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Long-time Neighbors

by Megan Heneke



Regent Neighborhood's close proximity to a renowned university and first-rate hospital leads to frequent turnover. Students, professors, and professionals buy and sell century-old houses and

make them their own. One house among these, however, remains largely the same as it was in 1929. Roberta Syverson, a 92-year-old resident of the Regent Neighborhood, lives in the house on Chamberlain Avenue where she grew up. Her daughter, Karen, who also lives in the house, took some time to talk to me about her family's remarkably stable history in the neighborhood.

Roberta moved to Madison when her father lost his hand in a printing press accident in Virginia. In Madison, he could be close to his wife's family. His wife and her two sisters all earned degrees from the University of Wisconsin well before women earned the right to vote—an aspect of her family's history Karen is particularly proud of. All three women worked for the University and her grandfather and great-grandfather were active in the Wisconsin Legislature.

Among this uniquely Madisonian family history, one of Karen's earliest memories is watching her grandfather write the last check for the mortgage on the house. Much of the house is exactly the same as

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

by League of Women Voters of Dane County



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 license (DL), or a Wisconsin state ID card with expiration dates of November 4, 2014 or later. The address on your photo ID does not have to be current. Out-of-state IDs are not acceptable.

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.)

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A Note from the President —

University Avenue is one of two major thoroughfares running through our neighborhood, connecting us to the city around us. A little less than two years ago, we witnessed the adoption of the University Avenue Corridor Plan after many years of hard work. I want to thank the scores of neighbors who participated in the planning process and the tireless team of volunteers who lead the effort.

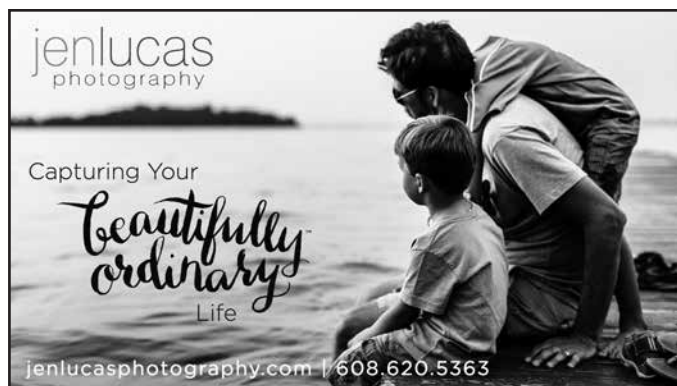
The plan identifies many of the things that make the Regent Neighborhood a special place to call home. Perhaps most importantly, it establishes a vision for the place we want our neighborhood be in the years to come. It calls for certain characteristics of the neighborhood to remain the same while balancing that against a recognition that growth is both desirable and inevitable. With several new developments presently under construction at the west end of the Corridor, we're beginning to see the plan take shape. Hopefully those projects will add value to the neighborhood and contribute to the quality of life for many years to come.

Another exciting project that will be coming to the Corridor in the near future is a public art installation at the Highland Avenue underpass (where Highland Avenue crosses beneath Campus Drive). This, too, is the fulfillment of a vision rooted in the Corridor Plan. Right now the Highland Avenue underpass is a dark, foreboding space. Julia Schilling, a local artist, has proposed an engaging piece of art that will activate the space with sculptural forms and light. This is a wonderful initiative that you'll be hearing more about in the months ahead. And when you do, I hope you'll consider lending your support to the project. The RNA recently awarded a small grant (your membership dues hard at work in the neighborhood!) to help launch the project but additional funding will be needed in order to complete the vision. Keep an eye out for more information about this and other great things happening in the Corridor.



RNA Board President
Dan O'Callaghan

— Dan



Neighbors *(continued from page 1)*

it was then. The family uses the original sink and stove and radiators to heat the house. The only major change was the conversion from coal to oil and eventually to gas.

I asked Karen what makes this city and neighborhood special. She told me that as far as her mother living in the same house where she grew up, “there is something to be said about living in a place where you know where the light switches are.” Beyond this familiarity, it’s clear the Syversons feel an emotional connection to the Regent Neighborhood. Karen said “I started my life here. I started school at Randall and wherever I’ve been in my life, this house has always felt like it was saying ‘welcome home.’” About the residents, Karen added “the neighbors around us are vibrant, educated, and interesting people.” ■

If you have an interesting story about a resident, house, or event in Regent Neighborhood, please contact Megan at meganheneke@gmail.com.



The Syverson House on Chamberlain Avenue

Voter ID *(continued from page 1)*

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 see 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.

Spring elections (County Board, Supreme Court Justice, Presidential primary, etc.) are February 16 and April 5, 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.

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- **January 27** **June 22**
- **February 24** **August 24**
- **March 23** **September 28**
- **April 27** **October 26**
- **May 25** **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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In December, Tim Mathison and Dan O’Connell hosted an Energy Audit House Party in cooperation with Green Madison at their century-old home on Lathrop Street. Green Madison is an organization working to reduce energy consumption in Madison. Green Madison covers the cost of energy audits for house party hosts and offers deeply discounted audits to house party attendees. Tim was inspired to sign up for the audit through his participation in the Madison-based Cool Choices energy reduction game.

A home energy audit allows homeowners to determine where their house is losing energy and, consequently, money. To begin the “party,” an auditor did a two-hour walkthrough assessment with Dan and Tim prior to the presentation of findings to a group of eight neighbors from the Regent and Vilas neighborhoods. As the group walked from room to room, the assessor demonstrated the use of a thermal imaging infrared camera to detect air tightness in the home. The assessor pointed out the good findings and some



areas for improvement while fielding questions from the group. A printed report will be generated from the audit with more detailed findings and sent to the homeowners. Green Madison will also provide additional rebates and incentives for improvements.

As their home enters its second century, Dan and Tim want to be sure that it is operating with 21st-century technology while retaining its historic character. The energy audit offered a chance to see through the walls and get expert advice on the home’s insulation, HVAC systems, and energy consumption. Most of the party guests signed up for their own energy audits before leaving.

Whether it happens during a party or not, an energy audit is a great way to discover more about your home and make the Regent Neighborhood a little greener.

Interested in hosting a house party? Contact Green Madison at (608) 698-5885 or (608) 299-7050, or email us at houseparty@greenmadison.org. ■

Won't You Adopt-A-Median?

by Tom Pearce, RNA Sustainability & Greenspace Committee

You have the chance this spring to adopt one or more of the Regent neighborhood's mini traffic islands through the city's Adopt-A-Median program. The Neighborhood Association is currently recruiting adopters for 4 sets of islands along Farley Avenue at Stevens, Kendall, Chamberlain, and Mason. There are also islands along Franklin at Stevens, Kendall, Mason, and Regent, but these looked taken care of last summer and fall. The same goes for the mini traffic circle at Kendall and Grand, which looked beautiful all year.

Through the Adopt-a-Median program, the city offers free mulch and reimbursement for approved plantings. The application is more of a registration and can be done through the city website: cityofmadison.com/transportation/roadworks/adoptamedian/. Tom Pearce of the RNA (thomaskpearce@gmail.com) can guide you through the process.

Taking care of a small patch of earth in a traffic island can be planting a simple patch of pollinator habitat or as intricate a display of flowers and textures as your gardening heart desires. The only requirements are that the plantings stay low enough that they don't block drivers' eyes from the road (no tallgrass prairie) and weeding occasionally to keep it clean and not a distraction. This is an excellent project for a family, avid gardeners, or someone with an itch to try growing native plant gardens. Please support the neighborhood and volunteer to adopt a median this spring.

And I would like to share a quick update on our mild winter, which is may be close to producing an amazing record. In ice-cover records dating back to 1850, Lake Mendota has frozen up every single



A traffic-calming island at Kendall and Grand Avenues

year, with the latest freeze date being January 30th back in 1932. Lake Wingra was officially closed on December 30, which is a new record for latest freeze date. As I write this on January 7, Monona and Mendota are open with small patches of thin ice along their shorelines. By the time you read this, both may be closed, but if not, keep an eye on news about Lake Mendota. ■



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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.

This Neighborhood Business—Monroe Street Farmers Market

The ground is frozen and spring still feels very far away, but the Monroe Street Farmers Market is gearing up for its second season. The market's inaugural year was a great success, bringing together local farmers, artisans, and the community to enjoy the best parts of summer. Over 30 vendors sold their locally-grown or locally-produced goods, and, at the peak of summer, nearly 500 people visited the market in one day. Located at the Edgewood High School parking lot, the market became a place to relax and enjoy Sundays while stocking up for the week on veggies, eggs, meats, fruit, and baked goods. Beyond the typical farmers market fare, vendors also sold soap, natural healthcare products, kettle corn, and sheepskin, to name just a few.

The Market also became a meeting spot for the neighborhood. Parents sipped coffee and indulged in baked goods, while kids enjoyed art projects put on by organizations like the Monroe Street Arts Center

and the Madison Children's Museum. Local artists played music nearly weekly, lending a festive air. In September, the Market paired up with Bluephies for a mouth-watering brunch to showcase the best of the harvest season.



The market plans to expand its offerings in 2016, with more cheese, fruit, and baked goods, as well as additional prepared-food vendors and coffee.

Stay tuned for more information as the season gets underway. Connect via [facebook.com/MonroeStreetFarmersMarket/](https://www.facebook.com/MonroeStreetFarmersMarket/), or go to monroestreetfarmersmarket.org/ ■

Interested in getting involved? The Market needs enthusiastic board members to provide direction, volunteers to help throughout the season, and your ideas and suggestions. Email manager@monroestreetfarmersmarket.org

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Alder Report — District 5

by Alder Shiva Bidar-Sielaff

Dear Neighbors,

Winter came late but has sure settled in! Here is a summary of some key neighborhood issues:

- The adopted 2016 City Budget includes the construction of the Midtown Police Station in the former site of the Mount Olive Church at 4018 Mineral Point Rd. The new police station is slated to open in January 2017 and will serve the near west side neighborhoods.
- UW Campus Master Plan: The process continues to move forward. The most current presentations and newsletters can be located on the official Campus



Alder Shiva Bidar-Sielaff

Master Plan Update website: masterplan.wisc.edu/documents/OH-Gordon.pdf. You can sign-up for the mailing list by sending an e-mail request to: masterplan@fpm.wisc.edu

- Oliver's Restaurant will have expanded hours: it will be open until midnight on Thursdays and 1:00 am on Friday and Saturdays. I sent a notice with their proposed new hours to neighbors in the Fall and heard from many of you, mostly in support which led me to support the change of hours with the added condition that food be served at all times.

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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Greetings from Randall!

I can't be sure, but I'm guessing I'll be leaving my sunglasses at home this coming Ground Hog's Day. Still, the chill of the season has us cross-armed, giving ourselves Valentine's Day hugs. We slip and slide and sometimes fail to find a pastime that rivals those we enjoy on hot summer days.

As a child, I asked my father what he used to do to amuse himself when the winter doldrums set in. He said that he and his friends rode their bikes to the edge of town and struck matches on the sidewalk or walked to the barber shop to watch haircuts. Naïveté led me to believe him. I wasn't so experienced in the pyrotechnic ploy, but I admittedly possessed a strange fascination with monitoring the snipping and clipping of lengthy locks of patrons who warmed the groomer's cherished chair.

Raised in Louisiana, most of my barbers were Cajun. They spoke to me in broken English but chatted with their elbow partners in French. Our conversations were less than intimate, unlike those verbal exchanges many of us share today with tonsorial artists who over the years have come to know what's inside our heads more than what's on them.

I hold barber shops to be among the best of American institutions. Perhaps that's why it's been tough to roll by the rubble of what was once Jack's Barber Shop on Old University. Let me be clear that I never entered the premises. I had too much to lose. I have had the same barber for almost thirty years. She knows more about me than perhaps anyone on the planet. With no gag order in place, she could give me a Mohawk upon my next visit and I'd return for her services right on schedule in the weeks ahead. As long as Luanne is standing, I'll be sitting in her chair at the Comb and Shear.

Luanne and I talk. No television or use of some hand-held device. The mirror provides the eye contact and registry of expressions that season the session. I recall being told that 10% of communication is the words we use, 35% is our tone, and 55% is our body language.



Randall Principal John Wallace conducts a fourth grade morning meeting from atop the library barber's chair.

Even flailing arms below a cutting gown convey that which a text or email cannot.

My sister-in-law sells beauty products. I told her recently that as I grow older I seem to need less and less shampoo and more and more face cream. As a result, perhaps I'm not getting quite the same money's worth for my haircut fees that I used to, but I get that all back in Luanne's counsel. She never advises me, but rather listens and asks clarifying questions. She has a way of straightening out my head as she lowers my ears.

We've all witnessed the deterioration of captive audiences. Youngsters and oldsters alike stand shoulder-to-shoulder in groups as they text folks miles away to the exclusion of those in their immediate company. Perhaps that's why my favorite time of day at Randall is the Morning Meeting. Students sit circled on a carpet, share a common greeting, and then practice their listening, questioning, and speaking skills around topics of high interest. It's the best of barber culture. All that's missing is the smell of talcum powder and that hair-blowing blast from the air compressor that sends us on our way.

You may be feeling the winter blues these days. With the edge of town and most barber shops somewhat out of range, you may wish to lift your spirits with a visit to Randall. Our students thrive on new material and would love to have you share a story with them, perhaps your own. No need to ask them if they'd like to join you for an extra recess. That's kind of like asking a barber if you need a haircut.

Go Raccoons!

John Wallace, Principal ■



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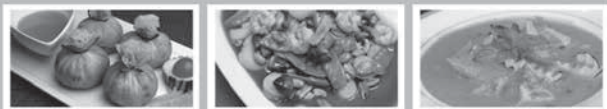
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News From Regent Market Co-op

by Kurt Reinhold, RMC Expansion Project Manager

The Regent market co-op is nearly halfway through the expansion construction project. Most of the work has been on the old liquor store side, now to be re-named the new deli. Included on the new deli side, will be brand-new deli merchandisers for cheese and for meat. In the northeast corner of the building will be a brand-new walk-in beer cave. These should be ready and open to the public in about one month. Also in February, we will decommission the old deli and build a bathroom in the northwest corner. In March, the last part of the project will be to move the checkout counter, update the building façade with new awnings, and install solar electric generation on the roof.



None of this would have been possible without active member participation. We thank everyone for your help and your patience with this project. Please consider attending our annual membership meeting on Sunday, January 31, at Saint Andrews Episcopal church just up the street from our little store. The meeting starts at 3:30, but music starts at three. Hope to see you there! ■

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- raising funds for the benefit of Hoyt Park;

- linking with other organizations and institutions for the benefit of Hoyt Park and for the enjoyment and safety of its users in achieving these purposes.

We have regular volunteer work days with activities including removing invasive plants and seeding native species (and fellowship and refreshments!)

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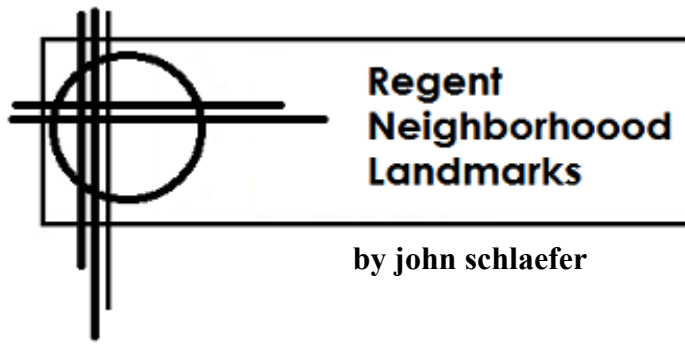
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by **john schlaefter**

WOLFF HOUSE, 6 S. PROSPECT AVE. (1909)

Built in 1909 for Henry C. Wolff, a mathematics professor at the university from 1900 to 1919, and his wife, Minnie, this is one of the best examples of a medium size Prairie Style house, though a little different from most Prairie Style houses in that it is in cruciform plan. Katherine Rankin writes:

The symmetrical design of the Wolff house, with its central, two-story pavilion flanked on each side by one-story porches, gives it an imposing formality and monumentality. . .

The building sits at the southern boundry of the University Heights Historic District. It was designated a local landmark on October 21, 1991.

The Architect

The architect of this house was Alvin Small who designed many Prairie Style houses, as well as some period revival buildings, in Madison in the early decades of the twentieth century. One of his most celebrated designs, though not a Prairie Style building, is tudor revival Randall School, built in 1906. Small designed seven other houses of various styles in the neighborhood, one of which, at 2208 Rowley Avenue, he lived in until his death.



Photo: State Historical Society

Alvin Small was born and raised in Sun Prairie. In 1887 he became an apprentice with the firm of Conover and Porter. (Allen Conover was the architect of the Buell House at 115 Ely Place.) Small spent 1899 in Chicago working for Louis Sullivan and Dankmar Adler. Frank Lloyd Wright had left Adler and Sullivan by then, but Small must have met Wright at that time, because Wright had offices in Chicago and was building his reputation there. It can be assumed that Small received his introduction to Prairie Style design then, if not from Wright himself, perhaps then from Louis Claude, later of the Madison firm Claude and Stark, who was friends with Wright having worked at Adler and Sullivan while Wright was still chief draftsman.

Upon his return to Madison in 1900, Small was employed by Lew F. Porter until 1906 when he went into practice for himself. His production slacked off from 1926 until his death in 1932, as he was in ill health.

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“Green Thumb Gardening” Classes Offered

The Dane County University of Wisconsin–Extension Horticulture Program will be offering classes for home and community gardeners in the spring of 2016. The “Green Thumb Gardening” class series will be taught by UW–Extension educators, specialists, and local horticulture experts who offer in-depth and accessible gardening information geared towards everyone from the novice to the experienced gardener. Whether building healthy soil to controlling pests or producing a bountiful vegetable harvest, this gardening class series will give the practical knowledge to keep home gardens thriving!



Classes will be held Thursdays, 6:30–9:00 pm, February 25–April 14, 2016 at the Dane County UW–Extension office, 5201 Fen Oak Drive, Madison. Register for the entire class series at a discounted price or customize your education by registering for the classes of your choice.

Class Dates and Topics:

February 25: Soils & Composting

Joe Muellenberg & Lisa Johnson

March 3: Vegetable Garden Planning & Techniques

Claire Strader

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Joe Muellenberg & Lisa Johnson

March 17: Native Plants for Gardens & Pollinators

Frank Hassler

March 24: Shrub Selection & Care

Lisa Johnson

March 31: Wildlife in the Garden

David Drake

April 7: Annuals & Perennials

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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, enjoying 2016. As you read this, the spring elections may be in the news more, and I'm honored to be entrusted with another two-year term to serve District 10.



Supervisor Jeremy Levin

Towards the end of last year the Board approved the purchase of property for a day resource center, the old Messner building. The property includes three buildings on East Washington Avenue in Madison with approximately 10,000 square feet with the potential to serve as a day resource center for the homeless and potentially other uses. The County entered into a contract to purchase the property for \$1,425,000. Over the next several months the County will review and propose renovation plans that will also have to gain City approval through their Conditional Use Permit process. Hopefully the approval process and the construction can be wrapped up quickly enough to open the center before the end of 2016.


In November, the Dane County Board of Supervisors approved an operating budget for 2016 that calls for just over \$567 million in spending, and a capital budget of approximately \$40.5 million. The budget reflects the County Board's priorities in the areas of equity, environmental protection, and support for county government employees. The budget made equity a priority, both by providing additional resources for the Office for Equity and Inclusion and by supporting criminal justice initiatives which address racial disparities. We have

also worked during this budget season to include efforts to protect the lakes, such as the restoration of the Cherokee Marsh, and promote urban infill development. And, for the first time in many years, the recovering economy has allowed us to provide a raise to the county employees who will receive a pay raise of 87 cents per hour in 2016; the most significant increase in compensation, and the first increase in direct wages, in nine years.

As part of the 2016 adopted budget and a follow-up to previous criminal justice system studies, the County Board is facilitating a workgroup to review all current and juvenile diversion programs along with criteria for admission and successful completion. The workgroup will identify barriers to admission and completion of the programs and make recommendations for improvements, and develop a list of large, traditional organizations and smaller, neighborhood-specific grassroots entities that can offer services to benefit clients enrolled and contribute to the improvement of communities and diverse populations within them.


Additionally looking forward in 2016, the County will look address potential long-term care changes being proposed by the State. The County will also look more closely at creating a comprehensive master plan for the Alliant Energy Center (AEC) campus, which are County-owned facilities. Currently, the AEC is a major generator of economic activity for the region. AEC hosts nearly one million visitors per year, generating 75,000 hotel room nights, \$2.1 million in room taxes and \$87 million of direct spending.

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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What I Like About Snow

by Linda Denise Oakley



I like snow for its warming effect.

Unless you're skating or ice fishing on it, ice and cold seem to have no warming effect.

Weeks into in my first real Madison winter, I woke up to find my lovely clump birch bent over at the waist with the top of each branch frozen solid to the ground. My panic was immediate. After several "Lucy and Ethel" rescue attempts I finally was able to free my tree, but I'll never forget the sight.

Of course, that much ice usually brings a week or two of subzero air temperatures with it. I recall over two weeks of minus-20 temps. After just a few days, every south-facing window in my kitchen had cracked but no warming effect.

Having moved here from California, I was determined to master winter. It didn't take me long to figure out the basics. For example, on the coldest day of the sub-zero temperatures, I joined most of the people living in Dane County and drove to Woodman's.

The local news had reported that cars on the beltline were suddenly coming to a complete stop because the frigid air was turning fuel and motor oil into pudding. So I got into my little 1987 Mazda B2000 truck, which started right up, and joined the 30-miles per-hour beltline parade.

We crept along through clouds of bright white exhaust snaking out of frozen tailpipes. On the way, I saw plenty of stern adult faces and lots of laughing, waving children. When I got to Woodman's parking lot, the sight was surreal. I had to decide if I was going to I leave my little truck running or turn it off and hope it would start up again. A quick survey of the cars around me was inconclusive. So I let the motor run another 15 minutes, turned it off, and ran for the automatic doors which had stopped working. I shopped enough to fill one bag, my little truck started up again, and I crept back home. People didn't say much.

That's the way it is with ice and cold. Snow is different.

This year, on the morning of our first snow storm I jumped out of bed before 6:00 and pulled on all my snow gear over my hot pink pajamas. Hood over hat, mittens over gloves, pants over pajamas, boots zipped, and shovel-in-hand—I marched. As the first 10 pounds of soaking wet snow sat down on my shovel, my nose started to drip and nature called but it was too late. I was determined. My shovel had met

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snow. Surrender was not an option. The bright full morning moon blinked and another 10 pounds of wet snow moved.

Then all of my neighbors came out. We waved and shouted greetings and leaned into our shovels. The thrower waved and roared along. The darling little neighbor dog that lives across the street loudly super-vised us from her warm window seat. As sidewalks and drives began to reappear we compared travel schedules and figured out who might need help.

Then it appeared. It filled the bottom of our driveways waist-high with frozen comet debris. Everyone but me ignored it. I admit I still stop and glare. I know this makes me look like Agnes Moorhead in that Twilight Zone episode but I can't help it.

As the snow plow banged along I thought back to my first Madison winter in my first home.

I thought about the children next door who packed all the snow they could carry onto my steep driveway and turned it into a ski jump.

I thought about the people laughing as we climbed out of our bus that had just ditched in the snow. We made it to a second bus but that one ditched too so we all walked home.

That's the way it is with snow.

The snow plow is gone (for now), I stopped glaring, and everyone is working. Two of us joined the neighbor with the super big double-wide and together we dug out the last of the comet debris and the neighbor with the thrower made one last pass.

We finished just as it started to snow again, waved to each other and disappeared behind our front doors.

I took another minute to admire our triumph and assess the damage. But nothing hurt. No numbness or tingling. My breathing was fine. And the small chunks of frozen body fluids on my face didn't bother me.

That's what I like about snow. Those moments of triumph and the way snow warms people. ■



a wooden bench upholstered with snow

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 Fall Newsletter—**September 30, 2015**
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 Spring Newsletter—**March 31, 2016**
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