

## **Royster-Clark**

You're invited to once a month Royster-Clark meetings to talk with nearby residents and business about the future of this 26-acre site on Cottage Grove Road. These monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Pinney Branch Library. Our last meeting dealt with the many environmental issues of the site. More information about the meetings as well as meeting minutes and notices can be found on the District 15 website at [www.cityofmadison.com/council/district15](http://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district15).

At the end of January, a special panel was held to discuss what happened at the Union Corners site and the lessons learned from that project. Thanks to Mark Olinger of Planning and Development, Alder Judy Olson, developer Todd McGrath, SASYNA President Dan Melton, and Rebecca Krantz for their participation. These educational sessions are designed to provide an opportunity for residents to hear from people who have been through the development process before and ask questions related to the Royster-Clark parcel. Streaming of the video is now available on the Madison City Channel 12 website at <http://www.cityofmadison.com/mcc12/archive/ad/ad013007.ram>.

The next Royster-Clark meeting will be Monday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m. at the Pinney Branch Library.

## **Stoughton Road**

For the past year, a group of Alders, County Supervisors and neighborhood representatives have been working to create a new "vision" for Stoughton Road. The road edges the Eastmorland and Lake Edge neighborhoods in District 15 on the Eastside. The Stoughton Road Revitalization Project (SRRP) has raised over \$50,000 to hire a consult to help plan for Stoughton Road to be a "gateway" to the Eastside. More information about the SRRP is online at [www.stoughtonroad.com](http://www.stoughtonroad.com).

As part of this process, we will begin conducting focus group and large public meetings to gather input from area residents. What would you like to see Stoughton Road become? Be sure to look for announcements for these meetings sometime early in spring.

## **Starkweather Paths**

The City is busy working on plans for a number of paths along Starkweather Creek. This summer, as part of the reconstruction of East Washington Avenue, we will construct a pedestrian/bicycle bridge over East Washington to connect the Eken Park and Worthington Park neighborhoods along Starkweather Creek. A path will be constructed along Starkweather Creek to connect the bridge to Milwaukee Street. In 2009, this will connect to a second bridge over Aberg Avenue as well as a new path through Dixon Greenway on Milwaukee Street. This will ultimately create an off-street path that goes from MATC to the State Capitol.

I'm also working with City Parks, EINPC, and Friends of Starkweather Creek to look at the City-owned parcels along Starkweather Creek, such as the recently purchased "Starkweather Conservancy" on Milwaukee Street, to begin to weave footpaths through these areas for people to explore the creek.

The first tour is Saturday, February 24, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., walking each site and taking private cars to the next. It will begin at 393 Blettner Boulevard at 1:00 p.m. The next stop will be at 4501 Lien Road at 2:00 p.m. The last stop is at 2005 East Springs Drive at 2:30 p.m. The tour will traverse wild areas, rain or shine, so dress accordingly. The second tour date is April 14 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., and the rain/snow date is on April 15 at 1:00 p.m.

There are also two public meetings planned. The first meeting is Saturday, March 3, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Olbrich Gardens. At this meeting, the public will prioritize land management strategies for the Starkweather properties. The second meeting is Thursday, April 26, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Olbrich Gardens. The City Parks Division will present a Draft Park Management Plan based on the priorities established by the public at the March 3 meeting. The public will review the draft plan at this meeting. Following the meeting, the draft plan will be refined to reflect additional public input.

It has been a privilege to serve as the District 15 Alder for the past two years. If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at [lpalm@cityofmadison.com](mailto:lpalm@cityofmadison.com) or 692.8416. The District 15 website at [www.cityofmadison.com/council/district](http://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district) also has a host of information pertinent to residents. Thank you.