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“Hi! Neighbor”
Eastmorland Community Association

Royster-Clark

You’ve heard me talk of Royster-Clark over the past year and a half, so elsewhere in this newsletter is an article written by one of our neighborhood representatives to the Royster-Clark Neighborhood Planning Team.

I’m encouraged by the strong support the City planning department has shown recently in preparing a neighborhood-based site plan, as well as the participation from both the Eastmorland and Lake Edge neighborhoods.

Stay tuned as we set up additional public input meetings.

Garver Feed Mill

The Garver Feed Mill, behind Olbrich Botanical Gardens on the other side of Starkweather Creek, is still in the middle of a request-for-proposal for the re-creation of the building into something new. There are two proposals:

1. An “Arts Incubator” proposal by Commonwealth Development that would provide space and services for artists.
2. A “Sustainability Center” proposal by Barnsdale Land Company that would provide space and services for groups and companies that focus on creating sustainable design.

Both proposals also include public spaces, an environmentally friendly bed and breakfast (both plans call in Arbor House for this work), a restaurant, market-rate space and fairly good size parking lots. And both plans – as is usual in these cases – have their pluses and minuses.

The City’s Garver Feed Mill Re-Use Committee, which I sit on, is currently sifting through these proposals as well as all the other competing needs (such as requirements from the Garden itself). The proposals and committee information can be found online at: <http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/planning/garver.html>.

Olbrich Shoreline Restoration

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources recently gave the City of Madison permission to begin work on shoreline restoration at Olbrich Park. Work won’t begin until much later in the year, but it will provide for a more natural and cleaner shoreline.

Police Meeting

On Wednesday, February 20, at 6:00 p.m., I will be hosting a neighborhood police meeting for the Eastmorland Neighborhood at the Pinney Branch Library. Over the past few months, a lot of conversation has taken place about public safety, and it is important for neighborhood residents to be able to communicate with their police officers.

Any neighborhood resident is invited to attend this meeting and discuss their local, neighborhood safety concerns. I hope you will be able to make it!

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, issues or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at 692.8416 or lpalm@cityofmadison.com. Archived information is also available at www.cityofmadison.com/council/district15.