

**Eastside News**  
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**Slow Down Your Driving!**

Over the past several months, I have had numerous meetings with neighbors about parking and traffic on neighborhood streets. I would like to remind everybody to SLOW DOWN! It is no coincidence that Madison Police report that a substantial number of traffic offenders live in the neighborhoods where they speed. Please take extra time every day to be aware of your speed on neighborhood streets – we will all be thankful!

**Parks and Greenspace**

The residents surrounding Eastmorland Park (next to Woodman's on Milwaukee Street) have begun to collaborate with the Parks Division on the future of this park. Planning will create a park that is more functional and pleasant for all uses. As a first step, the 2006 City budget includes \$3,000 for environmental plantings at Eastmorland Park. Future meetings on this topic are scheduled for January 26, February 23 and March 23, at 7:00 p.m. at the Schenk Elementary School Cafeteria, 230 Schenk Street.

I'm also excited that the Madison Common Council approved the purchase of 64 acres of undeveloped land between Milwaukee Street and Stoughton Road, along Starkweather Creek. Keeping this land open and undeveloped is very important to east Madison!

**Upcoming Council Debates**

I expect two important debates on the Council floor in the coming months: revisions to the City of Madison's Inclusionary Zoning (IZ) laws and the introduction of "Mandatory Sick Leave."

In a nutshell: Current IZ laws require developers to set aside a certain number of new construction units for people who earn below the median area income. Mandatory Sick Leave would require any business in Madison to provide a minimum number of sick days to all employees.

While both issues have significant merit for our community, it is often the details of the laws that are hardest for the Council to approve and for residents to understand. Every district will be affected differently, so I ask District 15 residents to contact me about how these – and any other – ordinances will impact you.

As always, your opinion matters! For updated information, please visit the District 15 Website at [www.cityofmadison.com/council/district15/index.html](http://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district15/index.html), e-mail me at [lpalm@cityofmadison.com](mailto:lpalm@cityofmadison.com) or call me at 284.1508. Thank you, and I look forward to hearing you!