

Dear Neighbors,

Congratulations on surviving the winter! We may still see some cold days, but we've turned the corner into spring. Here are a few things that are "popping up":

- Captain McLay and I will be visiting a neighborhood association meeting near you in the months of April and May to talk about the Community Policing Team, neighborhood safety, and how we can all work together for stronger neighborhoods. I hope you'll join us!
- Just as spring follows winter, summer – better known as construction season – follows spring. You should already be seeing the first signs of this out on the streets – patching potholes. If you've got a "favorite" pothole that needs filling, please call the Pothole Patrol at 246-4532 or go online at <http://www.cityofmadison.com/transportation/potholepatrol/>.
- Quite a few streets around the city are scheduled for some more intensive attention this summer. Gorham Street, from N. Baldwin Street to N. Livingston Street, is going to be closed or partially closed, so you'll want to think about alternate routes. After Rhythm and Booms, Sherman Avenue from Windom Way south to the railroad tracks will be resurfaced. One lane each way will remain open, and access to all the businesses will be maintained. If you'd like more information about this project or to be added to an email list for updates, contact me ([district12@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district12@cityofmadison.com) or 242-4426). We'll also be holding a series of meetings on the results of the Northside Walking Audit to discuss ways to improve pedestrian and traffic safety on several streets.

Other things to keep an eye on include the Northside Plan update, the market study, the City's economic development plan, long-term recommendations for Metro, and the update of the zoning code.

Closer to home, this morning I saw the first tips of my tulips pushing through the mulch. Think Spring!

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