

Building Boom?

You know about the bad economy. You've heard it said, "Madison can't put two bricks together", and that neighborhoods are obstructionist when it comes to development. Well, forget all that. In fact, the downtown seems to be in something of a building boom, driven mainly by the demand for workforce apartments. You probably have been following the high visibility proposals such as the central library, the 100 block of State Street, the Judge Doyle Square proposal, and the East Wash proposals. You may not have been aware of all

the other proposals that have, and are, keeping neighborhood steering committees very busy. Some of these proposals are shown here, on the rear cover, and on page 10. These are just the current crop. The Alexander Company has announced that they want to complete their Capitol West project and there is the proposed state museum complex. Finally, when the zoning codes are rewritten based on the recently adopted Downtown Plan, this trend may only accelerate.



24 North Webster, rises from the ashes



West Johnson and North Bassett, construction starting soon, 194 room Hampton Inn hotel



Lorrillard Ct and Proudfit, near approval, 116 apartments



125 North Bedford, proposed, four unit

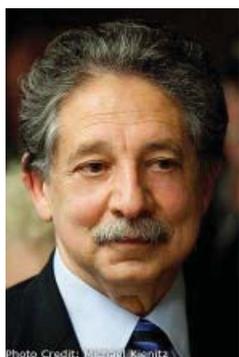


Mayor's Neighborhood Conference, 2012

By Mayor Paul R. Soglin

Engaging neighborhood leaders to connect and work together to invest in people and places is essential for the health of our city. The 2012 Mayor's Neighborhood Conference will be a dynamic event for community leaders to share, network, and take steps to ignite ideas within our extensive networks of neighborhoods.

Fred Kent, President, Project for Public Places, will be



the keynote speaker and workshop presenter at the conference due to the generous contribution from Madison Gas & Electric Company. Fred studied with Margaret Mead and worked with William H. Whyte on the Street Life Project, founded the Academy for Black and Latin Education (ABLE), a street academy for high school dropouts, and has taken over half a million photographs of public spaces and their users, which have appeared in exhibits, publications and articles.

Fred will talk about the "Power of 10" in Placemaking. At the core of this concept is the idea that any great place itself needs to offer at least 10 things to do or 10 reasons to be there. These could include a place to sit, playgrounds to enjoy, art to touch, music to hear, food to eat, history to experience, and people to meet. The idea is that it's not enough to have just one great place in a neighborhood- you need a number of them to create a truly lively city. It is not enough to have only one superior neighborhood in a city- you need to provide people all over town with close-to-home opportunities to take pleasure in public life. Madison neighborhoods already offer unique experiences but this is a forum at which we can learn about other placemaking opportunities involved in the Power of 10.

Join us on Saturday, October 13 at the Monona Terrace Community & Convention Center from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. This full-day event will offer a host of workshops. Information will be available later this summer at www.cityofmadison.com/neighborhoods/.

County's Clear Lakes Initiatives Underway

By Supervisor Scott McDonell, Dane County Board Chair

Work to implement the County Board's multi-million dollar, multi-faceted Clear Lakes Initiative is underway. The 2012 budget includes \$5.7 million to begin work to remove carp and prevent new infestations in Cherokee Marsh and Mud Lake, clean up beaches, reduce phosphorus, form a new Lake Preservation and Renewal fund, and upgrade storm sewers to keep sediment out of the lakes. Here is a snapshot of progress made to date:



Carp Removal and Sediment Reduction

The county is working with the DNR this summer to study the carp populations in both Cherokee Marsh and Mud Lake (Roxbury Township) in preparation for possible removal in the winter months; is working with the UW Civil Engineering Department regarding sediment reduction and, in early May, installed floating bog interceptors to monitor the ability to capture sediment and protect the Cherokee Marsh shoreline.

Storm Sewer Upgrades

The County budgeted \$2 million in 2012 to improve storm sewer outfalls so rain runoff does not deposit sediment in the lakes. The Dane County Department of Land and Water Resources has solicited proposals and 10 projects have been submitted. The department will evaluate these projects for funding in the coming weeks.

Lake Preservation & Renewal Fund

The Lake Preservation and Renewal Fund allocates \$3.4 million in 2012 specifically for land acquisitions that will improve the quality of our lakes and waterways. At its meeting on May 17th, the County Board approved the acquisition of 40 acres of land on the south shore of Lake Waubesa that will open 1,400 feet of lakefront shoreline to the public in the South Waubesa Marsh Natural Resource Area. The county used funds from the 2012 Lake Preservation Fund, and partnered with

the Natural Heritage Land Trust and the Town of Dunn to acquire lands within the Marsh. The purchase of 40 acres is believed to be the largest remaining stretch of undeveloped, privately owned shoreline along the Yahara Chain of Lakes, and the acquisition will be the County's first acquisition in the South Waubesa Marsh Natural Resource Area.

Yahara CLEAN Implementation

Strand and Associates, funded by the Clean Lakes Alliance, Dane County, the City of Madison, the Madison Community Foundation, and the Madison Metropolitan Sewage District is developing a detailed plan to implement the September 2010 Yahara CLEAN recommendations (www.yaharawatershed.org) to reduce phosphorus, sediment loadings, and beach pollutants. The Strand report will not be officially released until November. The 2012 county budget includes \$250,000 for implementation activities, and \$1 million annually for the subsequent four years. Potential projects include a winter cover crop demonstration and a demonstration of using an Alum treatment to remove phosphorus from tributary streams to the Yahara lakes.

Clean Beaches

The Clear Lakes Initiative provides funds to partner with municipalities to install deflectors to keep algae off beaches. This builds on a program that was begun with booms at Bernie's Beach and Olin Beach in the last couple of years. In the next few weeks the Department of Land and Water Resources will be installing booms at Bernie's Beach, BB Clark Beach, Olin Park and Warner Park. The Department of Public Health for Madison and Dane County will conduct beach assessments this summer at both Goodland and Mendota County Parks to identify practices that could benefit beach water quality there.

Only five months into the year, many of the components of the Clear Lakes Initiative are underway. The initiative is a 5-year, \$27 million dollar, effort. The implementation of the initiative demonstrates the county's on-going commitment to lake health, recreational opportunities, and the economic benefits of

lake enjoyment. The ultimate goal of this effort is to improve the quality of life and economy of the entire county.

Dane County and its partners celebrated 25 years of lakes and watershed improvement from June 1-June 17. Visit www.takeastakeinthelakes.com to learn more.

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Clean Streets, Clean Lakes

By Davy Mayer, President, CNI



Living on a narrow isthmus, the reality of storm water drainage is that everything eventually goes to the lakes. And one of the big reasons we get so much algae and overgrowth is what storm water takes with it on its way out.

George Dreckmann and Chris Kelly of Madison's Streets Department were guests at a recent Bassett Neighborhood meeting. They gave a presentation on how the department has expanded its "Clean Streets, Clean Lakes" program into most of Capitol Neighborhoods' area in an effort to reduce the amount of debris that flows into our lakes via storm sewers. Instead of the old sporadic schedule, street sweepers are now out on the isthmus every week, picking up dirt and organic material as well as oil, asbestos and other debris from vehicles.

Clean Streets, Clean Lakes isn't only active in the warmer months. Getting all cars off the streets once per week allows snowplows the chance to clear to the curb. Some might remember a one bad winter before the program expanded, when West Mifflin Street in particular would effectively be reduced to a single lane as snow banks grew into the roadway and parking was haphazard.

You'll still see sweepers out in the winter when it's 29F or above -- the streets warm up above freezing on a sunny day allowing them to do their job.

Residents who have to rely on street parking may find it a pain to have to find somewhere else to park once a week from 9am to 1pm. Some have gotten stung by parking enforcement for parking after they see a sweeper go by (but before 1pm). Why is this? Oftentimes a sweeper will need to go back down a street for a second and even third pass if they're hitting the middle of the street along with the gutters. And although they often follow the same path from week to

week, intangibles earlier in the route may impact how late they drive past your home, such as filling up necessitating extra drop-offs at the Tenney Park station.

The Streets Department has also been steadily installing catch basins in storm sewers. These act as another line of defense, collecting particulate material and allowing water to pass through. They require more work, needing to be cleaned out routinely, but are aided by street sweeping. Sweeping keeps out bigger material that can impede catch basins' effectiveness.

So is this really all worth it? This program is only one tool of many we'll need to improve our lakes' quality. But the Streets Department reports that they collect 40% more debris under routine sweeping than before. And that is debris that would otherwise flow right into our lakes.

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Plan for Change

By Mary M. Kolar

You have heard or seen it written: The only constant is change. During my military career, I was frequently involved in planning for the Navy's future, and also earned a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. The success of our military, and thereby our nation depends on our ability to think strategically and plan for change.

On a much more micro level, though just as important to our everyday lives, we must also think strategically and plan for the future of Madison including downtown. Many plans have been made in the past and likely the most well known is John Nolen's "Madison: A Model City" (1911). As with any plan, some parts of it became a reality, some parts were revised, and some parts never came to fruition due to any number of factors such as funding challenges and priority changes.

During recent decades there have been significant changes in Downtown Madison. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, between 2000 and 2010, the population of Downtown Madison grew by 8.3%. Per the City of Madison Planning Division, during the twenty year period of 1990-2010, there were 4664 new downtown housing units. Yet, per Madison Gas and Electric's measurement of turning housing unit services off and on, the rental vacancy rate in Downtown Madison is a record low of less than 3%. The vacancy rate for office space in the 3rd quarter of 2011 was less than 10% according to Xceligent Inc.

These facts and figures document the continued demand for more housing and office space in Downtown Madison. If the supply is not increased, students, potential homeowners, and businesses will look elsewhere. Instead of continuing urban sprawl and the destruction of natural areas, let's plan for the development of Downtown Madison, including the Mifflin District.

Four years in the making, the City of Madison's Department of Planning and Community and Economic Development prepared and published a Downtown Plan in November, 2011. The draft of this plan was extensively reviewed by a multitude of city commis-

sions and committees including numerous times by some. Many Madison residents, especially members of Capitol Neighborhoods, Inc. (CNI), provided input and feedback as well. At the July 17, 2012, City of Madison Common Council meeting, by a vote of 18-2, the alders approved the plan with some additional last minute amendments.

One of the more controversial proposals in the plan was to expand Law Park by filling in some of the Lake Mendota shoreline. I expect this part of the plan to be the least likely to ever come to fruition.

The Downtown Plan's recommendation for the Mifflin District recognizes the need for change in this area. By approving the plan that states, "...larger-footprint buildings located close to the street and up to six stories in height will replace the current building stock", the Alders have endorsed this need.

The Downtown Plan is only the beginning. The next step is the rewrite of the Zoning Code. I encourage you to let your alders know that you support the plan for change in Downtown Madison.



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It was a dark and stormy night, somewhere. But in the Capitol Neighborhoods the sun was setting, a chill was seeping into all nooks and crannies, and thoughts were turning to feasts with dearest friends. Evenings were ahead that would surely warm the hearts of all. The new Emile Henry bakeware was being filled with tasty lasagna. The Staub Dutch Oven was cooking up another memorable lentil bean soup, and all ingredients were sliced so artfully with the new Wusthof Santoku. Ah, what a delight, sharing food with those who make life a blessing!

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Downtown Businesses

Mary Carbine, Madison's Central Business Improvement District (BID)

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THE KITCHEN GALLERY

107 King St., thekitchengallery.biz

On October 15, 2011, after 4 years on Williamson Street, The Kitchen Gallery moved to its current location at 107 King Street, half a block from the Wisconsin Capitol. When you stop into The Kitchen Gallery, you will undoubtedly notice carefully selected lines for the kitchen and table, including cookware, bakeware, and barware, tools, gadgets and electrics—everything from high-quality vanilla to add to your crème brûlée to a salt and pepper mill that will last a lifetime, or a stunning copper pan set for your kitchen. The personal attention to each customer is their hallmark. But if that is all you find, you will have missed a lot of what the proprietors are about!

Stephanie Kessenich's grandmother is featured in a photo at Weary Traveler, on Williamson Street, as a store clerk many years ago in that same location. Tom Christensen's grandfather was a founding member of



The Kitchen Gallery's Tom and Stephanie



Mr. Milo, official Kitchen Gallery greeter!

the Stoughton Savings and Loan. Both have deep roots in Dane County. In addition, Stephanie is an accomplished teacher, having brought 3 children into successful positions in the world following many years of home schooling. Tom also has a rich history of teaching, in area schools, medical facilities, First Unitarian Society, UW-Madison, and even with Fatah leaders in Bethlehem. Recently he received an invitation to speak on the topic of multi-perspectival thinking at the International Spiral Dynamics Confab this September in Dallas.

In their free time, Stephanie and Tom garden the largest arboretum on the Isthmus, which includes over 54 trees and shrubs, plus countless woodland shade plants, a grape arbor, and apple, pear, cherry, and plum trees. Stephanie finishes most days refreshing her spirit through cooking up what everyone (but her modest self) would certainly call "gourmet". Tom is likely to be in the other room playing piano, or working on another painting. Add to this their combined 7 children, and 3 grandchildren, you have to wonder how they find the time they do to teach so many eager store guests about how to ensure one's cooking is as healthy as the food is one starts with! Stop by The Kitchen Gallery to say hello, share a passion for good food, and explore exceptional culinary provisions.

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Madison Public Library

Gregory Mickells Confirmed as Madison Public Library Director

The Madison Public Library Board has chosen Gregory Mickells to be the new Director of Madison Public Library. Mickells's five-year contract was confirmed by the Common Council on July 19, and he will begin on September 4.

Gregory Mickells is currently Assistant Library Director for the Lincoln City Libraries in Lincoln, Nebraska, since 2007. Lincoln City Libraries is a municipal system serving Lancaster County's 280,000 residents from a main library, seven branches, and a bookmobile. Previously, Mickells was a Library Manager in the Douglas County Libraries in Castle Rock, Colorado for eight years, and has held other library positions in Nebraska and Colorado since 1989. Mickells has his Masters in Library Science from Emporia State University.

The library will be announcing a variety of "meet and greet" dates where community members may meet Mickells in September and October. For more information about Mickells, meet and greet date announcements, and links to recent local media interviews, Visit www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/director



Gregory Mickells

Madison Public Library Promotes Go Big Read in the Community

Did you know that Madison Public Library is a community partner in UW-Madison's annual Go Big Read program?

This year's Go Big Read selection is *Radioactive: Marie & Pierre Curie: a Tale of Love & Fallout* by Lauren Redniss. This highly visual book depicts the Curies' discovery of radioactive power. Through her writing, Redniss captures the complexity of the intersections between science, history, and biography. The dreamlike quality of the book's brilliant graphics come from cyanotype printing, which Redniss says she used to capture "what Marie Curie called radium's 'spontaneous luminosity.'" "

The library has purchased over 400 copies of *Radioactive* to support the Go Big Read program with monies donated by the Friends of Madison Public Library using proceeds from their Book Club Café fundraiser, as well as many branch friends groups. The books are used in discussions around the city, both in public libraries and private homes and venues, as well as available for reserve through the LINKcat library catalog.

This year all MPL locations will host book discussions of *Radioactive*. Select libraries will also host art workshops where attendees will learn about cyanotype printing and create their own cyanotype images with the help of local artist Aliza Rand, Director of Violet Art Studios. Central Library's public book discussion will be October 17th, and Book Discussion Kits will be available beginning in early September for private book groups to use. Visit www.madisonpubliclibrary.org for more information on the project.

Car Trip in Your Future? Take a Book on CD!

Central Library's complete collection of Books on CD are shelved on the first floor at our temporary site at 126 S. Hamilton St. Using an amazing contraption leftover from Anchor Bank called the 'Lektriever' the CDs are on rotating shelves that move with the touch of a button. Beat the boredom of the open road with 'Midnight

Come Again', a mystery set in Alaska by Dana Stabenow, or one of Malcolm Gladwell's brain-twisting ruminations like 'What the Dog Saw' or 'Blink: the Power of Thinking without Thinking.'

Headed to Europe This Summer? Practice Your Pronunciation Online with Mango Languages

Mango is an online language learning system purchased by the library that teaches real conversation skills for

practical communication. Through engaging interactive lessons, Mango makes learning a new language fast, easy and incredibly effective. You'll be able to navigate all sorts of everyday situations such as getting directions, ordering a meal, and making a purchase. Use a microphone connected to your computer to record your speaking voice and get feedback immediately from Mango on your skills, or just repeat the narrator's voice to yourself. You'll need to use your library card number to logon and create an account to keep track of your progress.

Languages offered include: Spanish, French, German, Norwegian, Greek, Danish... and lots more!

To get started, visit the Madison Public Library website, www.madisonpubliclibrary.org and click on our 'Research a Topic' link and look for Mango in the list of databases or call the library at 266-6350.

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Business Briefs

New downtown businesses include Square Wine Company, now open at 5 N. Pinckney St. and State and Lake Clothing Co. at 673 State St. Coming soon are Forever Yogurt at 506 State St., Kilwins at 208 State St., Alterra Coffee at 27 S. Pinkney St., The Buck and Badger at 115 State St., Tech Heroes at 545 State St., and Roast Public House at 529 State St.

For information on downtown events, where to shop, dine, play and park, and to order a free Downtown Madison Map & Guide, see visitdowntownmadison.com. Or stop by the Downtown Visitor Center at 452 State St. or the Capitol Square Information Booth at 100 W. Mifflin (near the Wisconsin Historical Museum). Both are open every day through mid-October.

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At MMoCA

Leo Villareal

September 9-December 30, 2012

A pioneer in the use of LEDs and computer-driven imagery, Leo Villareal is increasingly renowned for his light sculptures and architectural, site-specific works. With more than fifteen sculptures and installations, Leo Villareal is the artist's first major traveling museum survey. The exhibition was organized by the San Jose Museum of Art.

Because of their scale (works in the exhibition are up to twenty feet wide) and their mesmerizing movement of light and color, the works on view have a profound, immersive quality. The exhibition traces the artist's career over the past decade, from his earliest experimental sequencing of strobe lights to his recent hypnotic patterning of thousands of pinpoint LEDs. Often inspired by natural phenomenon such as clouds and sunsets, Villareal's works have been compared to a "holodeck Giverny" (The New York Times), and "fireworks, flashes of lightning, even fireflies" (Art in America). Leo Villareal will be on view in the museum's main galleries.

MMoCA Docent Training

Offered September 25-December 18, 2012

Enthusiastic about art and people? Organized? Open-minded and curious? Join the dynamic group of docents at the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art. Docent training will be offered from 1 to 3:30 pm on Tuesdays, September 25 through December 18, at the museum.

MMoCA's volunteer docents contribute time, energy, enthusiasm, and knowledge to help visitors gain insight into art. By leading tours for adults and children, docents are a vital part of the museum's education and outreach efforts. They explain processes, themes, and ideas related to works of art, and involve tour group members in lively interactions with works on view.

The twelve-week training course includes grounding in modern and contemporary art; art media and processes; behind-the-scenes museum operations; tour techniques; and more. There is no tuition fee; how-

ever, there is a modest cost for training materials. Docents also must become members of the museum.

In recognition of their service to the museum, docents receive benefits such as private exhibition orientations with artists and curators and a 20% discount at MMoCA's award-winning Museum Store. Docents also provide cultural enrichment to community members in a dynamic visual and social environment.

For a position description and application, visit mmoca.org; click Get Involved/Docent Program. Interested individuals may also contact Sheri Castelnuevo, curator of education, at 608.257.0158 or sheri@mmoca.org. Applications must be received no later than Wednesday, September 7, 2012.





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Central Library, July 20, 2012



West Main and North Henry, proposed, 176 apartments

Volunteer Opportunity

Would you like to make big difference in children's lives with just a couple of hours a month? Promote reading and positive parent child contact! Volunteer with the SLIS Jail Library Group (JLG) in the Kids Connection (KC) program.

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For questions on the KC program contact Marie Koch at mandlk@yahoo.com. For more information about JLG, email JailLibraryGroup@gmail.com or visit JLG's website at <http://slisweb.lis.wisc.edu/~jail/index.html>.



West Main and North Henry, under construction, private park



It's a **Wisconsin thing.**
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Wisconsin—home of snowmobiles and... surfboards? Inventions like the weather service, jockey shorts, professional wrestling, and the electric guitar all have Wisconsin roots. Get the scoop on the inventions you know and discover the intriguing stories behind the innovations you might not expect!

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Hey Madison, Meet Your Indie Wine Shoppe

By Andrea Hillsey

The time has come; Square Wine Company is now open! Located at 5 N. Pinckney on Madison's Capitol Square, we are dedicated to selling wines that are crafted by small, family growers who make honest wines that reflect a sense of place. These are wines you can feel good about drinking, and wines that have a soul. Square Wine Company is selling wines you can believe in. We, as a city and state, have done a great job of demanding more out of the foods we eat, by turning our backs on industrial agriculture and instead, choosing to support local farmers and organics. However, many of us still reach for industrialized wines. We'll agree that the wine industry has not made it easy to distinguish between artisanal juice and corporate swill, but that's why we are here. These small producers and importers don't have big marketing dollars behind them, and they take some work to find, but rest assured they exist, and we want you to start drinking them.

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The Madison Senior Center

Seniors' Night at the Children's Museum!

Everyone gets to be a kid at heart when adults get their very own night at the museum! Take advantage of this unique opportunity to get to know our community's jewel of a children's museum. This summer party for older adults features:

- Guided tours of the museum's exhibits, which include the work of over 120 local artists and 15,000 area school children
- Live music by MadHoc Madison Horn Club, an 8-piece French horn choir
- Educational presentations on the museum's nationally recognized "Only Local" initiative and our unique Homing Pigeon program
- Adult art workshops: make a tie-dyed silk scarf or a fused glass pendant (\$10 materials fee for art workshops)

Enjoy full kids-free access to all of the museum's hands-on exhibits. Pilot the Punch-Buggy, travel back in time in our historic Log Cabin, make a masterpiece on the Paint Wall, and freeze your shadow in the Shadow Room. Enjoy spectacular views on the Rooftop Ramble and meet our many rooftop residents, including chickens, homing pigeons, and other native Wisconsin critters.

Light refreshments will be served. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Seniors' Night at the Museum, 100 N. Hamilton Street, is presented in collaboration with Madison Senior Center on Wednesday, August 8 from 6-9 pm. Recommended for Ages 55 & up! Individual tickets: \$8 per person. Group tickets: \$6 per person for groups of 10 or more. To register for the group discount, contact Erin at 608.256.6445, ext. 156 or email registration@madisonchildrensmuseum.org. We will take group registrations at the Senior Center, too. Call 266-6581.

Health and Resource Fair

The Madison Senior Center will host its first annual Health & Resource Fair on Thursday, September 13,

2012 from 9:00 am – 11:30 am in celebration of National Senior Center month. Learn about the latest trends in health and wellness, receive free screenings, discover new resources for residential living, retirement planning, and new ways to exercise. The Fair will benefit older adults, age 55 plus, with a variety of FREE health screenings, health-related presentations, a lunch option, and afternoon bingo. Screenings include a blood glucose test, spinal screening, hearing and swallow test, falls prevention and eye pressure test, to name a few. There will be wonderful door prizes and great giveaways all morning long. Call 266-6581 to register.

Enjoy the Lakes!

Madison Area Antique & Classic Boat Show

August 3 - 4 Enjoy beautifully preserved antique boats of all kinds at the 7th Annual Madison Area Antique & Classic Boat Show. On Friday August 3rd, boat cruise to State Capital & Governor's Mansion. On Saturday August 4th join the Clean Lakes Alliance at Christy's Landing on Lake Waubesa to watch the beautiful boats from this great location. For more information visit the Antique and Classic Boat Society website.

Clean Lakes Festival

August 18 Come to the Clean Lakes Alliance's 6th Annual Clean Lakes Festival at Olin Park on Lake Monona. Events includes recreation on and off the lake and educational opportunities to learn about lake quality. For more information visit the Clean Lakes Alliance website at www.cleanlakesalliance.com.



Get On Your Bikes and Ride!

By *Martha Laugen, Madison Share and Be Aware
Ambassador, Wisconsin Bike Fed*

Looking for ways to beat that late summer heat and boredom? Get on your bikes and ride! The Wisconsin Bike Fed has two great rides lined up in August and September. Enjoy an afternoon on your bike without feeling overheated, overworked or under pressure.

The Madison by Bike series features the best of Madison neighborhoods and gives riders the opportunity to learn how easy and safe bicycling around town can be. Each ride begins with a “Bicycling Made Simple” discussion followed by a slow group ride. Our focus is on comfort, learning, and FUN!

So far, the rides have been very popular. In early June, riders enjoyed a perfect evening exploring the buffered bike lane on Segoe Road, near Hilldale. The ride was capped off with free ice cream cones from Gary at the Chocolate Shoppe – thanks, Gary! In July, we enjoyed an evening at the Duck Pond, catching the Madison Mallards in action. Participants agree, they are surprised to learn how easy it is to get to popular destinations by bike instead of car, and they enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere of the rides.

Come join your friends and neighbors – or meet new ones – at one of these exciting events! Our remaining seasonal rides include:

- Sunday August 5th: Goodman to Woodman’s (East): Stock up for your late summer BBQ!
1pm: Bicycling Made Simple Discussion – Goodman Community Center, 149 Waubesa Street
2pm: Ride departs from Goodman Center bike racks
- Sunday September 9th: Campus to Hilldale: Learn about easy campus-area biking and how to get to great shopping at Hilldale. Mayor Paul Soglin should be joining us for this relaxed group ride, so come say hello! Top things off with a

tasty treat at Hilldale, Metcalfe’s Sentry!

1pm Bicycling Made Simple Discussion:
UW Memorial Union, 800 Langdon Street

2pm Ride departs from Memorial Union parking lot

The Bike Fed is Wisconsin’s only statewide advocacy organization working to keep bicycling safe, accessible, and fun. For more information about our ride series, to start a ride series in your area, or for additional Bike Fed events, visit us online at www.wisconsinbikefed.org or call (608) 251-4456. Get on your bikes – and we’ll see you out there soon!



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640 West Wilson, construction started, 60 apartments



309 West Johnson, proposed, 250 apartments, retail space, and new Fire Administration offices



211 South Bedford, near approval, 58 apartments
