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ASSOCIATION

## Open House: University Avenue Corridor Plan

We are finalizing our efforts!

Sunday, February 13, 1:30 – 4:00 pm

Best Westerner InnTowner,  
corner of Highland and University Avenue

Come in from the cold, and  
have some dessert and a hot beverage with us.

Please join us for 5 minutes or 2 hours, and let us know your thoughts on:

- Maximum building heights
- Setbacks and stepbacks for buildings
- Plans/drawings for west end of Corridor—DOT parking lot, etc.
- Draft sustainability guidelines
- Artistic theme/branding for Corridor
- Draft design guidelines
- And other topics ■

**For more information on the University Avenue Corridor Plan, go to:**

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/Planning/OldUniversity/index.cfm>

<http://www.regentneighborhood.org/>

<http://groups.google.com/group/regentneighborhoodassn>

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## Presidential Musings—

### **Excitement is Building: Finalizing the University Avenue Corridor Plan**

It is hard to believe, but we are in the home stretch of our efforts to finalize the University Avenue Corridor Plan. The City and RNA hope to submit the draft Plan to the City Council for consideration by late spring.

And while that is exciting, we have a great deal of work to do! Our next steps involve an **open house on Sunday, February 13th** to solicit input on:

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- And other topics

We hope that you can take time to stop by on **Sunday, February 13th, anytime from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm at the InnTowner**, to provide us your input on the open house topics, listed above.

The neighborhood's input will help us craft a Plan that will guide development in the University Avenue Corridor for at least the next 10 years.

After the open house, the city and RNA board will work with Alder Bidar-Sielaff to start drafting the Plan. The draft Plan will be provided to the neighborhood for input, and we will hold a neighborhood meeting to hear your thoughts on the draft Plan.

After the neighborhood meeting, the Plan will be finalized and forwarded to the RNA board for approval. Once approved by the RNA board, Alder Bidar-Sielaff will introduce it to the City Council in late spring. It will go to several city committees, before going to the City Council for approval.

**To find out what is going on with the University Avenue Corridor Plan and what has transpired already, please go to the City's University Avenue Corridor website at:**

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/Planning/OldUniversity/calendar.cfm>

**You can sign up for notifications from the city by going to:**  
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**And, if you haven't done so, join the RNA listserv for all neighborhood news!**

<http://groups.google.com/group/regentneighborhoodassn> ■



*RNA Board President  
Darsi Foss*

## Garden Tour Set for 2011



The Garden Tour committee is still looking for home-owners that would like to show their gardens in this year's tour but none have yet come forward. There is still time to do so if you are interested.

Of special note, the Attic Angels will hold its final home-and-garden tour this year, highlighting several homes in the University Heights section of our Neighborhood. Their tour is set for Monday, June 20.

The RNA Garden Tour Committee has been assisting Attic Angels in identifying potential homes and gardens to include on their tour and we have been invited by the Attic Angels tour organizers to collaborate with them on their tour. In the event RNA does not have its own tour this year, we are likely to join forces with Attic Angels.

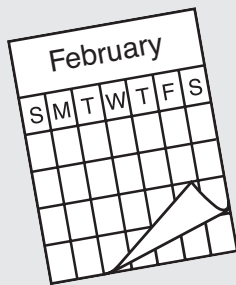
More on this in the next newsletter. ■

—for the Garden Tour Committee,  
Ron Rosner 238 1828; Pat Wood 233 4680

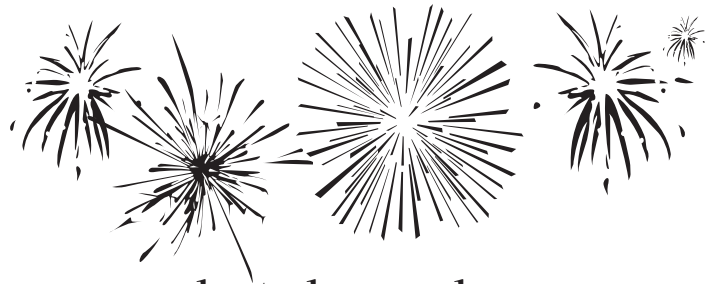
## RNA Board Meeting Schedule

The RNA board meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month, except for July and December. Generally, meetings start at 7:00 p.m. and are held at the Best Western InnTowner, at the corner of Highland and University Avenue.

These meetings are open to the general public. Agenda items are solicited through the RNA listserv or can be emailed to the RNA president.



- **January 26**
- **February 23**
- **March 23**
- **April 27**
- **May 25**
- **June 22**



## Desperately Seeking Volunteers: Fourth of July Festival 2011

The RNA needs new recruits to help organize the Fourth of July festival. First, clear the snow off the West High practice field. That's a joke, of course, but what's no joke is we all love this festival. The snow will take care of itself, but the festival won't.

While the event, like summer, seems far in the future, there are things that need to be done now. We'd like to get the core organizing committee up and running as the majority of the work needs to be done in May and June.

Do a little, do a lot, but do something. Please volunteer to help out on the day of the event or organize one of the following:

- **The Parade:** obtain permit, contact grand marshalls and RagTag band, reserve firetruck, and beg the drum majorette to return.
- **The Brat Stand:** organize food order and equipment, coordinate grillers and servers.
- **Equipment:** coordinate volunteers to pick up grills, food, ice, supplies, tents, chairs, tables, barricades, etc.
- **The Day of the Event:** oversee from set up to take down.
- **Set Up and Take Down:** coordinate volunteers.
- **Booth Management:** Tickets, Beverages, Cake Walk.
- **Box Maze:** reserve boxes, contact scout troupe to set up, run, and strike maze.

You can see it takes a lot to make our festival happen, and you know the saying about many hands and light work. The good news is there are seasoned volunteers to help: Brad Wolbert, Robin Worth, and Mary Sarnowski.

Now, we need many hands—how about yours?

Please let Mary Sarnowski (sarnowski@mac.com) know if you'd like to step forward. ■

## Madison Trust Workshops

The Madison Trust for Historic Preservation is offering a series of four technical workshops for owners of old homes. Topics include:

- **Green Restoration**

Tuesday, January 11, 7 p.m.  
Sam Breidenbach, TDS Custom Construction  
James Westring, Westring Construction

- **Lead Paint and Asbestos Remediation**

Tuesday, February 8, 7 p.m.  
Ada Duffy, Milwaukee Lead and Asbestos  
Information Company


- **Old House Electrical / Period Lighting Fixtures**

Tuesday, March 8, 7 p.m.  
Ivan Martin of Urban Renewals Inc.  
Jill Kessenich, Bungalow Pros

- **Period Gardening and Landscaping**

Tuesday, April 12, 7 p.m.  
Speaker to be determined

All workshops are at the Goodman Community Center at 149 Waubesa St. and will last about one hour. The charge for each session is \$10 and advance registration is not required. For more info, go to [www.madison-preservation.org](http://www.madison-preservation.org) ■



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## Great News on Randall School - Olive Jones Park Renovation

2010 was a wonderful year for phase 1 of the renovation of Olive Jones Park – Randall School Park. We raised over \$100,000 and installed a fantastic new play structure that has been a huge hit with the kids.

2011 is off to a great start with three exciting announcements:

- The City of Madison's People for Parks fund will *match* donations to the park, dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000. Each dollar you contribute this year will go twice as far! (Just think, if 500 families were to give \$100 each, we'd make the match.)
- In addition, the City of Madison has allocated \$50,000 in impact fees to this project, money from area development set aside for improvement of local green space, to improve the park.
- Our new recognition program will allow contributors, past and future, to have their names inscribed on pavers in permanent recognition of their contributions. You can be part of neighborhood history! More details on this program will follow.

Next up is construction of a neighborhood playground for younger children at the corner of Roby and Chadbourne, an amphitheater for community events and outdoor classroom experiences, better landscaping and fences, and improved pedestrian entrances. The final phase will be repaving of the central play area.




*Students demonstrate the new playground equipment*

Every neighborhood deserves a place to PLAY, GATHER, and GROW. With your help, Randall School – Olive Jones Park can be such a place.

To donate, visit us at <http://www.randallschoolpark.org/>. To volunteer, email [randallschoolpark@gmail.com](mailto:randallschoolpark@gmail.com). All checks should be made out to Foundation for Madison's Public Schools, designated for Randall School Park. Donations are tax-deductible and can be sent to FMPS at 455 Science Dr., Madison, WI 53711-1067. ■

— Alison Alter and Marcia Vandercook



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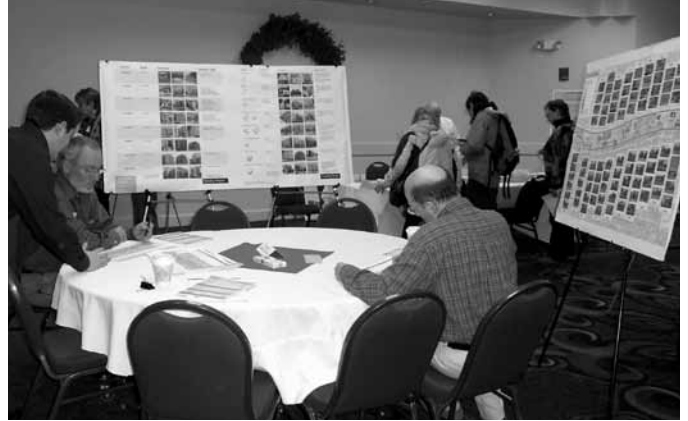
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# Photos from University Avenue Corridor Plan Open House on December 1




*Over 50 neighbors provided input at the December 1 University Avenue Corridor Plan open house*



*Neighbors give feedback on the types of preferred development styles for the University Avenue corridor*



*Neighbors provide input on the 2011 University Avenue resurfacing project*



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# Upcoming Events at West High School

## Taiko Drumming Club

Winter Concert, Friday, January 28, 7–8 pm  
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Come see a variety of drum dances, including the famous Shisa dance (lion-dog) dance. Middle and elementary school children will have the opportunity to learn a song, and perform it with the Taiko group at the end of the concert! All proceeds will help to fund scholarships for our annual trip to Washington, D.C. For more information, please contact Heidi Hastings, [hhastings@madison.k12.wi.us](mailto:hhastings@madison.k12.wi.us) or [www.otdw.com](http://www.otdw.com) ■

## Habitat For Humanity SOUPerbowl

Saturday February 5th, 2–8 pm

Souper Bowl is an evening of food, art, and entertainment, bringing the Madison community together to support Habitat for Humanity. West high school students and area potters donate ceramic bowls created in their art classes and businesses. Larger and more decorative bowls are sold in the silent Pro Bowl auction.

Tickets at the door are \$15 each for one dinner and one unique ceramic bowl or \$35 for a 4 person family pack, with four dinners and two ceramic bowls.

## Broadway West!

Saturday, February 5, 7–10 pm

Friends of West High Drama largest fundraiser and social event of the year at the Alumni Lounge of the UW's Pyle Center on the UW campus

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## Spring Musical: Crazy for You

March 4, 5, 11, and 12, 7:30 pm,  
West High School Auditorium

"Crazy for You" is the story of Bobby Child, a well-to-do 1930s playboy, whose dream in life is to dance. And despite the serious efforts of his mother and soon-to-be-ex-fiancée, Bobby achieves his dream! It's a high-energy comedy that includes mistaken identity, cowboys and fist fights, plot twists, fabulous dance numbers, and classic Gershwin music — something for everyone! ■



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## Co-op News

My friend Charlotte, who serves with me on the RMC board, remarked the other day that the Little Store sometimes seems kinda snakebit. Whenever we start to feel like we've turned some kind of corner and can start to think about growing the business instead of just surviving, it seems something unexpected comes along to knock us back on our heels. Charlotte is very perceptive and wise, and I instinctively agree with most everything she says. And there is ample recent evidence to substantiate her observation.

But something about what she said was nagging at me, and over the next week or so I started to realize that the store has been lucky in so many more ways than it has been unlucky.

Here's what unlucky looks like: I used to shop at Whole Earth Co-op on Johnson Street, now long gone, and most of us remember the recently deceased Mifflin Street Co-op. I have a friend who recently tried to start a grocery cooperative in Sun Prairie that never even got off the ground. The new Yahara River Co-op in Stoughton has struggled, and, gratifyingly, has looked to the Regent Market Co-op for expertise and moral support. Not to mention the long string of small west side mom-and-pop or specialty Madison groceries (Ken Kopp's; Magic Mill) that we have somehow outlived.

Our store is lucky. It's lucky to be located smack dab in a neighborhood that cares enough about its

liveability and its future to support one of the last homegrown local groceries in the region. It's lucky to have customers like Matt Rothschild, who not only shops regularly at the store but wrote a tender and insightful article for the most recent issue of The Scallion that captured the store's very essence and charm. It's lucky in its past board members, stalwarts like Marion Meyer, Mary Rouse, George Hall, Mel Vollbrecht, Kim Moucha, Jim Connors, Laird Marshall, Sandra Ihle and many others whose names I don't even know, who gave so much of their time and energy to helping the store weather past storms. The store is lucky to have found a manager, Randy Winkler, who is a born do-er and who I believe would happily wrestle a bear in a pool of burning pitch if he thought it would somehow help the store. We're so lucky to have experienced employees like John, Barn, Barry, Bill, Gene, Karen and George who embody steady efficiency and professionalism, and others, neighborhood high-schoolers, who bring vibrancy and cheer to the checkout counter.

So yes, the store has had its share of challenges. But it's amazing how lucky the store has been. And really, as has often been said, in the end we make our own luck. I hope as a neighborhood we'll keep doing that. Thanks, everyone, for supporting the co-op. ■

— Brad Wolbert  
Regent Market Co-op President

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## Mayor's Message—2010: Year in Review

While economic recovery has not come as swiftly as we hoped, the city continues to weather the recession with steadiness and consistency and to move forward in challenging times. Here's a look at some of our accomplishments in 2010.

- The city passed a budget that added \$250,000 in community services, added eight police officers and maintained basic services at their current level. While it wasn't without hard choices, we delivered a budget that makes smart investments in our neighborhoods and protects the services our citizens rely on.
- Thanks to the generosity of the community and the Goodman Foundation, we opened a great, new South Branch Library at the Villager Mall.
- We also saw the opening of the Urban League's Center for Economic Development and Workforce Training at the Villager, further strengthening the services provided at this important site on the South Side.



Mayor Dave Cieslewicz

•Through a series of public meetings, we developed an impressive new design for the Central Library. We'll continue to refine that design next year and break ground in the fall.

•After much hard work and good discussion on the City Council, we passed an agreement for the future of the Overture Center. It's an agreement that protects taxpayers, is fair to Overture staff and puts Overture on solid footing to be successful in the long-term.

Unfortunately, the end of the year was marred by the Governor-Elect's decision to stop high speed rail. The 5,000 or so construction workers who could have been employed by the project have Scott Walker to thank for their continued unemployment. And, the loss of rail also means the loss of the tremendous economic development potential it created for not just Madison, but the entire state.

As we look forward, new leadership at the State Capitol will present challenges for Madison. But, we'll work hard to fight for the modern economy—one that invests in and encourages sustainability, one that values domestic partner benefits, one that defends important industries like stem cell research. And, as we've seen over the past few years, one that weathers the recession better than most cities in the country. ■

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## District 5 Alder Report — Shiva Bidar-Sielaff

Happy New Year! Here is a summary of some of the main issues I have worked on in the past few months:

### **Mullins Project on the 2500 block of University Avenue**

The project received approval by the City Urban Design and Plan Commissions in December and approval by the City Council in January.

Throughout the neighborhood engagement process, a number of neighbors expressed concerns about height, mass, parking, traffic and setback. Although these concerns were not dealt with to everybody's satisfaction, the project did evolve positively based on neighborhood feedback and, on balance, I believe this project will be positive for our neighborhood.

### **University Avenue and Highland Avenue Construction**

2011 will bring some major street construction projects to the neighborhood. This will surely create many challenges and will require much patience on our part:

- Resurfacing University Ave from Grand Avenue to Breese, including Walnut Street, Forest Street, Paunack Place
- Phase 1: Grand Avenue to Allen Street- Timeline: April – Mid June
- Phase 2: Allen Street to Breese Terrace – Timeline: Mid-May- August
- Full reconstruction of Highland Avenue – Timeline: Mid June –Early September (during MMSD break)

### **Olive Jones - Randall School Park**

We are fully engaged in the next phases of renovation of the park. The City budget has allocated \$50,000 in impact fee funds and \$50,000 in People for Parks matching funds for the park renovation. With your help, I am hopeful that we can finish the full renovation of the park in 2011. For more information, please go to [www.randallschoolpark.org](http://www.randallschoolpark.org).

### **Traffic/Parking/Bike/Pedestrian Issues**

I would like to focus attention on this and will be working on next steps for some traffic calming initiatives, especially on the west end of the neighborhood.



*Shiva Bidar-Sielaff,  
Alder, District 5*

### **The Overture Center for the Arts**

This was certainly the most challenging city issue we tackled in the Fall. I was one of six alders appointed to the Council Workgroup on Overture. We worked diligently over a 2 week period to arrive at a workable compromise that would have the best chance to ensure Overture's long term success. At our December 14 Council meeting, we voted on a private/private model that eliminates the debt, gives ownership and operation to a private non-profit, and pledges a \$2 million/year city support. I strongly advocated for a public authority but the city attorney's legal advice was that it was simply not legally possible. I also advocated to build in as many protections as possible for the current Overture employees (Overture employees are currently city employees.)

Thank you for your continued involvement in neighborhood and city issues. I feel honored to represent you wonderful neighborhood on the City Council and look forward to serving you for another term. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any comments, questions, and/or concerns. I can be reached at [district5@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district5@cityofmadison.com) or (608) 220-6986. ■

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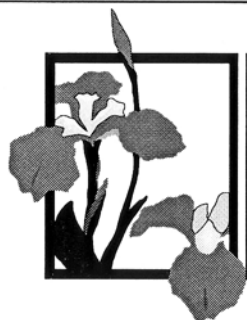
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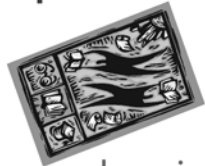
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## District 10 Alder Report — Brian Solomon

Greetings! I hope that you had a safe and beautiful holiday season as we welcome back the light and the sweet march toward spring. I know I'm ready. And with that, please enjoy my December D10 Update. Be well, and may the New Year bring us all peace, justice, and prosperity. Brian

**Overture.** We voted on 12/14 to resolve this issue. We voted on the private / private model that eliminates the debt, gives ownership and operation to a private non-profit, and pledges to offer \$2 million in city support per year toward operations. I voted for this compromise, but with a great deal of trepidation. As many of you know, I co-authored a letter two months ago, signed by 15 alders, asking for more time. At our November 30 Council meeting, I developed a "transition" amendment that offered much of what Overture needed in the short term, but gave us more time to study the long term owner / operation issue. It failed in place of a decision to go private / private immediately.

However, there is no such thing as private / private when it comes to a place like Overture. It is too important to our city and if further problems occur, the City will be looked at for further assistance. Hopefully the new deal ensures that, should that time come, Overture has such strong public and community support that our deeper involvement would be welcomed without question. I will welcome that day. For now, Overture is safe, the debt issue is resolved, taxpayers are protected, Overture employees are taken care of as well as possible, and we have strong hope that Overture will only get better. I guess we could have done a lot worse than that.

**Verona Road.** We voted on 12/14 to support the City's comments to WisDOT and the Federal Highway Administration on the SDEIS. I want to give my deep thanks and appreciation to our Dunns Marsh residents and the Dunns Marsh Neighborhood Association for being so involved in this process, for being active in the environmental justice coalition, and for working with me to ensure we have the best comments possible. The comments made clear that this process was flawed and made clear that more work needs to be done on this project. Other than delaying or killing the project (which would be virtually impossible), or looking more holistically at multi-modal approaches to solving transportation problems (we're sadly not quite there yet), or creating a south reliever (which would just increase sprawl), I don't think we could have done much better. More to come, but thanks so much to everyone for their involvement and voice. It has been heard.

**Budget Update.** Most of you know that the Madison Common Council passed our annual Capital and Operating budgets after two nights of deliberations back in November. I sponsored several budget amendments. I voted against some spending increases and in favor of others. I lost some votes and won some. I was pleased that we were able to include additional funding for our community service program grants and \$5,000 for an ice rink in Nakoma (a great partnership between Nakoma residents and the Madison Parks Department, see below for more information). I tried for the second time to include minority hiring and living wage targets in the Edgewater TIF allocation, and failed for the second time. I can't say this budget focused priorities exactly in line with mine, but overall I felt it was a solid budget and I did vote for it.

**High Speed Rail.** I have written several articles on this and need to combine them into a blog piece one day. The summary is that the US DOT's decision to reallocate Wisconsin's \$800 million is a sad day for progress, for Wisconsin, and most importantly, for a vision of transportation that moves beyond cars and highways (see Verona Road article above!). I wasn't thrilled about this high speed rail plan because the trains, in my mind, weren't going to go fast enough to entice enough riders out of their cars, but that concern wasn't sufficient to overcome the vast economic development and car-alternative possibilities that the proposal offered. There is a good chance now that Chicago and Minneapolis will be connected via Illinois and Iowa. Just imagine how devastating it would be if that were the case with the highway system. I know and understand that people had concerns about operating costs and that is a very real concern. But Europe, Asia, and now many other states in the US are making investments in transportation infrastructure that will carry them deep into the 21st century, and it's hard to imagine many levels where Wisconsin, watching from the sidelines, benefits from that.

**Allied Update.** The Allied Wellness Cooperative just received another grant for forward movement-congratulations to Susan Corrado and her whole team! Diana Shinall and MAP have leased the crafts mall in front of Home Depot and continue to make progress on their vision for a one price dry cleaner that will offer job training opportunities to disadvantaged residents. The Allied neighborhood association just had a wonderful community meal where they honored Susan Corrado for all her great work (see above!). And the CDA, Allied Task Force,

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and Neighborhood Association continue to progress on the vision and implementation of Phase II of the housing redevelopment project.

**Dane Business Surplus Center Website:** The site is for Madison and Dane County area businesses to list surplus or unwanted items, equipment or materials. This was modeled after the Madison Stuff Exchange website, which has 11,000 members and has prevented 2.6 million pounds of material out of landfills since 2004. For more on the Stuff Exchange, check out [www.madisonstuffexchange.com](http://www.madisonstuffexchange.com). For more on the Business Surplus Center, check out [www.dcbusinesssurplus.com](http://www.dcbusinesssurplus.com).

**Trees.** I got a few emails this fall about how the city plants trees. Our policy is to plant the right tree in the right place—basically, to avoid tree and overhead wire conflicts. As our City Arborist would say, our policy follows the “arboriculture norm” and how most municipal forestry programs nationwide operate. Here is the Wisconsin DNR New Tree Planting brochure: <http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/publications/newtreeplanting.pdf>. Other good sites include the right tree / right place web page at the Arbor Day Foundation: <http://www.arborday.org/trees/righttreeandplace/righttree.cfm> and the International Society of Arboriculture’s Trees Are Good webpage at [http://www.treesaregood.com/treecare/avoiding\\_conflicts.aspx](http://www.treesaregood.com/treecare/avoiding_conflicts.aspx). Hope that helps.

**Dog Parks.** Two new parks opened in late November: McCormick Greenspace, 702 N McCormick Avenue and Demetral Park, 601 N Sixth Street. Both have new fenced dog parks. They join our four other off-leash dog parks: Brittingham Park, Quann Park, Sycamore Park and Warner Park. 2011 Dog Park Permits are now on sale. The cost of the Annual Permit is \$27 and the daily permit is \$5. To purchase a permit for your own pet, visit [www.cityofmadison.com/parks](http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks).

**New Winter Parking Website.** This new website offers information related to winter parking rules and snow plowing operations. Check it out at [www.cityofmadison.com/winter](http://www.cityofmadison.com/winter).

**On Line Recyclopedia and New Streets Website.** 2011 Recyclopedia’s and collection calendars are now available online – first time ever! Save some trees and opt out of the mailing at: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/recycling/recyclopedia/>. Register for other cool updates and information from streets at the same time, if desired. Oh, and by the way, the Streets department website has been completely redesigned. Check it out: [www.cityofmadison.com/streets](http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets).

**Winter at Madison Parks.** Ok, winter is getting old. But it does bring some goodies, and Madison Parks winter activities are in full swing. Sledding (Elver Park, Heistand Park, Garner Park, Warner Park, Berkley Park, and Olbrich Park), ski trails (30 km at six different locations), and outdoor ice rinks are all available. Don’t forget about the Adopt Ice Partnership, which we just used to secure an ice rink in Nakoma thanks to Madison Parks and over 100 Nakoma volunteers! For more information on Winter Fun in Madison Parks – visit [www.cityofmadison.com/winter](http://www.cityofmadison.com/winter). And to purchase ski passes (required at Odana, Elver, and all Dane County Park ski trails), visit the trailhead or purchase on-line at [www.cityofmadison.com/epayment](http://www.cityofmadison.com/epayment).

**Police Update.** Unfortunately, we saw a slight upswing in residential burglaries late in the fall. Remember to use common sense and protect your valuables. Also remember to call police instantly when problems arise. Here is a link to the press release: [http://www.cityofmadison.com/news/view.cfm?news\\_id=2395](http://www.cityofmadison.com/news/view.cfm?news_id=2395). Here is a link to south district news and the latest newsletter: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/Police/south/>. Here is a link to west district news and the latest newsletter: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/Police/west/>.

**Junior Parman.** For those of you that didn’t hear, Junior Parman died a few weeks ago. He, his son, and brother all owned and worked at Parman’s service station on Monroe Street. Please join me in wishing the family our deepest sympathies; this is a loss for them and for a historic Monroe Street icon.

**2011 Neighborhood Grant Program.** Materials are available at: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/neighborhoods/grantprogram.htm>. Contact Linda Horvath at 267-1131 or [lhovath@cityofmadison.com](mailto:lhovath@cityofmadison.com) with any questions about next year’s program.

**Blog Entries:** I’ve strangely found a little time to write lately, and even posted a few articles to my blog. One is related to the Council, the other isn’t. If you are interested in my latest cogitations, check them out at: <http://solomadison.blogspot.com/> ■



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## Dane County Board Report, District 10—

I hope this edition of the RNA Newsletter finds you and your family well in the New Year. As you read this Madison will be preparing to vote in a more consequential spring election than usual, as a special election will be held to fill the last two years of County Executive Falk's term and Madison will be electing its mayor. County Executive Falk's early departure will have an impact on the county as we will have a new County Executive on April 5th for the first time in 14 years.

The County Board passed the 2011 budget on November 15th, a budget that protected the County's



Supervisor Jeremy Levin

human services and public safety programs, benefiting from an increase in realized revenues from the 2010 budget to protect these services. The 2011 budget also called for a committee to study the County's procurement of detoxification services, analyzing the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of these services. It is very likely that I will be named to chair this committee.

Additionally, 2011 will see the decennial reapportionment of the supervisory districts. The Board will likely receive the updated population numbers for the county in the spring and need to develop new, roughly equal in population, districts before the 2012 spring election.

As always, please feel free to contact me at levin.jeremy@co.dane.wi.us or call me at 608.577.9335 with specific questions and concerns. ■

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