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DOWNTOWN DIALOGUE

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Your Neighborhood Is What You Make It

By Davy Mayer, President, CNI

The Republican and Democratic conventions have passed, the presidential election draws near and I find myself thinking of something a former president once said, or something close to it.

To paraphrase John F. Kennedy: “Ask not what your [neighborhood] can do for you -- ask what you can do for your [neighborhood].”

Maybe I’m taking excessive liberties with that line, but I think that version is relevant to the place we find ourselves in the downtown. Locally, budget season is upon us and the city council is formulating expenditures for the coming year. But not everything that happens to improve our neighborhoods needs to come from the top. There are plenty of ways that we can impact our surroundings with whatever time and effort we have available.

One weekend morning in May in each of the last several years, a group of Bassett Neighborhood residents have assembled for a neighborhood clean-up. The first year was rough -- twenty some bags of garbage were collected from the terraces, curbs and sidewalks. But each successive year the bags number fewer as the neighborhood’s accumulated efforts become apparent.

Residents of the First Settlement Neighborhood have transformed the bleak concrete water utility building known as Crowley Station into a place that is inviting and attractive to passers-by. Funded largely by private donations and a lot of hard work (and some modest help from the city), they have installed outdoor seating, artwork, a Little Library and extensive plantings. They have created an urban oasis that would never have come together if they hadn’t made the first effort.

Some neighbors take special pride in their front yards, flower gardens or other landscaping. They may do it for their own private enjoyment, but just one kempt yard can brighten the whole block and even be the impetus for others to follow suit.

We look to the city for terrace trees, street sweeping, lighting improvements, grants and other investments in our communities. But a lot of good can come from you and your neighbors and the projects you undertake in your immediate surroundings or right down the block. Do you have an idea for positive change in your neighborhood? I’d like to hear about it ... drop me a line at davymayer@gmail.com or 608-220-8180.

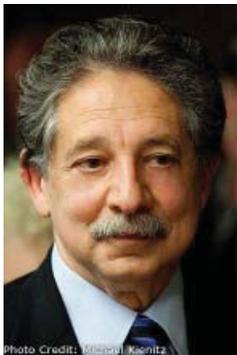


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State Street Placemaking: Current Challenges

By Mayor Paul Soglin

State Street is indisputably the most recognized street in the City. Since the mid 1970s, it has functioned as a fixed guideway transit mall. While its primary purpose is for the enjoyment of pedestrians, the competition for its use continues to be challenging. The corridor also accommodates vehicles of many types for deliveries, service and maintenance, emergency service, taxi service, buses and bicycles.



The use and enjoyment of the street is directly affected by the number and types of vehicles allowed to use the travel corridor. The noise, bright lights, and emissions from all the vehicles using the street impact pedestrians who stroll down the street, dine outdoors, or want to sit on a bench to relax.

In recent years, the street has seen a significant increase in the number of restaurants with a corresponding decrease in the number of retail businesses. This has led to additional competition for the use of the flex zone (the area between the pedestrian corridor and the curb) and has made it more difficult for pedestrians to navigate the street.

Sidewalk cafés and sandwich board signs have increasingly encroached upon the flex zone and pedestrian corridor. While there is a legitimate need for the businesses on and off State Street to advertise, the current situation on State Street has resulted in a significant reduction of the pedestrian corridor to substandard levels. This is unacceptable.

Given the current challenges, I have directed the Department of Planning and Community & Economic Development to lead an interagency effort for the fol-

lowing:

1. Review the use and design of the flex zones and pedestrian corridors.
2. Reevaluate the use of the travel corridor by all modes of transportation including buses.
3. Develop a new uniform signage program that promotes businesses on and off State Street.
4. Work with the University to prepare a new design plan to guide the reconstruction of the 700 and 800 Blocks of State Street, and the library/East Campus Mall.

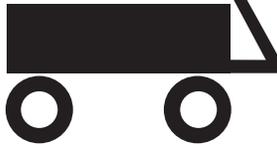
This is a work in progress and will continue to be. I have met with business leaders and owners as well as handicapped advocates and planners and there will be many more meetings.

Attractive, safe, and inviting public spaces are critical to the success of cities. The State Street Transit Mall is a role model for the entire nation. I am proud of what the City of Madison has accomplished, but we now have an opportunity to make State Street even better!



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County Innovation & Partnerships, Protect Public Safety

By: Joe Parisi, Dane County Executive

The main function of county government is to provide core services that residents depend on in their everyday lives. I'm proud to report that substantial public safety improvements that I included in my last budget are underway this year, helping protect the lives of our residents and first responders.



This year the county will complete nearly \$1 million in upgrades to our emergency warning system. The bulk of these improvements focus on synchronizing our 125 outdoor sirens directly with weather warnings and storm tracking from the National Weather Service.

This revolutionary change will ensure that outdoor sirens sound only in communities that are in harm's way, instead of all the sirens in the county sounding at once, even in communities where the sun may be shining.

Recently, I was joined by public safety officials to break ground on our new \$18 million dollar emergency communications network, DaneCom. Once complete next year, DaneCom will seamlessly link emergency responders and public works officials – from sheriff's deputies to snow plow drivers – on one ultra-modern radio network.

With DaneCom, whether it's a car crash or fire, tornado, flood, or blizzard, our first responders will be able to communicate with one another, helping ensure a speedy, well-coordinated response. This new radio system will expand emergency communications coverage in rural areas of the county, and includes a tactical system found no where else in country designed to make fire scenes safer

for firefighters.

Work also continues on a new high-tech system to ensure the closest responders are dispatched to emergencies first. This new "Computer Aided Dispatch" (CAD) system will help better link 911 dispatchers with fire, police, and emergency medical teams in the field.

All of these public safety improvements will shave seconds off an emergency response time by increasing communication and coordination – and those seconds will save lives.



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Study Looks At Economic Effects Of Historic Preservation

By Andrew Denney

Editor's note: This article originally appeared in the September 4, 2012 issue of the Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia, MO and is reprinted with permission.

Preserving historic buildings over the past decade has, directly and indirectly, accounted for more than \$1 billion in economic activity in Columbia and helped to create thousands of jobs, a recent study shows.

The economic impact study will be presented tonight to the Columbia City Council at its regular meeting. According to a report from City Manager Mike Matthes' office, the impact study is similar to one done in 2001 by Rutgers University for the state of Missouri but is the first of its kind to be conducted in the United States by a local government.

The Columbia Historic Preservation Commission sponsored the study with the Historic Preservation Fund Grant provided in April 2011 by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Historic Preservation Office.

The grant funded 60 percent of the roughly \$20,000 spent on the study, while the city picked up the additional 40 percent. The city hired St. Louis-based consulting firm Development Strategies to work on the study.

According to the findings, private developers have invested more than \$88 million locally in projects that qualify for state-issued historic preservation tax credits.

When accounting for projects that were both funded through the tax credits and those that were not, historic preservation projects over the past decade created or supported 4,500 jobs and provided \$400 million in household earnings, the study says.

The economic impact report comes as members of the

Historic Preservation Commission have pushed city leaders to strengthen the city's demolition and preservation ordinances to help protect historic structures.

Brian Treece, chairman of the commission, said the results strengthen the group's argument that more should be done to encourage preservation.

"I think this report certainly buttressed the need to err on the side of preservation," Treece said.

Since work on the impact study began last year, commissioners' concerns about the city's demolition rules have been heightened by the demolition of the Annie Fisher House on Old 63 and a demolition permit for a house at 308 St. Joseph St., where the taxpayer-funded social service agency Boone County Family Resources is planning to build housing for its clients.

City planner Rachel Bacon said from 2002 to 2011, an average of about 35 demolition permits were issued each year, with 37 issued so far this year.

The HPC's proposals under consideration by the Columbia Planning and Zoning Commission include extending the commission's review period for demolition permits from 10 to 30 days and granting either the council or the HPC the power to designate a property or an area as historic.

P&Z members have agreed that the review period should be extended but continue to deliberate on the proposal to allow a public body to vote to save historic properties from their own owners. Some members of the commission have said that might infringe on property rights.

"At what point do we protect the interests of Columbians and Columbia but also respect the real property rights of a homeowner or a property owner?" P&Z Chairman Doug Wheeler said. Wheeler said the commission plans to discuss the proposal at a work session Thursday.



Downtown Businesses

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

Get to know the people behind the counter (and in front!) at downtown businesses.

BLUEPHIES DOWNTOWN DELI

222 W. Washington Ave., bluephiesdowntowndeli.com

There is a comfortable, familiar buzz throughout Bluephies Downtown Deli as lunchtime regulars line up for a bite. Since opening in April 2011, this spinoff of the popular West Side Food Fight restaurant has become a favorite for breakfast and lunch, plus catering and delivery. Classic rock echoes amidst conversation the glassy lobby of 222 W. Washington, and a myriad of menu choices await. From signature salads to panini-pressed sandwiches to an unbeatable BLT, this deli has everything and more. Looking for soup? A latte? A freshly baked pastry? Look no further.

A small but friendly staff accents the hustle and bustle. Bluephies Downtown Deli has charm; it is truly a place where everybody knows your name :), maybe even your



Heather, a personal trainer, reiki specialist and artist waits outside on the patio while her food is being prepared. Stop by the deli to see her art on display.

usual order. There is an unmistakable camaraderie between the patrons and workers. We asked four food hounds the same question:

“What do you like most about Bluephies Downtown Deli?”

“You guys! And the excellent food too of course,” Sean Lynch answered enthusiastically. He said that when talking to colleagues and friends he describes the deli as his “family downtown.”

“Besides the staff? The food. It is always fresh! Fresh and delicious every time,” Jeff “Mr. Cool” Kuhl replied.

“You guys! And my salad, the ‘Jenny Cobb’ you all make just for me!” said Jenny Leigh from Land’s End, with a smile.

Laura DeVries, local owner of Cupcakes-A-Go-Go, gave three reasons: “...the people, the food and the coffee are all excellent.”



Jenny Leigh (creator of the “Jenny Cobb”) with Downtown Deli manager, Claire

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University Book Store

711 State St. uwbookstore.com

Located in Library Mall where State Street meets the University of Wisconsin Campus, the University Book Store supplies the academic community with textbooks, supplies and tools for the mind. It is a private organization that accepts no aid or funding from the University or state of Wisconsin. It was founded as a coop-

erative in 1894 (“The University Co-op”), and in 1964 changed its name to the University Book Store and no longer was operated as a cooperative. Beyond books, textbooks, clothing and supplies, today’s University Book Store also does special orders, gift cards, shipping, and conferences.

Longtime General Books Supervisor Bob Kellough has been with University Bookstore since November of 1974 (37 years!), and shares some reflections on his work, downtown Madison, and the book store.

Why did you first want to work at the University Book Store?

“I loved books and was familiar with them from working for a magazine and book distributor before coming to the University Book Store. Also, there were not stores such as Barnes & Noble, and Amazon, so if you wanted to work with books the University Book Store was the place to work!”

What has changed the most about downtown Madison since you started at the book store?

“There has been a surge in residential dwellings, which is an improvement in my mind because the downtown area was starting to become a ghost town. State Street itself has not changed too greatly except for the coming and going of a wide variety of stores. Overall, I have seen a growth in the amount of students in the area with the enrollment of the University rising.”

What is your most vivid memory at the University Book Store?

“Before 2004, General Books was located on the 2nd Floor of 711 State, but has since been moved to the Main Floor. We would often hold author events when we were located on the 2nd floor

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because we had more open space. I remember a signing with Ann Rice, an author of horror books, which lasted until about two in the morning because she was so kind to meet and greet with the hundreds of fans who showed up to see her at this particular event. The crowd was a younger crowd and many of them dressed up in Vampire costumes and so forth. It was quite an interesting experience.”

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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By Mary M. Kolar, Chair, Membership/Media/Development Committee

When my husband Scott and I were making our transition to living in Madison fulltime, I would pick up a copy of the "Downtown Dialogue" to learn more about our neighborhood. We were quickly educated about our neighbors' concerns and actions being taken to improve downtown Madison. Now as members of Capitol Neighborhoods, Inc. (CNI), we enjoy being a part of a community consisting of engaged neighbors.

CNI is one of 120 neighborhood associations the City of Madison recognizes as a means for citizen voices to be heard by City Hall. Having gone to many city commission and council meetings, I have witnessed city staff, commissioners, alders and the mayor actively listening to CNI representatives. With CNI input, though the opinions expressed may not always be unanimous, informed decisions are more likely to be made by our elected officials. This is the greatest benefit of CNI membership

Another CNI membership benefit, as noted above, is the Downtown Dialogue. It is full of interesting and relevant information for downtown residents and others.

The CNI membership benefits you use and your level of involvement as a CNI member is up to you. You may feel it is enough to stay informed by reading your copy of the "Downtown Dialogue" and information sent out on the CNI and your District listservs. [If you would like to be receive emails via CNI/District Listserv, please send an email to capitolneighborhoods@gmail.com to be added to the distribution list.]

Perhaps the highlight of CNI programs is our CNI Annual Meeting. CNI annually hosts local and nationally known speakers whose presentations include topics such as "New Urbanism", the Mayor's view of Madison's future, and community support of the Overture Center of the Arts.

Another benefit of CNI membership is the educational and social programs hosted by CNI. We need a volunteer to chair the Programs Committee to return this benefit to a monthly basis. How about you? Please contact CNI President Davy Mayer if you are interested. Past monthly programs have included the architectural history of Downtown Madison, garden parties, socials at member residences, and presentations by city officials.

District meetings of CNI members include neighborhood updates by guests such as Madison Police Department officers, development teams, and alders as well as others who speak on neighborhood specific topics. I encourage you to attend District meetings to add your voice to the conversations.

Another benefit that has remained throughout the peaks and valleys of CNI membership levels is the Annual Holiday Party. Held at a downtown establishment, CNI members come together to truly enjoy one another's company and celebrate another good year of making a positive impact in the neighborhood.

Whatever level of involvement is good for you, thank you for being a member of CNI.

City of Madison Neighborhood Association Recognition

The Department of Planning and Community and Economic Development, Planning Division maintains an electronic file of the recognized neighborhood associations. Many City departments and agencies solicit neighborhood association opinions on upcoming approvals of development projects, programs and services, and other changes proposed in particular neighborhoods.



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At MMoCA

The Singing Bird Room of Robert Lostutter

October 5, 2012–January 6, 2013

The Madison Museum of Contemporary Art presents The Singing Bird Room of Robert Lostutter. The exhibition surveys the work of one of the leading Chicago artists of recent decades with more than thirty watercolors, drawings, prints, and oil paintings. On October 5 at 6:30 pm, Robert Lostutter will be at MMoCA to present a gallery talk and sign copies of the exhibition catalog.

Structural Films in the New Media Gallery

Through December 30, 2012

These works explore the material nature of film as a medium and the various phases of the production process. They employ calculated manipulations of content that suggest perceptual puzzles are at play, and thus call attention to the film-viewing process. MMoCA's Structural film series is organized as a complement to the exhibition Leo Villareal.

Spotlight Cinema Returns

MMoCA's Spotlight Cinema series returns the Madison premieres of critically acclaimed and award-winning documentary and narrative feature films on selected Thursdays from 7-9 pm. Admission is free for MMoCA members and \$7 per screening for the general public. Read about Spotlight Cinema in the Isthmus.

- October 4 • Take This Waltz
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- November 1 • Holy Motors
- November 29 • In the Family

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Saturday, October 27 • 7 pm

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Meet Madison Public Library's New Director and Celebrate Libraries

Stop by the Central Library during the week of October 15-20 for prizes, activities, and giveaways featuring the new Madison Public Library logo. We'll give out tattoos and pencils for children and host a seek-and-find adventure with the opportunity to win surprise gifts throughout the week.

On October 17, from 5-7 pm, you'll have the opportunity to meet our new Director, Greg Mickells, at a reception hosted near the library. Details are still being arranged, so watch our web site for more details: www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/director Mickells was most recently Assistant Library Director for the Lincoln City Libraries in Lincoln, Neb., and was previously a library manager with the Douglas County Libraries in Castle Rock, Colo.

This week is part of a series of week-long celebrations highlighting the role Madison's libraries play in promoting literacy, civic engagement, and vibrant neighborhoods and introducing our new Director and new logo. Learn more about the library's history, art, and collections on the library's website and on Facebook during our weeklong celebrations.

Look for the Library at Downtown Madison Family Halloween

Bring your little ghouls and witches to the Central Library for lollipops and tattoos on October 26, 2-5 pm, as part of the Downtown Madison Family Halloween event. Or join our youth librarians to share spooky jokes and make ghosts to haunt your home at Overture

Center for the Arts from 2-5 pm.

Downtown Madison Family Halloween is organized by the Downtown Business Improvement District and features over 20 different activities and participants in the Downtown Madison area. Enjoy Halloween magic shows, musical performances, spooky stories and jokes, hayrides, craft projects, festive Halloween family portraits, trick or treating and more. A downloadable list and map of activities will be available in October, or pick up maps on the day of the event at activity locations (including the Central Library and Overture Center for the Arts) or the Downtown Visitor Center on 452 State Street. More information and map available at <http://www.visitdowntownmadison.com/events/>

UW-Madison's Go Big Read—Join us for a Book Discussion or Learn to Make a Cyanotype

Each year UW-Madison selects a campus-wide 'read' called 'Go Big Read.' Madison Public Library partners with UW to extend this perennially popular program into the broader community with book discussion groups and programs at our libraries. This year the committee was charged with choosing a book on the topic of innovation, and the result was the selection of *Radioactive: Marie and Pierre Curie: A Tale of Love and Fallout*.

Radioactive is an innovative type of book: a graphic biography that adeptly combines the author's vibrant cyanotype prints with a narrative story of Marie and Pierre Curie and their discovery of radioactivity and its applications in the last century. Weaving her own narrative and images together with historical documents, photographs, and artwork, Redniss has created a reading and viewing experience that uniquely blends art and science.

Because the cyanotype prints within the book are so striking and unique, Central Library is hosting two events for Go Big Read this year: a book discussion and a cyanotype workshop. At the cyanotype workshop, Madison artist Aliza Rand will lead participants through the process of creating an image appropriate for cyanotype printing and everyone will make one using specially coated paper exposed to the sun.

- *Radioactive Book Discussion: Wednesday October*

17th at 7pm at Central Library 126 S. Hamilton St.

- Cyanotype printing Workshop: Sunday October 21st at 1 pm at Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, 227 State St.

Registration is required for the workshop. Signup online at www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/go-big-read or call 266-6350

Discover Madison's Wild Side

Madison Parks is hosting free monthly tours of Madison Conservation Parks. The tours are led by a Madison Parks staff member and co-sponsored by the Madison Audubon Society. Each tour will focus on a different park and unique natural feature of that park. Madison Parks has 14 conservation parks comprising over 1600 acres. Each conservation park focuses on the restoration of native plant and animal communities while providing educational areas and opportunities for all. For more information visit: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/parks/conservation/>

- October 10, 5:30p.m. - Cherokee Marsh, North Unit, 6098 North Sherman Ave. The largest wetland in Dane County and home to a spectacular variety of plants and wildlife. We'll see wetland and oak woodland restoration projects.



Literacy Network Run/Walk!

One of Madison's great fall traditions, the 21st Annual Literacy Network Run/Walk is set for Sunday, October 14, starting at 10:30 a.m. A kids' fun run will start at 9:45 and requires no registration. The event will start on State Street near A Room of One's Own Bookstore at 315 W Gorham, and will continue through the UW Campus. Participants can choose to do the 5K Walk, 5K Run or 10K Run. The largest school team wins \$1,000 of books for their school library from the University Bookstore to help support education in the schools. Funds support Literacy Network and its efforts to help more than 1,000 adult learners reach their goals. Participants are encouraged to support this event by participating, donating and/or by becoming a volunteer tutor. Registration is \$20 for students \$28 for team members (who are not students) \$30 for individuals (through October 8) \$35 for individuals (after October 8). Join our event on Facebook. Please help us spread the word about the event to your friends and family! Thank you for your support!




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Have Bales of Fun on Madison Parks Hayrides

Enjoy a crisp fall afternoon or evening with a hayride in Madison Parks. Madison Parks is offering hayrides in Cherokee Marsh, Elver, Warner, and Olin Parks beginning September 27 through November 21. Madison Parks hayrides will treat your group to a tour of a beautiful park and enjoy friendly campfire with 'smores. There are two options for your family or group to enjoy a Madison Park Hayride.

1. Special Event hayrides - \$2/person Madison Parks is hosting 4 different special events where you or your family can enjoy a hayride, campfire, s'mores for \$2/person hayrides. No reservation is necessary for these rides, and they are perfect for small family outings.

- October 20, 1-4p.m. – Hikes & Hayrides at Cherokee Marsh
- October 26, 2-5p.m. for Downtown Madison Family Halloween
- November 17, 6:30-8:30p.m. – Holiday in Lights at Olin Park

2. Book your own personal hayride trip! Booked rides are perfect for scout troops, church groups, or birthday parties. Your group will be treated to a tour of a beautiful park and enjoy friendly campfire with s'mores. Each trip is one hour: 30 minute ride, 30 minute campfire and s'mores For a listing of potential dates, times & locations visit the Madison Parks Hayride website.

Back by popular demand – see the Olin Park Fantasy Holiday in Lights from a haywagon! Experience this Madison holiday tradition in a unique way. Get your friends and family together, snuggle up under some warm blankets and enjoy the beautiful lights and the downtown lights in the background. Book your new holiday tradition today. Dates for Fantasy Holiday in Lights Hayride tours are: November 12 – 23, 5:30p.m. & 6:45p.m. Registration: Call Madison Parks Office at 266-4711 Cost: \$85.00 per group (1-24 people). Advance registration required. For more information, please call 266-4711 or visit Madison Parks at <http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/celebrate/hayrides.cfm>

New Water Meters

By Tom Heikkinen, General Manager, Madison Water Utility

Let me tell you about the improvements we're making to promote water conservation and modernize our system. Madison Water Utility workers and our contractors have begun installing new meter reader radio transmitters in every home and business in the city. This "Project H2O" will automate water meter reading through a fixed-base radio network that will bounce radio signals to our information headquarters rather than to trucks driving around or to meter readers on foot. This modern technique will increase accuracy and give you the timely information that will help you to better manage your water usage.

This is being done for two reasons. First, the current Read-o-Matic meters (located on the outside wall of your home) were first introduced in 1958. They are now obsolete and the manufacturer no longer supports them. Second, the new technology will be a catalyst for significant improvements in water efficiency and customer service. A few Wisconsin communities are already using this kind of system, and they are becoming more common throughout the country, from cities as large as Detroit to small suburbs.

When installations are complete, you will be able to check your daily water usage online. Measuring system water loss more accurately will enable us to do the best possible job with infrastructure improvements and future capacity planning. The new system will also enable us to switch from a six-month billing cycle to the more common monthly billing that most other utilities use. Usage will be shown in gallons rather than cubic feet, making bills easier to understand.

For more information about this project:

- Project H2O Factsheet: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/water/programs/projectH2O/documents/FactSheet.pdf>
- Meter Installation Schedule: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/water/programs/projectH2O> to find out when installations will occur in your area

From the Madison Senior Center

A Photo Affair Opens October 5

Photos by Dane County photographers 55 + will be featured during A Photo Affair exhibit, displayed from October 5-November 4, 8:30 am-4 pm at the Madison Senior Center. We have scheduled a special viewing and reception from 5-8 pm on Friday, October 5 in conjunction with Madison Museum of Contemporary Art's Gallery Night. Professional judges award ribbons and cash prizes.

Political Forum: Engagement on Critical Issues

Meets at the Senior Center on the second Monday of most months. Plan on coffee at 9 am, issues at 9:15 am, and out by 10:30 am. Organized by senior leaders to discuss important political issues, especially those facing older adults, this forum will present a variety of viewpoints with constructive discussion and dialogue welcomed. Additional resource materials and websites will be provided.

- October 8: "Impact of the Election on Social Security and Medicare." Presenter: Helen Marks Dicks or Lisa Lamkins, State Issues Advocacy Director of AARP Wisconsin
- November 12: "Post-Election: What's to be Expected Now?" Presenter: Billy Feitlinger, CEO, Wisconsin Alliance of Retired Americans. For more information contact Pat Guttenberg, (608) 267-8650 at the Madison Senior Center.

Book Bites: Meet Author Erin Ceello

In this stirring debut novel, *Miracle Beach*, Macy Allen, an accomplished equestrienne, relied on her horses and her husband, Nash, to pull her through. But after Nash dies in a tragic accident, Macy learns devastating secrets about his life that shakes her faith in their marriage and herself. Meet Author Erin Ceello on Friday, October 19 at 1 pm. Refreshments served.

Upcoming Book Bites

Tuesday, November 13: Author David Couper; Arrested Development

Flu Shots

Seasonal influenza is a respiratory illness that is spread from person to person and is caused by human influenza viruses. You need annual flu protection because the virus changes each year. For older adults, especially people aged 65 and older, an annual flu shot is critical and might even be life-saving. Home Health United hosts a walk-in clinic on Thursday, October 4 from 8:30-11:30 am at the Senior Center. If you have Medicare coverage, please bring all of your Medicare cards AND a picture identification card. Please register in advance by calling 266-6581. The cost is \$30.

Festival of Wreaths

Our annual Festival of Wreaths begins Monday, November 19, 2012. Florists, artists, quilters, and artisans are invited to create indoor wreaths to decorate our space and to sell during the Festival, our December fundraiser. If you donate a wreath, please deliver it to the Center by Thursday, November 1. Need creative guidance to make a wreath? Register for Nancy Welch's inventive and fun class on Friday, November 2. Order a "live" Balsam Fir wreath to send to friends and family or for YOU. These wreath events celebrate the Holiday season and raise financial support for Senior Center programs and activities. ORDER today! make checks payable to: Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53703. Your purchase helps provide programs, activities and services for adults over 55.



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Capitol Neighborhoods Inc. Programs

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CNI Farmer's Market Potluck

Thursday, October 25, 6:00pm

Square Wine Company, 5 N. Pinckney St.

Please join your neighbors for a Fall Potluck at the new Square Wine Company on October 25 at 6:00pm!! The theme of the potluck is dishes made from ingredients found at the bountiful fall Farmer's Market.

Bring a dish to pass, enjoy a glass of wine available for purchase from Square Wine Company, connect with your neighbors and show your cooking prowess!

We look forward to seeing you at 6:00 on October 25 at Square Wine Company!

