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**Time for the Annual
Membership Drive...**

Stop the presses—and the clocks. Dudgeon-Monroe is asking for *less* of your money, though more of your time, this year.

Block Captains still will be calling on neighbors for dues of only \$7 per household, but they will not be collecting additional Neighborhood Improvement Funds for the first time in over a decade. Instead, the D-MNA Council has voted to focus on completing several projects.

Money already is in hand for the Southwest Path corridor, Dudgeon Center (Park) grounds, Glenwood Children's Park, and Wingra watershed. The need is for volunteers to maximize the neighborhood's return on those funds. To help shape and implement plans, residents can sign up for the Path, Parks/Garden, or Lake Wingra

Committee, or they can join a committee's Action Group just to work on a project. A convenient grid of boxes to initial appears on each membership form.

The 2005-2007 D-MNA Directory, based on this fall's canvass, is slated for delivery to member households in the spring. So please carefully review your form's data and publication instructions with the Block Captain. And in the unlikely event that you have not been contacted by Oct. 4, please call your Block Captain or the Membership Committee (255-2690) in order to join and be included in the Directory.

Thank you for your time!





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Seed Money Available... for New Community Gardens

by Mayor Dave Cieslewicz

Like to garden but don't have space?

Do you know of a place in your neighborhood that could be used as a garden, or do you want to expand your current community garden so that more neighbors can participate? We're looking for your input.

This year, the city's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) office is supporting the development of a new fund to encourage creation of more community garden space in Madison.

Many Madison residents live where there are very limited, if any, opportunities to garden. Virtually all of the plots at Madison's 24 community gardens are full, and many of the gardens have waiting lists of interested gardeners. A survey done by UW-Madison students in 2001 shows that there are five times more Madison residents who would like to have a community garden plot than currently are able to do so.

To help meet the need, the New Garden Fund has been created by Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin, Inc. (CAC), with support from CDBG and various other city agencies. Many community gardens in town and individual gardeners have already donated to the fund, which will provide as much as \$12,500 per year toward soil testing, land clearing, water systems, fencing and tools for new garden groups. Annual grants will be

given out starting in early spring of 2005 and recipients will be selected by a panel of ten community gardeners. Groups that are encouraged to apply include those who want to start a new garden, members of existing community gardens who want to expand, and those in existing gardens who need to relocate their garden site.



The application process for the funds will be simple, and an informational session for people who want to apply will be held in early fall. To get an application, or to meet others in your neighborhood who want to start a garden, please call **Janet Parker** at CAC Community Gardens, 246-4730 ext. 218.

If you can support this project financially, we

welcome your donation to the endowment.

We know Madison's community gardens provide more than food. They are places where people of all backgrounds, heritages, ages, and levels of ability come to nourish themselves with food and the company of their neighbors.

Starting a community garden may seem like a daunting task. But I want to support your efforts to grow healthy food near your home while also growing community spirit.

Edgewood Avenue Bridge

The city has begun planning for the replacement of the Edgewood Avenue bridge over the Southwest Path. Initial plans call for a concrete arch bridge similar to the bridge on Spooner Street to be built sometime in 2006. D-MNA neighbors may recall that the Spooner Street bridge project took roughly 70 working days to complete, so we should expect the Edgewood Avenue bridge and a portion of the Southwest Path beneath it to be closed for a similar period of time in 2006. The 5-way intersection just north of the bridge will also be reconstructed as part of the project. In the end we should have a new bridge and intersection that are safer for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians. The sidewalk will probably be wider and less slippery, the crosswalks north of the bridge will be improved, and the bridge itself will probably be flatter-improving sight lines for motorists and bicyclists. Design plans will not be finalized until May 2005.

If you have questions or concerns you can contact

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October 9, 2004

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Point...

Hello,

I feel compelled to advise you and the city of the potential for a class action suit in regard to it's bikeway/bike routes. Currently the city (and county) is in non-compliance with state statutes 349.23(2)(a)(b) in reference to right-of-way and usage.

With warm weather and increased bicycle traffic safety becomes an increased concern especially when it involves pedestrians. Currently anarchy reigns on the bikeways with each man/woman doing whatever their heart desires whether it be safe for the bicyclist or not. Of particular concern is the pedestrian walking, running or jogging on the right side of the path with their backs to bike traffic. This is not only impractical and dangerous to bicyclists it poses a danger to any pedestrians that are traveling in a safe and practical way, on the left side facing traffic.

Since there is no posting to the contrary some radical elements are walking on the right side with their backs to traffic and refusing to yield to a safer mode. As late as last Friday, as I was running on the left side facing traffic two pedestrians and their dog actually forced me into the path of a bicycle coming up behind me. They felt no compunction to move or yield while actually stating that I just need to look behind me and move around them. This is not an uncommon occurrence. I have actually been ticketed by MPD for telling someone to move to the left, I was told that I have no right to say anything (this is strange to say in flag burning Madison).

I am 50 years old and experience a 10 -30% hearing loss with tinitis, I can't look behind me when I'm running to look for bikes to make sure I'm not going to go into their path. The left hand side facing traffic rule is particularly applicable here. If you have been out there on a bike encountering inattentive, walkman wearing pedestrians you will have found them to be a danger if you are moving with any amount of speed. While walking on the left facing traffic, the pedestrian is less of a concern to the traffic in back of him/her and can see the danger approaching in front of him/her.

This is not a new problem, it is one that has been ignored. A little over 5 years ago I was forced off the path by pedestrians causing my bike to flip. While I lay there unconscious with a broken collar bone and four bruised ribs the pedestrians walked away. Mike McKinney from channel 15 happened upon me and called the paramedics. The City narrowly avoided a lawsuit then.

All I have asked is that the city comply with the law and post protocol, any protocol, but bring some order to the growing chaos called the bikeways. Please contact me at the earliest discretion about this matter at either 223 0186 or 223 8951.

Thank you, Dan Long

A bicycle path is a shared use facility designed for both bicycle and pedestrian use.



Counter Point

Response to Mr. Long

Arthur Ross—Pedestrian-Bicycle Coordinator City of Madison 608/266-6225 danl@solvnet.net

Mr Long,

State Statutes 349.23(2)(a) and (b) give the City permission to pass local ordinances to “Designate the type and character of vehicles or other modes of travel which may be operated on a bicycle lane or bicycle way” and to “Establish priority of right-of-way on the bicycle lane or bicycle way and otherwise regulate the use of the bicycle lane or bicycle way.” Such ordinances are not required. Signage of bicycle way rules is only required if the City elects to pass local ordinances as permitted by these statutes. Since the City has no such local ordinances, we are not in non-compliance with these statutes.

There are two ways to view these paths. You seem to want pedestrians to follow the rules for walking along a street when there is no adjacent sidewalk. On streets without sidewalks pedestrians are not only required to walk facing traffic but also to move out of the way when there is oncoming traffic. The pedestrian has the primary responsibility to avoid crashes in this situation. See Wisconsin State Statutes 346.28.

A bicycle path, however, is a shared use facility designed for both bicycle and pedestrian use. The City of Madison and the State of Wisconsin uses national guidelines for designing bicycle facilities. The most recent update of these guidelines, Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities, was published in 1999 by AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Traffic Officials). This latest version does not even use the term "Bike Path". Instead, it uses the term "Shared Use Path", defined as "A bikeway physically separated from motorized vehicular traffic by an open space or barrier and either within the highway right-of-way or within an independent right-of-way. Shared use paths may also be used by pedestrians, skaters, wheelchair users, joggers and other non-motorized users."

Based on the definition of a shared use path, it is preferable to view the path as a multi-user facility where all have equal rights, than to look at the path as a highway for bicycles and everyone else has to get out of the bicyclists' way. If all are to be equal users, than it makes the most sense for everyone to move in the same direction, on the same side of the path, with faster users yielding to slower users.

Here is information from the back of the Madison Cycling Resource Guide & Route Map on sharing the path (this has been on the back of the map for 12 + years):

Share the Path

- There are over 20 miles of bicycle paths in Madison. These paths are used by a variety of users, including bicycle commuters, recreational bicyclists, families, pedestrians and skaters. By following a few basic rules, these paths can be shared safely by all users.
- All users should keep to the right side of the path.
- When traveling side-by-side, stay on the right half of the path.
- Faster users should yield to slower users.
- Always travel at a safe speed, with due regard for others. Faster users may want to consider alternate routes to ensure the safety of all users.
- Pass others on the left and give an audible warning before passing, such as calling out "excuse me, passing left".
- Move off the pathway when stopping.
- Be careful when crossing streets and driveways. Watch for traffic and make sure other drivers are aware of the path and your presence.

These recommendations are consistent with national trends in bike/shared use path rules. If you have purchased a State of Wisconsin trail pass this year, you will see the following on the back side:

Trail Etiquette

Most Wisconsin State Trails allow multiple uses and considerable cooperation is essential. Do your best to ensure everyone has a safe and pleasurable trail experience by following these tips:

- Treat all trail users with respect and courtesy regardless of their sport, speed or skill level.
- Stay right except to pass.
- Pass on the left. Clearly alert others before passing.
- Always look before changing positions on the trail.
- Stay on the trail.
- Do not block the trail.
- Pack it in, pack it out. Pick up litter.
- Control your speed.

Please check out the following websites
and then call or e-mail me if you want to discuss these issues further.

The first link is to an article written by an east coast bicyclist based on his experiences on paths and roads.
<http://www.bikexpert.com/bikepol/facil/paths/pathatt.htm>

These links are to user guidelines and a model trail users ordinance originally developed in the late 1980's
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BUDGET PRIORITIES

PLEASE SHARE YOUR COMMENTS WITH ME...

By Kathleen M. Falk, Dane County Executive

County Executive Falk Invites Residents to Comment on County Budget Priorities

As I begin to craft a responsible budget on your behalf for our county in 2005, I want to share with you how I am working to balance the need to control property taxes, which hit people hard, with very real and important needs, especially human services and public safety.

Last year, by focusing on our citizens' priorities and finding every efficiency, the County was able to sustain an unprecedented \$12 million base budget reduction, due mostly as a result of State budget cuts that were passed on to the County. Given that the State still has a deficit, we will have to further tighten our County budget in 2005. Over the past seven years I have controlled property taxes, improved services, and increased our "rainy day" fund by 63 percent. Our efforts have earned Dane County a AAA bond rating, the highest measure of strong fiscal management.

There are three significant financial pressures on us for 2005.

FIRST—the State's financial deficit continues to create a challenging County budget;

SECOND—the County's existing funding commitments grow more costly next year; and

THIRD—despite having a good local economy relative to the rest of the State and Nation, overall moderate economic growth restrains the growth of key revenues.

This leaves us with difficult choices: cutting programs, increasing property taxes, or finding more efficiencies.

Here's some of what we did this year. We eliminated 40 vacant positions to reduce base budget expenses by about \$2 million and instituted a yearlong hiring freeze for most County positions. We merged departments (for example, merging Public Works and Highways generated \$100,000 in savings), and leased, instead of purchasing, squad cars, reducing costs by \$200,000. We did this to fund as much as possible our citizens' priorities for human services and public safety. I present my budget to the County Board by October 1, 2004. The County Board acts on the Executive Budget in November, making amendments as it chooses, and takes it to a final vote. I then have the opportunity to veto provisions, which requires a two-thirds vote of the board to override. After that, the budget will be finished—and balanced, as usual!

Your input on the budget is vital. I invite you to comment on your priorities during upcoming budget public hearings, which will be announced in the media, or by writing a letter or emailing me.

Please contact me at **266-4114**, by e-mail at **falk@co.dane.wi.us**, or mail at 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Room 421, Madison, WI 53703.





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Verona Road Environmental Impact Statement Review

By Alderman Ken Golden

As most of you probably know, a major project is being planned for later this decade to deal with a variety of capacity problems and other transportation needs on Verona Road, its intersection with the West Beltline Highway, and the West Beltline Highway from Highway 14 to Todd Drive. The basic plan proposed by WisDOT, with years of consultation with an organized group of neighborhoods (including Dudgeon-Monroe) plus a number of public meetings, resulted in the following proposal.

The Proposal...

Verona Road would be recessed in the area around Raymond Road in a 35' deep trench with a local road above it and on the side. Verona Road would be able to free flow into a widened Beltline at that point with the local roads connecting up with Midvale Boulevard. A crossing would be established between the Allied neighborhood and the Meadowood neighborhood at Raymond Road and Thurston Lane. The final part of the project, which is not getting much attention, is the creation of a six-lane Beltline through Mineral Point Road.

The Resolution...

The City has a resolution that I'm sponsoring that offers a number of comments to the State's environmental impact statement. The current version calls for the recessed road to be fully covered, thereby creating a tunnel so as to make the area between Home Depot and the closed Super Saver entirely more human-friendly. This would cover the area between Summit and Williamsburg Way. The City is also calling on WisDOT to fully participate with the costs of redeveloping the Madison Plaza Shopping Center. It also asks WisDOT to acquire properties involved in this project early so they don't sit as poorly maintained eyesores in the Allied area. I've asked that the resolution be amended to recommend a less ambitious expansion of the West Beltline. Specifically, I favor the kind of turn lanes that were recently created further west, between Verona Road and Whitney Way. I would not, under any circumstances, support a six-lane road. It's not that the need isn't there. The problem is, when you increase capacity in one part of the system without planning where that capacity will show up, other parts of the system may break down. John Nolen Drive, Park Street, Fish Hatchery Road, Monroe Street and Regent Street would all be vulnerable to excessive traffic made possible by an expanded Beltline.

With this project, there's almost too much to cover.

I urge you to seek out more information from the following websites:

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/council/index.html>

(for the resolution referenced above)

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/d1/verona/index.htm>

Message from our Mayor...

By Mayor Dave Cieslewicz

Neighborhood News Column

The importance of neighborhood grocery stores: access to food choices, livable neighborhoods, and entrepreneurial opportunities

Ensuring access to food and promoting livable neighborhoods is a difficult task faced by local governments throughout the nation. Since all people require food on a daily basis, food retailers should be recognized as far more than simply another retail establishment. Supporting local grocery stores, however, presents many challenges. Market forces and consumer behavior all too often work against the success of small grocery stores in urban areas. That is why I commissioned a report clarifying the role the city can play in supporting urban groceries.



This report is currently available on the city's web site at www.cityofmadison.com

Recent grocery store closures across the city have sparked significant concern and interest among citizens and city leaders. Ensuring equitable access to food, promoting livable and walkable neighborhoods, and cultivating entrepreneurial opportunities are important long-term objectives for the City of Madison to consider in the context of preserving and supporting grocery stores across the city.

The report sets out general goals, lists high-priority policies, and suggests additional recommendations:

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General Goals

- 1) Retain a diversity of food buying options and preserve access to nutritious, affordable, and culturally appropriate food choices for all Madison residents.
- 2) Encourage the development of small and medium sized grocery stores in neighborhoods to provide food-purchasing options within proximity to residents in neighborhoods across the City of Madison.
- 3) Encourage food related entrepreneurial & employment opportunities that support one or both of the above goals.
- 4) Support Madison-owned grocery stores to the extent possible

High-Priority Policies

- 1) Redevelopment Strategy: Where severe need for a grocery store is shown outside of existing redevelopment districts, assessments of blight in the area may be undertaken to determine whether the creation of a Redevelopment District is an appropriate way to initiate City involvement.
- 2) Financial Assistance: As food retailers operate on an extremely tight margin, the City should pursue ways to support food retail within the Capital Revolving Loan Program, Tax Increment Financing, and other grants and loans.
- 3) Food Distribution: As small and independent grocers often face difficulties accessing economical food distribution networks, the City should examine ways to support food distribution networks that prioritize area food producers and local food retailers simultaneously.

Next steps will be to gather feedback on the report and submit the report to the Common Council with a resolution to adopt the policy recommendations.

Please send any comments to

Jeanne Hoffman, Assistant to the Mayor
at jhoffman@cityofmadison.com or call **266-4611**.



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have to do is take your old fluorescents back to any retailer that sells fluorescent lamps. The retailers will take your old fluorescent lamp can get it recycled for you. Some retailers will take back your old fluorescents at no charge; others may charge a fee to cover their costs.

Fluorescent lamps are very energy efficient and help us save energy and reduce the pollution from power plants. However, Fluorescent lamps contain mercury, one of the most hazardous substances in our homes. When the fluorescent lamps are put in a landfill the glass breaks and the mercury is released. The mercury is usually becomes part of leachate, the liquid that washes out of the bottom of the landfill.

Landfills are designed with leachate collection systems. However, these systems can fail and the mercury containing leachate can leak into our groundwater. When the collection system works properly, the leachate is pumped to a sewerage treatment plant. Unfortunately, these plants cannot remove mercury and it gets released into our waterways. That is why Dane County has banned fluorescents from our landfill.

You can find out where to recycle old fluorescent lamps by visiting the Streets Division's web site www.cityofmadison.com/streets or by calling **267-2626**.

Recycle Old Thermostats Too

Thermostats containing mercury are also banned from landfills. When you replace a thermostat, make sure you take the old thermostat back to the retailer where you purchased it. If you are having a thermostat replaced by a contractor make sure they will recycle the old one.

When you are replacing a thermostat plan to replace it with a digital one. Digital thermostats do not contain mercury and do a better job on controlling your furnace and/or air conditioner. This will help you reduce electrical or natural gas usage and save you money.

For more information on digital thermostats call Madison Gas and Electric at **252-7117** or visit their web site at www.mge.com.

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Food for Thought Publicity Committee

By Sarah King

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A Call For A Floating Kayak Launch On Lake Wingra...

Health experts worldwide promote lake kayaking as being excellent for the mind, spirit and body. Yet the people whom would probably enjoy kayaking on Lake Wingra the most and derive the greatest mental, spiritual and physical benefit from kayaking are prevented from doing so because getting in and out of a kayak is so awkward and physically difficult. With your help, that may be about to change.

Plans are afoot to construct a floating kayak launch on Lake Wingra to allow any person aged 10 to 110 to simply, safely and easily launch and return a kayak without the aid of another human being. If you can currently get in and out of a car, you will be able to use this launch. This means many very deserving people whom would love to have the ability to get out on Lake Wingra and enjoy its immense benefits will finally have an opportunity to do so.

We would be interested in hearing your comments on this project.

Please let us know if you support this initiative.

Email me, **Mark Collins**, at collinsmd@charter.net or call me at **231-1173**.



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D-MNA Representative Needed! The Joint West Campus Area Committee identifies community and neighborhood impacts of proposed development projects on the western half of the UW campus and makes related

recommendations to UW and the Madison Plan Commission. D-MNA has a permanent seat on this committee and that seat is currently vacant. If you might be interested in representing our neighborhood on this committee, please inquire with D-MNA President **Daryl Sherman** at 238-5106 or snippets@execpc.com. Anyone interested in land use or transportation planning might find this a fascinating and important way to get involved in our community. The committee normally meets once per month for 2 hours, but has recently met every other month.

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