

Eastside News
Alder Report
Larry Palm, District 15

E. Washington Avenue

Construction on E. Washington Avenue will continue through December, with the most significant change – the final pieces of the Starkweather Creek Bridge – being installed at this time. In 2002, Rosalinda Solis was struck by a motorist while crossing E. Washington Avenue near this spot. While this bridge will be used as an important bicycle connector from the Capital City Trail to MATC, we hope to encourage more pedestrians to use the bridge to avoid crossing traffic on E. Washington Avenue. Residents of the Worthington Park Neighborhood have been working with the Rosalinda Solis family to plan a bridge/path dedication ceremony in June 2008. Please let me know if you're interested in helping out with this event.

Starkweather Creek

In a related project, work will begin shortly on the Starkweather Creek shoreline restoration project from E. Washington Avenue to Milwaukee Street. The plan is to remove the dangerous steel sheeting and replace it with limestone blocks and sloped vegetative siding, enhancing and beautifying this area of Starkweather Creek.

Please Slow Down!

Continuing on the topic of pedestrian safety, please slow down when driving. School is in session, and children do walk to school along our city's streets. At a recent North District Police Meeting, residents expressed grave concern about the speed of traffic on our neighborhood streets, a comment heard around the city. Please do your part while driving and slow down.

Traffic Calming

Congratulations to the residents of Schenk Street, where Schenk Elementary and Whitehorse Middle Schools are located, on their successful petition to get traffic calming on their street. Last summer, residents went through the city's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) and, early this year, Schenk Street was selected as one of the streets in the city that would potentially get traffic calming. After a neighborhood meeting to discuss specifics of the plan, nearly 90% of the respondents supported having speed humps placed on their street. Six speed humps will be installed later this year.

Have a great start of the school year! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 692.8416 or lpalm@cityofmadison.com.