

District 15 Alder Report, October 2007

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This is a semi-regular communication to District 15 residents from your Alder. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please let me know at lpalm@cityofmadison.com or 692.8416.

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Calendar

- **Garver Feed Mill Public Presentation**, Saturday, October 20 at 9:00 am at Olbrich Gardens.
- **EINPC Eastside Alders Meeting**, Tuesday October 23 at 7pm at Bashford Church, North Street
- **North Marquette Street Triangle Meeting**, Wednesday October 24 at 6pm at Hawthorne Library, East Washington Avenue
- **Royster-Clark Neighborhood Planning Team (RC-NPT)**, Wednesday October 24 at 6:30pm at Pinney Branch Library Cottage Grove Road
- **2007 Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable**, Saturday November 1 at 8:00am at CUNA Mutual, 5810 Mineral Point Road
- **2008 City Budget Common Council Public Speaking Meeting**, Tuesday, November 13 at 6:30pm
- **Stoughton Road Revitalization Plan Open Houses**, Thursday November 15 at 6pm or Monday November 19 at 6pm (see www.stoughtonroad.com for more information about the plan and the meeting)

2007 Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable

Saturday November 3, 8:00am to 12:00noon at CUNA Mutual Group Training Center - 5810 Mineral Pt. Rd.

Sign-up online by Monday October 29 at 4:30 p.m. and your neighborhood association may be selected in a drawing to cover registration fees for the Neighborhoods USA national

conference!

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/neighborhoods/NeighborhoodConf2007/index.cfm> Or call the Planning Division at 267-8727, Ext. 211

Choose from workshops where you will learn how to ... increase inclusiveness in neighborhood groups of many different ethnic and cultural groups, abilities and ages.

- work with community policing teams that are trying new and otherwise non-traditional policing methods in working with neighborhoods, community and other government agencies.
- take charge of crime prevention using such tools as neighborhood watches, crime prevention safety audits and more.
- engage neighbors by preparing your neighborhood for emergencies and improving safety.
- assess neighborhood quality of life using data from sources inside and outside of City government; take a look at the City's preliminary indicators and provide feedback.

Also hear how three Madison Neighborhoods, Inc. Best Neighborhood finalists are making improvements to their areas.

Garver Feed Mill Re-Use Public Meeting

For the last year, a city committee has been working to come up with creative ways to re-use the old Garver Feed Mill building behind the Olbrich Gardens. Basically, there are now two proposals, one by the Barnsdale Land Company and the other by Common Wealth Development.



On Saturday, October 20 at 9:00am at the Olbrich Botanical Gardens, representatives of each group will give a thirty minute presentation and then there will be time for members of the public to express their concerns, questions and comments. After, the Garver Feed Mill Re-Use Committee will “interview” each group.

These proposals are still in the beginning stages of being fleshed out over the coming months. It is anticipated that there will be another public meeting as these discussions begin to detail the proposals.

For more information, see the Garver Feed Mill Re-Use Committee website at: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/planning/garver.html>

North Marquette Street Triangle Meeting

On Wednesday, October 24 I am inviting anyone interested in what's happening in the triangle bound by Starkweather Creek, East Washington Avenue and Milwaukee Street to a meeting to discuss their concerns.

Previously residents on North Marquette Street were invited to a meeting to discuss safety, traffic and a potential redevelopment at the intersection of Hawk Street and North Marquette Street. This area, which is formally in the Schenk Atwood Starkweather Yahara (SASY) Neighborhood, has some specific concerns that may be best addressed in a smaller, more personal setting.



If you are interested, the meeting will be at 6pm at the Hawthorne Branch Library.

2007 Traffic Signal Priority List

The Madison Pedestrian/Bicycle/Motor Vehicle Commission will begin to consider which intersections will receive traffic signals for 2007. Intersections in District 15 that were on the 2006 list, but did not rank high enough to receive a signal are:

- Milwaukee Street at Waubesa Street
- Milwaukee Street at Oak Street
- Corporate Drive at Blettner

You are invited to attend the Pedestrian/Bicycle/Motor Vehicle Commission meeting on October 23 at 6pm in the Madison Municipal Building, 215 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd Rm 260

Information about the 2007 Traffic Signal Priority List as well as the criteria are available online at: <http://legistar.cityofmadison.com/DetailReport/matter.aspx?key=8816>

Public Safety

Last Tuesday night, the Madison Common Council approved spending an additional \$100,000 for various city-wide neighborhood safety initiatives for the remainder of 2007. The North and East Districts each received \$20,000 and have been working on plans to use the money to the best advantage for each area.

Money will be focus on areas that would be related to neighborhood safety. Both Captains had expressed a desire to get officers out of their cars and be more actively engaged in the neighborhoods. In addition, education, traffic safety and community involvement are being looked at. I asked each to also look at how they can continue to improve communication between each department, especially along the East Washington corridor, and their neighborhoods – Eken Park, SASYNA, Worthington Park and Carpenter-Ridgeway.

These initiatives will lead into 2008, where there are significant proposals to add police officers, having exclusive North and East District Community Policing Teams, and improving the dreaded self-report.

Madison Area Crime Stoppers

The Madison area has experienced an increased amount of burglaries where small electronics have been stolen.

Madison Police need your help identifying the suspects in these burglaries as well as what is happening with these stolen electronics.

Madison Police would also like to remind citizens to lock their doors and windows at all times.

If you have any information about these burglaries or know what is being done with these stolen laptops, please call Crime Stoppers at 266.6014. Callers can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

Starkweather Creek Heavy Rains Flooding Survey



Thanks to all those that returned the Starkweather Creek Heavy Rains Flooding Survey. A few weeks ago, significant rains made Starkweather Creek and Lake Monona and Mendota at 100-year regional flood levels. If you did not receive a survey but experienced some flooding, please let me know.

Fortunately, respondents generally said that they experience no significant flooding. The City has, and will continue to, invest heavily in ensuring that Starkweather Creek is able to manage significant flood capacity. Our work this winter along Clyde Gallagher Avenue from Commercial Avenue to Milwaukee Street is an example of our commitment to making the stream more capable, safer and better looking.

Schenk Street Speed Humps

By now, many people are aware that speed humps were installed on the length of Schenk Street. Unfortunately one side of them were not installed the way the City Traffic Engineers designed them and they are being replaced at the contractor's expense.

There is a great deal of design that goes into these speed humps. They are designed to not interfere too much with a driver going the speed limit, while making it uncomfortable for a faster driver. Unfortunately, each speed hump is designed and installed differently, taking into account the various angles and curves of the area of the surrounding street. These were installed too flat.

Hopefully shortly they will be installed as designed and residents can begin to receive the traffic calming attributes that they expected.

Congratulations...

... to Carpenter-Ridgeway for their Gateway Garden Dedication at Wright Street and Carpenter. This lovely garden on the Associated Bank property provides a delightful welcome to the neighborhood.

... to the Eastmorland Community Association not only to their 50th Anniversary but also for their very successful Eastmorland Park playground equipment dedication! The new playground equipment looks great and you should be proud of yourselves!



2008 City Budget

I've chatted up the 2008 City Budget in my various newsletter articles, so I'll keep it short here. Basically, this is the most important action the Common Council does all year. It is the funding for all the activities and actions that the City does throughout the next year.

I encourage you to look through the city budget and tell me anything you'd like about the budget. It is available online at: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/comp/budgetindex.htm>

Also, you can come and speak to the Council on Tuesday, November 13 at 6:30pm. You can share the Channel 12 limelight for three minutes. If you'd rather, you can email all alders at: allalders@cityofmadison.com and we'll get the message.

This is one case where sharing is good!

End Notes

As always, I invite you to share your comments, questions or concerns. I'm available at 692.8416 or lpalm@cityofmadison.com. Also, I continue to post items to the District 15 website at: www.cityofmadison.com/council/district15 Enjoy the leaves dropping!