to move this to completion but this is an encouraging start.

We ask you to imagine the transformation of a dark and uninviting place to a place of color and light that offers an attractive, welcoming passage from the west Campus to the Regent Neighborhood. And we invite you to support this work.

The RNA will certainly be invited to financially support this and other work to beautify the corridor. Besides personal donations to the project, we trust you will make your annual RNA membership gift to support important investments like this in our neighborhood. You can mail your gift with the enclosed membership form or, as many do, bring it to the RNA July 4th Festival at the West High field.

— Jon

RNA Board Meeting Schedule

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| • August 27, 2014 | • November 19, 2014 |
| • September 24, 2014 | • January 28, 2015 |
| • October 22, 2014 | • February 25, 2015 |

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



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Announcements—

Thursday, June 19, 7:15 pm

Bucky Badger is inviting fans to join him in watching “The LEGO Movie” for Movie Night at Camp Randall. Gate 1 will open at 6:30 pm and the feature presentation will begin at 7:15 pm. Admission is free and open to the public. More info at uwbadgers.com/genrel/052914aab.html

Wednesday, June 25, 7:00 pm

A Conversation on Race
First Congregational United Church of Christ
1609 University Avenue

The RNA and the First Congregational United Church of Christ host a conversation on race with Dr. Alex Gee, Jr., Professor William P. Jones, and Shiva Bidar-Sielaff. ■

Friday, July 4, 11:45 am – 2:30 pm

RNA Fourth of July Festival
West High Athletic Field (see page 1) ■

Friday, July 11, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Saturday, July 12, July 11, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Olbrich’s 2014 Home Garden Tour will feature seven gardens in University Heights.

Tickets are available at Olbrich’s Growing Gifts shop until July 10, and at 2206 Van Hise Avenue on the tour days. The cost is \$12 for members of Olbrich Gardens, and \$14 for non-members. (see page 5) ■

Monroe Street Library Summer Events:

Summer Reading: Not Just for Kids!
Monroe Street Branch Library
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Stop by the Monroe Street Library to register for the Summer Library Program for kids, teens, and adults beginning June 13. Take a look at some of the exciting programs we're offering this summer, too, featuring all kinds of fun for all ages. Check out madisonpubliclibrary.org and madisonbubbler.org for more information.

- Preschool Storytime:
Tuesdays, June 24 – August 12, 10:30 am
- Storytime for the Very Young:
Tuesdays, June 24 – August 12, 11:30 am
- Rocket Star Glitter Globes:
Thursday, June 26, 2:30 pm
- Robotics: Saturday, July 12, 2:30 pm
- Gardening on Mars: Thursday, July 24, 2:30 pm
- Rover Design Challenge:
Thursday, August 7, 2:30 pm
- Silk Scarf Dyeing with Nancy Welch:
Wednesday, August 13, 6:00 pm
- Zoozort: Thursday, August 14, 3:30 pm
- Hooray for Kindergarten!
Tuesday, August 19, 10:30 am ■

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This newsletter is a quarterly publication of the Regent Neighborhood Association with a circulation of 1,700. The deadline for the fall edition is September 30, 2014. We welcome articles of general interest to the neighborhood, discussions of local issues, personal interest stories, etc. Please address items or inquiries, or for current ad rates, to Mary Sarnowski, sarnowski@mac.com. Letters to the editor do not necessarily reflect the views of the Regent Neighborhood Association.