



# ALDER LARRY PALM DISTRICT 15 ALDER REPORT

## Safety



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A lot has been discussed lately about safety in Madison. It seems that all sides of Madison are experiencing resurgence of crime. Unfortunately, the Eastside and our own neighborhoods are no different.

When a registered sex offender moved into the Lake Edge Neighborhood, large numbers of residents attended a meeting to discuss those issues. The Lake Edge neighborhood had already set-up a "Neighborhood Watch" program to help communicate among residents what is happening in the neighborhood.

Eken Park was recently highlighted on NBC15 for their Prostitution Patrol program on North Street. (<http://www.nbc15.com/crimetracker/headlines/8751857.html>) The program is a citizen observer walk that has been very effective in reminding those who choose to commit crimes in our neighborhoods that they are being watched. Through these efforts, Eken Park is also working with North Street neighbor Emerson East Neighborhood on a street festival on North Street.

Residents on N. Marquette Street attended a meeting to discuss the problems along their street and, in particular, the intersection with Hauk Street. Residents discussed safety and traffic issues and a potential re-development around the intersection. There will be another meeting to discuss this area on **Wednesday, October 24, at 6:00 p.m. at Hawthorne Library, 2707 E. Washington Avenue.**

Recently, the Mayor announced that he would add eighteen new police officers to the 2008 budget and announced a plan to speed up the time from an officer's hire to when he/she is actually on the street. Madison is a growing city, and I support this latest effort to match our police force to not only our geographic size but also to our needs. However, having worked with other alders to add officers to previous City budgets, I know that while there is a need to expand our police force, we also need to streamline police operations to concentrate our efforts on what is happening outside the police station. I expect more will be discussed as part of the 2008 budget before its adoption.

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## Sex Offender Loitering

In July, the Department of Corrections (DOC) informed residents of the Lake Edge Neighborhood that a convicted registered sex offender would be moving into the area. While DOC states that they were closely monitoring and limiting this sex offender's movements, unfortunately many more sex offenders have no such limitation while visiting parks, schools, playgrounds and other similar areas.

I am part of a group of alders who plan to introduce a "Sex Offender Loitering Ordinance" that will give police the ability to remove convicted sex offenders from certain locations. While a more extensive loitering ordinance was not passed by the City Council, I believe that this more specific, defined loitering ordinance will provide another essential tool police officers can use to protect our safety.

## Safety (cont.)

### East Police District Neighborhood Listening Session

Recently, the North and West Police Districts have had alder initiated listening sessions. Alders Cnare (District 3), Compton (District 16), Clausius (District 17) and I are planning an East Police District Neighborhood Listening Session for you to share your concerns with us, the Mayor, Police Chief Wray and East District Police Capt. Klubertanz.

The Listening Session is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 12, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the La Follette High School auditorium, 702 Pflaum Road.** Participants will be able to speak for two minutes and share written comments.

### Exclusive North District/East District Community Policing Teams

As part of the 2008 budget, the City should finally provide for separate North and East District Community Policing Teams (CPTs). CPTs have more flexibility to resolve crime issues than our patrol officers. Based upon immediate needs, they can set up traffic enforcement zones, follow

up on residents' contacts about drug houses and watch a particular location, or other labor-intensive activities. Last year, the South and West CPTs were separated. I will not support a 2008 budget that does not separate the North and East Police District CPTs.

### Chronic Nuisance Abatement

The City's long awaited Chronic Nuisance Abatement Ordinance is expected to come before the City Council in September. The basic premise of the ordinance is to permit the City Attorney's Office to follow up with landlords who have properties with multiple police calls or Building Inspection issues. Follow-up includes the ultimate ability to

remove the property from their possession. As with any ordinance that involves so many different variables, concerns have been raised. The City Attorney's Office has been working to refine the language to reduce concerns about how this can negatively affect good tenants.

### Dane County TRIAD

TRIAD is a cooperative effort between the Sheriff's Department of Dane County, police departments, community agencies working with seniors, and senior volunteers to promote safety and prevent abuse of older adults.

The conference includes speakers, workshops, resource tables and health screenings with the purpose of providing valuable information on topics related to crime prevention and safety.

TRIAD will hold its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Crime Prevention & Safety Conference on **Thursday, September, 20, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Lakeview Lutheran Church, 4001 Mandrake Road, in Madison.**

If you're interested, you must register by September 10. The cost is \$10.00 for the general public and includes lunch, breaks and materials. Call 608.441.7897 to register.

### Neighborhood Officers

While every neighborhood cannot have a dedicated police officer, I have requested the Police Department to organize their police beats in smaller areas so that officers can better know the areas that they patrol and connect to the residents

they serve. Worthington Park is well served by its neighborhood officer, but other neighborhoods should be able to access a single-point person who can work with them on neighborhood-specific issues.

# E. Washington Avenue/Starkweather Pedestrian-Bicycle Bridge

Construction on E. Washington Avenue will continue through December, with the most significant change being the installation of the final pieces of the Starkweather Creek Bridge. While the 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. In 2002,

Rosalinda was struck by a motorist while crossing E. Washington Avenue near this spot. Please let me know if you're interested in helping out with this event.

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.

## Starkweather Creek Shoreline Restoration

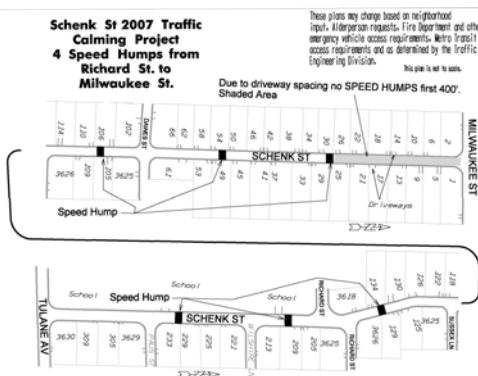
In a related project, work will begin shortly on the Starkweather shoreline restoration project from E. Washington Avenue to Milwaukee Street. The plan is to remove the dangerous steel sheeting and replace it with limestone blocks and sloped vegetative siding, enhancing and beautifying this area of Starkweather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

Of course, our recent rains have shown the failure of the current steel sheeting. In many places, water was in front of and behind the sheeting. Fortunately, as of this writing, rain has come up to, but not crossed, the 100-year regional flood levels.



## Schenk Street NTMP

Congratulations to the residents of Schenk Street, where Schenk Elementary and Whitehorse Middle Schools are located, on their successful petition to have 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 that would potentially get traffic calming this year. 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.



On Wednesday, September 26, at 6:30 p.m., I am inviting all those who live on Walter Street, Harding Street and Tulane Avenue to a neighborhood meeting to discuss the NTMP for those streets. Residents on these streets have asked for assistance with speeding. Others who are interested in the NTMP are invited to attend and participate. At this time I do not have a confirmed location for the meeting, but I hope to hold it at Schenk/Whitehorse School. Residents of Walter, Harding and Tulane will receive a postcard with the location. If you're interested, please contact me so I can let you know where it will be.

## Lake Edge Award

At this summer's Lake Edge neighborhood Picnic, I presented the President, Tim Saterfield, a "Civic Recognition Award" (see photo at right) to show my appreciation to the Lake Edge Neighborhood Association for its strong revival and the positive contributions it has made to our community.



When I first became alder, Lake Edge barely met and, if it did meet, it was about a very contentious issue. Two years later, they have a full board, bi-annual newsletter, committed volunteers, and great programs like the Lake Edge Safety Initiative.

I have been truly impressed by the different neighborhoods in our district. All our neighborhoods are strong. Some, like the Eastmorland Community Association, are celebrat-

ing their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a continuously operating neighborhood association. Others, such as Worthington Park, are working really hard to develop the community involvement that is so vital to the public process (as witnessed by their work on the E. Washington Avenue bridge dedication that will pull together a diverse community).

Every resident in District 15 is "covered" by a neighborhood association. Each reflects the needs and desires of you and your neighbors. Please consider becoming involved with your neighborhood so that your voice can be heard more clearly by all (including me!). For more information about City of Madison neighborhoods, see our website at: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/neighborhoods/>.

## Stoughton Road

The Stoughton Road Revitalization Project (SRRP), a citizen group working to improve S. Stoughton Road between Highway 30/Milwaukee Street and the Beltline, had a very successful public meeting to present their preliminary plan for the street. (While the SRRP has been working with WisDOT, this is not the group that is planning the potentially significant road reconstruction that DOT is proposing.)

A few months back, the SRRP hired a consultant, The Cunningham Group, to suggest what, over the course of the next thirty years or so, local municipalities and residents can do

to improve the condition of the road. The Cunningham Group took three primary areas - the area just south of Highway 30 (Post Office); from Buckeye Road to Pflaum Street; and just north of the Beltline Highway - and created distinctive looks and feels.

Over time, the goal is to make the street more pedestrian/bicycle friendly, using more environmentally sensitive design in a more visibly attractive way. More information about the proposed plan is available on the website: [www.stoughtonroad.com](http://www.stoughtonroad.com).

## Calendar

### EEEP!Fest, North Street Block Party

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
300 Block of North Street

### East District Police Listening Session

Wednesday, September 12, 7:00 p.m.  
LaFollette High School Auditorium

### EINPC Community Council Meeting

Thursday, September 20, 6:30 p.m.

### Eastmorland Playground Equipment Dedication

Saturday, September 22, 2:00 p.m.

### Walter/Tulane/Harding NTMP Meeting

Wednesday, September 26, 6:30 p.m.  
Location to be determined

### EINPC Eastside Alders' Meeting

Tuesday, October 23, 7:00 p.m.  
Bashford United Methodist Church  
329 North Street

### N. Marquette Street Area Meeting

Wednesday, October 24, 6:00 p.m.  
Hawthorne Branch Library  
2707 E. Washington Avenue

### Common Council Budget Deliberations

Tuesday, November 13, Wednesday, November 14 and  
Thursday, November 15  
City-County Building, Room 417  
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

## Royster-Clark

Planning for the Royster-Clark site is getting into full swing this fall. City Planning staff is working on the request for proposals for the “Market Study,” and neighborhood residents are finishing up the neighborhood survey that will be distributed to area residents.

In addition, a more formal committee called the “Royster-Clark Neighborhood Planning Team” (RC-NPT) is being created to direct City Planning staff in its work. The RC-NPT will include myself; County Supervisor Tom Stoebig; representatives of three area business; one member and an alternate appointed by the Lake Edge and the Eastmorland neighborhood associations; and two additional neighborhood residents. The neighborhood members are as follows:

- **Eastmorland:** Kris Whitman; Kathy Soukup, alternate.
- **Lake Edge:** Jacky Da Walt; BJ Obermeyer, alternate.



## City of Madison 2008 Budget

Fall means many things, but in City government, it means the beginning of budget discussions. The City budget controls many functions: police and fire, libraries, streets, trash pickup and community services among others. Our decisions affect all city residents.

The City budget is a huge, complex document. Admittedly, it’s a hard read, and pouring over detailed descriptions and pages of numbers is generally something most people don’t care to do. But please, don’t let this stop you from taking a quick look and asking questions.

- **At large:** John Martens (Lake Edge) and Shiela Guilfoyle (Eastmorland)

In addition, Urban Solutions, a Madison-based redevelopment group, recently made an offer to purchase the property from Agrium, and the offer was accepted. There are many conditions that must be met before Urban Solutions will actually acquire the land. These conditions include making sure the site can be fully cleaned up environmentally and getting “sign-off” by state agencies to construct new projects. Any transfer of property cannot take place for a while, and it is important for residents to get involved with the RC-NPT public process to define now what area residents want to see before a developer’s proposal is made.

For more information, please visit the District 15 Website at [www.cityofmadison.com/council/district15](http://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district15). Updates will be available online as new information becomes available.

## Eastmorland Gardens

The Eastmorland Gardens have had a very successful first year at the corner of Walter Street and Harding Avenue. Many families from the Eastmorland Neighborhood now have a sunny place for their gardening activities. Congratulations to all who made this possible!

There are broad areas such as neighborhood police, community services, road construction and Metro that residents have many opinions about. Your opinions and input are necessary to make the 2008 budget our City budget.

When posted, the budget will be available at [www.cityofmadison.com/comp/budgetindex.htm](http://www.cityofmadison.com/comp/budgetindex.htm). I will continue to send out budget information as part of my neighborhood emails, so if you are interested, please let me know and I will communicate this with you.



**Got email?**  
**I send out more frequent District Updates via email. If you would like to stay involved, please send me an email at [lpalm@cityofmadison.com](mailto:lpalm@cityofmadison.com), and I will happily send you this updated information.**



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## West Nile Virus

Public Health - Madison & Dane County reminds us that West Nile Virus (WNV), present in Madison since 2002, is primarily an illness of birds and results when an infected mosquito bites a bird. Humans can also become infected with this virus when bitten by an infected mosquito.

Three residents of the Carpenter-Ridgeway Neighborhood were found to have WNV sometime in the last year. It is not known where these individuals became infected. This information is being distributed to highlight steps you can take to reduce mosquito breeding in your yard.

Water sources on private property can be important breeding areas for mosquitoes that carry WNV. It is important for property owners to eliminate standing water on their property or make sure the water is changed every 3-5 days.

Public Health - Madison & Dane County is taking steps to monitor and control mosquito breeding in the creek, ponds, and storm sewer system in your neighborhood. Thus far,

these sources have not been found to produce large numbers of WNV mosquitoes. To effectively reduce the risk of WNV infection, your help is needed to find other water sources that may be producing high numbers of mosquitoes. Avoiding mosquito bites is also important in preventing WNV infection.

It is important to remember that with WNV:

- The main mosquito to carry this virus prefers to bite birds.
- While WNV infection can lead to serious illness, most infected people do not become ill.

The following numbers may be useful:

- To report concerns about water sources in the neighborhood, please call John Hausbeck at 243-0331.
- To report sick or dead crows or blue jays, please call the Dead Bird Hotline at 1-800-433-1610.

Thank you for your assistance.