

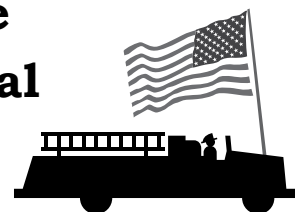


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**The Regent Neighborhood Association
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Monday, July 4, 2016 at
West High Athletic Field**



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, candle luminary-making, and more.

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 an organizer and volunteer. See page 2 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!



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Set up starts at 9 a.m. Contact Dave Hughes at 695-8707 or hubiehughes@sbcglobal.net and see how you can help!

Brat Stand: Brat grillers and sellers needed for 1-hour shifts—contact Ron Rosner, rosner7@charter.net

Games: Games Coordinator needed. Gamesters: create & run a game, split the profits with the RNA. Prizes provided. Contact Dave Hughes, see above.

Cake Walk: Coordinator needed. Volunteers for 1-hour shifts needed. Baked goods needed! Bring your baked goods to the field on Monday.

Clean Up: With your help, it won't take long! No need to contact, just stick around after.

*** 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. ■

RNA 2016 Scholarship Recipients

This month the Regent Neighborhood Association awarded two scholarships at the West High School Honors event.

The Regent Neighborhood Association Scholarship was established with the purpose of acknowledging and celebrating the diversity, the energy, and the enthusiasm that the West High School students add to the fabric of our neighborhood. The awards are given to two graduating seniors who have demonstrated engagement in multicultural activities both in school and in the greater Madison community while modeling a commitment to academic pursuits.

Congratulations to Ari Davis and Antonia Bruce for their accomplishments. Each will receive a \$2,500 scholarship from the RNA thanks to the generosity of Regent neighbors. Ari will attend Carthage College in Kenosha and studio education. Antonia will attend North Carolina A&T in Greensboro.



Ari Davis and Antonia Bruce

Please build on this success by making your contribution to the 2017 West High Scholarship. Make your gift, along with your RNA membership, by returning the enclosed membership form. Thank you. ■

Regent Market Co-Op Grand Re-Opening a Major Success

by Adolf G. Gundersen, RMC Board President

The Grand Re-Opening of the Regent Market Co-op on May 22 was a huge success, surpassing even our biggest hopes. A large crowd was on hand to take in rousing musical performances and sample vendor wares, root beer floats, and our own brats as well as enjoy the offerings of the new store, especially Chocolate Shoppe ice cream cones and beer from the growler station. The store's new era was marked with a ribbon-cutting ceremony late in the afternoon. Even the weather "co-op"erated. Thanks for coming out!

If you weren't able to join in the fun, the new store is waiting for you. It's bigger—almost twice the size—

and much better. The Co-op now boasts window-front seating and greatly-expanded beer, produce, deli, and bulk offerings; wider aisles; and a new look, both inside and out. Solar panels on the roof and awning will be installed this month, allowing the store to save energy costs in the long run. (A real-time gauge in the store will allow customers to monitor their output.)

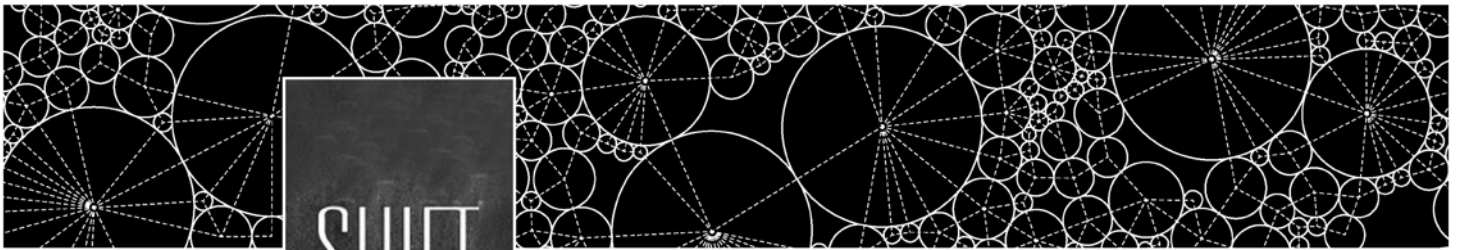
Those who attended the Grand Re-Opening already know that the Regent Market Co-op is now more than a better place to shop; it's a place to linger. Come with your family and friends—and stay awhile. ■



RMC Grand Re-Opening Ribbon Cutting. Front row, left to right: Board President Adolf Gundersen, General Manager John Wendt, Board member David LeZaks (holding ribbon). Back row, left to right: Board Secretary Louie Lettenmair, employee and Board member George Rothdrake, Board Treasurer Jacob Rodriguez, Assistant Manager Michele Kenney.



RMC Expansion Team. Front row, left to right: Expansion Treasurer Jim Yockey (waving), General Manager John Wendt, Project Manager Kurt Reinhold (kneeling). Back row, left to right: Board Secretary Louie Lettenmair, Board Treasurer Jacob Rodriguez, Board member David LeZaks, employee Bill Stoneking, Board member Paul Krc.



An Art **SHIFT** Installation For the Highland Avenue Underpass

by John Schlaefer

The Regent Neighborhood Association has been involved in the planning and design choice, starting with the creation of the University Avenue Corridor Plan, for an art work that, hopefully, will be installed in the Highland Avenue underpass sometime next year.

The SHIFT art installation is a collaborative design initiative between the RNA, the UW Landscape Architecture Department, and 1000 Friends of Wisconsin to implement part of the city's University Avenue Corridor Plan's recommendations for public art. The art will serve as a visual transition between the UW campus and the Regent neighborhood for the thousands of employees, students, and neighborhood residents who use the underpass each day. The project will increase walkability, create a more balanced lighting system for the underpass at night, and improve commuters' experience on a daily basis.

As a result of the Corridor Plan, the city's arts administrator, Karin Wolf, contacted Landscape Architecture Professor Sam Dennis who had used

his classes in the past to design concepts for actual projects in the city. His students came up with several concepts that were presented to the RNA Board in the winter of 2014. The board picked the design by student Julia Schilling which is a three-dimensional textured mural to be installed on both sides of the underpass with LED lights that will create warmth and humanity on the underpass walls. The picture that a pedestrian or bicyclist will see changes as they pass the mural. The overall picture is different depending on whether one is heading north or south.

There has been a lot of excitement about the project from city staff, the Madison Arts Commission, and the university. 1000 Friends of Wisconsin was appointed as the fiscal agent, and they have started fundraising from big donors for the \$200,000 project. More information will be available at RNA's Fourth of July Festival. ■

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Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church: Our Neighbor For the Past—and the Next—100 Years!

by Ruth Kearley

In 1914, the neighborhood women who were members of Grace Episcopal Church on the Square decided it was too far for their children to ride the trolley to church. As a result they spoke to their husbands and rector who petitioned the Diocese of Milwaukee, and a new neighborhood church was created. You know this church as St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Thirty families became the founding group. They broke ground for a neighborhood church near the junction of South Spooner Street and Roberts Court. In 1925–1926 it was determined that this space was no longer able to support the 300 families that called St. Andrew's home. On April 1, 1928, the current location of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at 1833 Regent Street was dedicated.

Over the past 18 months we have been doing considerable work to our campus to ensure that we can continue to be a positive presence in the Regent Neighborhood for the next 100 years.

The west side of the church has a new prayer garden with a beautiful wrought-iron fence and stone retaining walls. While this work was originally begun to solve a severe water drainage problem, the result is a beautiful contemplative space. This year our Palm Sunday procession began in this space as did the beginning of the Great Vigil of Easter.

You may have noticed the dumpster and the many contractor vehicles outside the church over the past few weeks. With the guidance of Findorff Construction, we are in the middle of an extensive remodeling project that touches every room of our facility. At the conclusion of the project at the end of August, we will have a new roof, new boiler and heating system, AC in the education wing, remodeled parish hall, new kitchen, new full-size elevator, new ceilings and flooring in the offices and meeting spaces, freshly painted nave, updated bathrooms, steam cleaning and tuckpointing of the exterior walls, repair of the east wall and gardens, removal of the existing garage and a new fenced-in backyard. We have taken on this project to be sure our campus is ready to serve the community we are a part of for the next 100 years.

We are committed to offering our space as a resource for the community and our parish hall and meeting rooms are available to outside groups. We host five Girl Scout troops and six AA meetings weekly, numerous concerts and recitals for both professional and student musicians, the Regent Market Co-op's

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Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church on Regent Street

Annual Meeting, numerous community association meetings, and the Regent Neighborhood Rag Tag Band's Fourth-of-July rehearsals.

If you have a community event that needs a home, please be in touch! Beginning this fall, once we have completed our repairs and renovations, we will be available for weddings and receptions, so if you have a big date in your future please keep us in mind. Contact us at 233-3249.

Watch for our open house this fall and come see the changes we have made to our facility. Everyone is always welcome at St. Andrew's! ■



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Alder Report — District 5

by Alder Shiva Bidar-Sielaff

Dear Neighbors,

Here is a summary of some key neighborhood issues:

Midtown Police Station:

The project is on schedule with demolition and construction slated to start in early 2017. Given the timeline, it will require reauthorization of funds as part of the 2017 city budget.

UW Campus Master Plan:

The most current information on the project: masterplan.wisc.edu. The current timeline is for UW Madison to submit their proposed Campus Master Plan to the City for city approvals in the Fall. Please take the time to look at the current draft and email me with any questions and/or concerns.

Quarry Park:

I held a final neighborhood meeting with the City Parks Department on June 13. The meetings have



Alder Shiva
Bidar-Sielaff

been well attended and Parks staff has done a great job of incorporating the feedback of the different types of users into the proposed plans.

Update on 2501 University Ave Project:

The project is scheduled for completion in mid-November. A commercial tenant has signed a long-term lease so we should be seeing another business open in our neighborhood soon.

Pedestrian Safety Updates:

I continue to work closely with City Traffic Engineering department to improve pedestrian safety in and around our neighborhood. In addition to the specific issues I outlined in the last newsletter, I will be working with neighbors living on Allen to explore traffic calming measures.

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. I hope to see many of you at our July 4th Festival. Have a safe and fun summer! ■

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- “They paid attention to every detail and made the remodel fit perfectly into the original house. Even though the outside looks much the same, inside the house is now nothing short of spectacular.”

Streets and Transportation News

by Charlie Peters, RNA Streets & Transportation Committee

In April we announced the availability of the RNA Traffic Incident Reporting tool (available at the bottom of the RNA website homepage regentneighborhood.org). We really appreciate everyone who has taken the time to file an incident report.



After just over a month, 16 incidents have been reported: Five of these are generic location-based concerns, 10 are near-crashes, and one is an auto/bike crash. Two-thirds of the incidents reported relate to pedestrian concerns and one-third to bicyclist issues.

These incidents have been plotted on a Google map by type and location (link available at the bottom of the RNA website homepage). We want to acknowledge and thank our alder Shiva Bidar-Sielaff's ongoing work with city staff to implement infrastructure safety projects at some of these neighborhood hot spots (as reported in the previous RNA newsletter). We believe this database and map will benefit her in those discussions.

Please remember that filling out a report via this form is not a substitute for notifying the police in the case of a serious incident/crash, or communicating with our alders and other city officials if something needs immediate attention.

If you would like to work with the RNA Streets and Transportation volunteers, please contact Charlie Peters at capeters53@gmail.com ■

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Dane County Board Report — District 10

by Supervisor Jeremy Levin

I hope this edition of the RNA Newsletter finds you and your family well. 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 continue my service 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

In my last update I mentioned how in 2016, the county will look to address potential long-term care changes being proposed by the State. The State has decided to alter their plans by not pursuing a federal waiver to change their FamilyCare program, but I do expect that the State will not renew the current legacy waivers that fund long-term care services in the seven Wisconsin counties that are currently not in the FamilyCare model, of which Dane county is one. Bottom line: Dane county will likely still need to work with the State to modify our long-term care services.

In non-HHN news, the Board of Supervisors accepted the county's first ever comprehensive plan focused on guiding the county to operate more sustainably. The Sustainable Operations Plan outlines specific goals, objectives, and strategies across eight broad

operational categories including climate change mitigation and adaptation, transportation and vehicle fleet, water, waste, county buildings and facilities, purchasing, education and outreach, and employee experience.

Additionally, the County Board approved the recommendations from the Land and Water Resources Department for the 2015 Urban Water Quality grant awards. The total of the grants is \$601,545 in Legacy funds to be distributed to the cities of Madison, Fitchburg, Monona and Sun Prairie for five different projects to improve the quality of urban storm water runoff entering Dane County lakes, rivers, and streams.

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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Fruit Trees Planted

by Tom Pearce

Our neighborhood fruit tree planting party on May 7th was a sweet success! We had about a dozen neighbors join at the Hollister Avenue green space to dig holes, shovel mulch, and water three dwarf fruit trees. Together we planted one cherry, one plum, and one pear. Hardworking tree planters enjoyed exciting fruit food and drink including a mulberry smoothie, rhubarb crisp, and a cherry cake, and a delicious variety of juices. Thanks to Ronnie Hess for sharing her interests with the greater neighborhood and spearheading the project. Also thanks to Nathan and Karl for agreeing to take care of the trees while they are young. Expect to see fruit in the Hollister Triangle by 2020 or 2021. ■



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Angelic Neighbor's Passing

by Michael Maguire



*Elaine Singel,
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As we often do, I characterize certain people in my life with different identifiers: friends, family, neighbors, not friends, etc. There is one term, though, that I save for some very special people to me: angels.

Elaine Singel was an angel.

I'm sorry for those of you for whom this is the first you know of this, but Elaine passed away [on June 9] after some recent poor

health. Her children were with her and she was comfortable when she died.

She lived on Rugby Row for decades. While you may not have met or known Elaine, there's a strong possibility that you've seen and/or met Elaine's son, Steve. Steve is our 60-something neighbor with Down Syndrome. In recent years, with his mobility compromised, Steve has been "walking" the neighborhood in his motorized wheelchair with one of his assistants—any number of whom Steve readily introduces as his friend.

Elaine was a friend, too. Steve's best friend. Such a great claim to make of one's mother. I do not exaggerate when I write that, spending time visiting Elaine and Steve always felt like being with angels.

Welcome, comfortable, cared for. That was the tenor of their lives together and what they shared with guests to their home.

It was a blessing for our family to have met Elaine during a "chance" encounter with her at Wingra Park over fifteen years ago (Angels really don't leave things to chance!). We had just re-located back to Madison, had a home sale deal fall through, and we were hoping to return to The Green neighborhood. Casually, Elaine mentioned that her across-the-street neighbor on Rugby Row would be moving out soon (after 40+ years). No ad, no sign in the yard, just a shot-in-the-dark offer to purchase and...here we are.

At the end of this earthly relationship, a few days ago, it was, again, a blessing for me to have had some brief time with Elaine and recall that story—along with other simple tales of times together as neighbors.

Please keep Steve Singel in your thoughts and prayers. Though I'm not sure of his care plan, if he is out for a walk in the neighborhood, don't hesitate to greet Steve. He's a spirited, gregarious lover-of-life who's just lost his best friend—his mom.

We'll miss Elaine. As a neighbor, she was the best. As a friend...loyal and supportive. And, forever, an angel. ■

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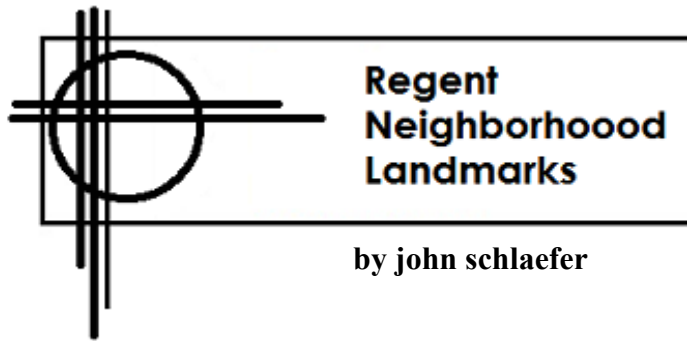
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ALDO LEOPOLD HOUSE, 2222 VAN HISE AVE. (1923)

There is nothing special architecturally about this building to designate it as a city landmark. What is special is that the “father of wildlife ecology” and first professor of game management in the United States, Aldo Leopold, owned the building from 1924 until his death in 1948. The house is a Craftsman style building.

Aldo Leopold worked for the Forest Service, and he and his family came to Madison from Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1924 when he was appointed the assistant director of the Forest Products Lab. In August, 1933, he was appointed Professor of Game Management in the School of Agricultural Economics at UW. While living here he wrote many papers and books on forest and wildlife management, including his most famous work, *A Sand County Almanac*, that was published posthumously.



Photo: John Schlaefter

The Leopold House was made a local landmark on January 2, 2001.

The Architect

The house was built on speculation by local builders Peterson and Dohm for C.J. Chapman. The architect is unknown. As was common at that time, plans for houses of this type could be purchased from catalogs. People would look through these catalogs until they found a building they liked, purchase the plans and give them to their builder. Very seldom was the name of the architect listed on the plans, so it was more likely that the builder would be listed in city records. That may be the case with this building.

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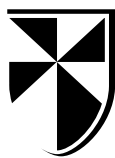
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News from Blessed Sacrament Parish

by Jan McNally, Communications Manager



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School's out for SUMMER!!! You can hear the soft buzz of this tune throughout the hallways of Blessed Sacrament School. The

lockers are empty, the bulletin boards are stripped, and the classrooms are undergoing a deep clean! Don't be fooled though, there is still plenty of work being done to prepare for the 2016-17 school year. The last week in August will be here before we blink!

Technology Upgrade is the theme for the summer at Blessed Sacrament School. One of the recommendations of the Wisconsin Religious and Independent School's Accreditation Visiting Team was to assess our technology structure and develop more efficient ways to use technology to enhance our classroom curriculum. Our goal is to improve instruction and better prepare our students for technology use in high school.

We have developed a multi-step action plan that includes the implementation of *Google for Education* and the installation of fiber optic internet service to maximize the internet signal available in every corner of the school building. This will allow our teachers and staff to efficiently incorporate technology into the daily classroom experience. By switching over to *Google for Education*—which is cloud based—we will be able to reduce our environmental footprint by using less paper. In addition, students will learn how to collaborate on a project or group assignment while keeping the teacher in the loop. We are also transitioning our library space into a multi-media center.

Blessed Sacrament School is grateful to Edgewood High School for their insight and collaboration on this project. EHS teachers John Hylkema and Jody Peters have provided hours of one-on-one *Google for Education* instruction to help make our conversion as seamless as possible. EHS converted to *Google for Education* last year and have taken their Technology Initiative one step further by implementing a Chromebook program so that every student has their own device. It is Blessed Sacrament School's goal to eventually implement the same type of one-to-one initiative in our junior high to better prepare our students for high school and higher education.

We are also in the process of hiring a few new teachers for the 2016-17 school year. Mrs. Holly

Tourdot, our junior high science teacher, has retired after 29 years of sparking students' interest in the vast world of science. We will miss the transformation of room 209 into an underwater replica of the deep sea (minus the saltwater, of course) along with the squid dissection unit that was followed by a fried calamari snack. We are grateful to Mrs. Tourdot for her tireless efforts and we are forever indebted to her for the state-of-the art science labs our students utilize every day. It was her vision and steadfast guidance that resulted in the construction of these labs. We wish Mrs. Tourdot the best as she ventures into retirement to read for fun and enjoy her wonderful family!



*Mrs. Holly Tourdot,
dedicated science
teacher for 29 years*

Stop by Blessed Sacrament School at 2112 Hollister Ave. on Wednesday mornings 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. to take a look around and meet with our principal, Maryann Slater. Or call 608-233-6155 to schedule a tour. We are enrolling for our 4-year-old and 5-year-old kindergarten programs with flexible schedule options and extended day care, as well as for primary, intermediate, and junior high. We offer families an after-school program which is open until 5:30 PM and a nutritious and well-balanced hot lunch program, along with age-based art and drama enrichment programs and several sports activities.

Be sure to read to each other this summer and visit the library often. We have a lending library right outside our front doors on Hollister Avenue. When you stop by to pick up a book, pop in to say hi to Mrs. Slater. Happy Summer! ■

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The Playing Field—A New Early Childhood Program

The Playing Field is a new early childhood program with a unique mission and model aimed at reducing the disparity between white and minority children in our community. The program opened in September of 2015 and is located in the former site of the UW Preschool Lab at 3910 Mineral Point Road, on the ground floor of Bethany United Methodist Church.



The Playing Field is accredited by the City of Madison and rated five stars with Young Star, Wisconsin's quality rating system. The program offers the highest level of early care and education and assures that children from varied socio-economic backgrounds are provided access to that care. One third of the available enrollment spaces are reserved for children funded by an Early Head Start grant. The grant gives priority to children under the age of three who are experiencing homelessness.

One third of the spaces are available for privately funded families and we have openings for the 2016–17 school year. The program is opening a second infant-toddler classroom in September. In addition, a preschool program for children from 3 to 5 will be opening. Our preschool program offers flexible schedules including part time options. More information is available at playingfieldmadison.org.

The Playing Field is proud of our beautiful spaces and the recent updates to the interior and exterior environments. We invite you to join us for a tour. Tours are offered every Monday morning at 9:30.

The center also provides free parent trainings on Conscious Discipline. This training is valuable in helping parents change conflict to cooperation and to interpret all behavior as communication. The next class is Monday, July 11th from 11:30 to 1:00. Please RSVP to info@playingfieldmadison.org ■

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*Captain John Patterson,
South Police District*

In the South District, call City Streets (West) at (608) 266-4681 for:

- refuse and recycling collection
- snow plowing
 - This includes sanding and salting slick spots on city streets. County Highway handles the Beltline and other county highways. But, when in doubt, let Streets know, and they will figure it out.
 - Off-street bike paths are not typically handled by Streets. Engineering and Parks work on those.
 - Streets plow off bus stops that have concrete pads on them—so, not all bus stops, just the “improved” ones.
 - Streets maintains the blue sand barrels that are on some corners to use for traction at those intersections. Streets also stock the public sand locations in the city.
 - We perform snow removal tasks as well for times when the snow is piled high and it creates vision hazards.
- public litter container collection
- large item collection
 - Streets can also use this equipment to move obstructions from the street. For example, if a piano falls out of a truck and blocks a lane of traffic on a city street, we can pick that up. If a tree falls and blocks a road, however, that’s a different agency (more on that later).
- stump removal
- brush collection and leaf collection
- mowing
 - This one is complicated. Streets only mow some areas. Engineering and Parks also mows. If there

are complaints about a vision hazard due to some overgrown median, let Streets know and they will figure out who is supposed to do it.

- sod repair (but usually only when a Streets Division crew damages the terrace)
- pothole repair and curb repair
 - This includes alleys that sometimes need gravel.
- street sweeping
- graffiti removal

Call Traffic Engineering at (608) 266-4761 for:

- down street sign or signal
- traffic signal not functioning
- street lights not functioning

Call Forestry at (608) 266-4816 for:

- fallen tree blocking the road or sidewalk
- traffic sign obstructed by a tree

Call Engineering Services at (608) 266-4751 for:

- deceased animal in the road
- storm drain blocked or not functioning
- ducks or another animal stuck in a storm drain

Call Water Utility at (608) 266-4651 for:

- water main break

Call Dane County Highway Department at (608) 266-4261 for:

- potholes on Beltline or on/off ramps to the Beltline

If you have any questions, please email me at jpatterson@cityofmadison.com or call (608) 267-8687. Also, consider subscribing to the South District blog for district updates at: **cityofmadison.com/police/south/blotter.cfm**

Thanks and have a great summer! ■





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Are you ready to vote in 2016? Voter ID is now required.

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In the election on April 5th, 123 voters in the city of Madison were given provisional ballots because they did not have an acceptable voter photo ID on Election Day. Only 41 of those voters provided a photo ID in time for their votes to be counted. Don't let this happen to you. Be sure you are ready to vote in the upcoming elections on August 9 and November 8, 2016.

If your address has changed since you last voted, you will need to register to vote at your new address. You can register at your municipal clerk's office, with a Special Registration Deputy, or, if a Madison resident, at any Madison Public Library. Beginning twenty days prior to an election you can only register at the clerk's office or at the polls on Election Day. Registering early will save time on Election Day. You will need to show proof of residence whenever you register.

Voters are now required to show a photo ID when voting. You can use a US Passport, a Wisconsin driver's license (DL), or a Wisconsin state ID card with expiration dates after November 4, 2014. You can also use a Veteran Affairs card that is unexpired or has no expiration date. If there is an address on your photo ID, it does not have to be current. Out-of-state IDs are not acceptable. For a complete list of acceptable photo IDs, go to bringit.wi.gov/do-i-have-right-photo-id.

If you don't have a Wisconsin DL or ID you can get a free ID at the Division of Motor Vehicle offices (4802 Sheboygan Avenue or 2001 Bartillon Drive in Madison). If you are sixty or older and need a ride, contact RSVP (in Madison call 608-441-7898). You will need to bring:

- Proof of citizenship, name and date of birth (If your name does not match your birth certificate bring proof of name change.) If you don't have all the proof you need, DMV will help verify your information.
- Proof of Wisconsin residency
- Proof of identity
- Your Social Security number

For full details go to wisconsin.gov/Pages/dmv/license-drvs/how-to-apply/id-card.aspx.

Note: If you have a driver's license or ID from another state you will have to give it up to obtain a Wisconsin ID. UW-Madison students can get a special free ID for voting at the WisCard office at Union South. UW-Madison students will also need to show proof of enrollment at the polls.

Seniors and people with disabilities who vote by permanent absentee ballot are exempt from the voter photo ID requirement. For more information, go to bringit.wisconsin.gov/are-there-exceptions-new-law.

Nursing home residents can be visited by a representative of their local clerk's office. Check with care facility staff or your municipal clerk. Nursing home residents do not need a voter photo ID, as staff will vouch for their identity.

Fall elections (Partisan Primary and General Election) are August 9 and November 8, 2016. Talk to your friends and neighbors. Make sure every eligible Wisconsin voter has the documentation needed to vote!

For more information about voting in Madison, go to the clerk's office web site at cityofmadison.com/election.

For help in getting a free state ID for voting or for a free ride with Union Cab to the DMV, call the Voter ID hotline: 608-729-7720.



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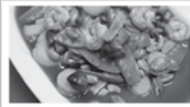
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A Note from the President —

Thanks to all of you who were able to join us in May for our Spring Membership meeting. It was a real privilege to have Aaron Bird Bear of the UW School of Education join us to share stories that deepened our awareness of the people who have been inhabiting this part of Wisconsin for generations before us. I'm looking forward to other opportunities to learn more about our neighborhood, where we've been and where we're headed. If you have suggestions for future programs, please drop me a line.



RNA Board President
 Dan O'Callaghan

The RNA's annual Fourth of July Festival is right around the corner. If you're new to the neighborhood, this is a celebration you don't want to miss! Check out the details in this issue.

Dave Hughes has served as our Festivals Chair for the past two years and has done an outstanding job keeping the Fourth of July Festival humming right along. This will be Dave's last festival, so, if you see Dave on the 4th, please join me in thanking him for all the time and energy he's devoted to this labor of love. And if you're interested in grabbing the reins from Dave, we're looking for someone to step up. Dave assures me that he has "detailed notes" covering all the logistics.

Have a great summer. — Dan

2016 RNA Board Meeting Schedule

- **August 24**
- **September 28**
- **October 26**
- **November 16**

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



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Announcements—

West High Backpack Drive

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Take a Historic Lake Mendota Cruise

Summer is the perfect time to take a historic Lake Mendota cruise with Don Sanford, author of *On Fourth Lake: A Social History of Lake Mendota*.

Don will host a series of history-themed cruises throughout the summer and fall for Betty Lou Cruises and Madison School & Community Recreation. Each trip will offer a unique opportunity to learn more about the people, places, and events that have shaped the shoreline of Lake Mendota, Madison's greatest lake, as we know it today.

On Monday nights at 6:30 p.m., from July 11 through August 29, Don will narrate a Lake Mendota History Cruise, which includes light appetizers and a cash bar, for Betty Lou Cruises (bettyloucruises.com). And on Sundays—July 10 at 5 p.m., August 7 at 5 p.m., and September 25 at 10 a.m.—he will narrate a Social History Celebrity Cruise aboard a MSCR pontoon boat (mscr.org). For more information and to make reservations, visit their websites. ■

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