

CAPITOL NEIGHBORHOODS, INC.

DOWNTOWN DIALOGUE

Remarks from July's CNI Annual Meeting

By Davy Mayer, President, CNI

A developer, a neighborhood resident and an alder walk into a bar. The bartender asks the developer what he'd like and the developer says, "I'll have a martini." The bartender asks the neighborhood resident what she'd like and she says, "I'll have a rum and Coke." The bartender asks the alder what he'd like and the alder says, "Thank you for asking that very important question. First I'd like to hear from my friends here why they chose the drinks they did. Then I'd like to have a neighborhood meeting to bring together all stakeholders and let them share their favorite drinks and then we'll form a smaller neighborhood committee to go over drink recipes with the developer, give an informational presentation to some city committees and then maybe another full neighborhood meeting to -- "LAST CALL!" the bartender interrupts, to which the alder responds, "I'll just have a water."

Now that joke pokes fun at the city approval and community involvement processes required for any downtown development proposal. There are a lot of critics who say that the system is inefficient and hostile to development -- that it takes too long and is overreaching. How can anything ever get built in Madison?

And yet, since 2010, approximately 1,200 dwelling units have been built or have been approved to be built within CNI's borders. And each of those dozen or so projects wound their way through the full process, meeting with neighborhood steering committees and

ultimately gaining neighborhood support. And that's not to mention all of the office, hotel and other commercial projects in this same time period. As well there are a few hundred dwelling units more that have been proposed and are on track for approval.

CNI is not hostile to development. In fact, CNI is pro-development. But we're not a pass-through nor a rubber stamp. Our values compel us to support development proposals that enhance the neighborhood, that are complementary to adjacent properties, sensitive to historic districts and that conform with neighborhood plans and zoning. Through the neighborhood approval process we help developers to fine-tune their plans and guide their proposals toward these goals.

Now 1,200 dwelling units -- that sounds like a lot. With every new proposal we wonder, what's the saturation point? Well, we're nowhere near it. Right now the apartment vacancy rate is hovering around 2%, which is effectively nil. A lot of the housing demand is coming from Epic employees, to be sure. Because when you're a 20-something, you don't want to live in Verona -- downtown Madison is where the culture, entertainment and social opportunities are. But it's not just Epic. There are many other burgeoning tech companies opening up downtown. Some of them are being started by Epic refugees, some by UW grads and others by people moving

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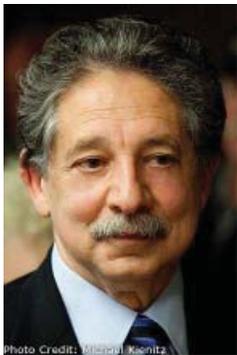


Thoughts on the Operating Budget

By Mayor Paul Soglin

Although progress will have been made by the time you read this, I want to give you a brief overview of my thoughts on the city's 2014 operating budget. I shared this message with City department heads as they prepared their budget requests.

The 2013-2015 state budget contains provisions that will affect the city financially as it does not restore the dramatic cuts in state aids to local government services from the last legislative session. Funding from the state for local revenue sharing, transportation and transit assistance, and payment for police and fire services to state government are flat in 2014.



Meanwhile, at the local level, costs for fuel, insurance, and infrastructure continue to increase.

The Finance Department estimates that costs for one-time revenue and savings items in the 2013 budget, already scheduled employee pay increases from the March, 2011 labor agreements, anticipated health insurance premium costs, city fleet and Metro Transit fuel costs, debt service on city capital borrowing, and full funding for staffing the new far-east side fire station are expected to total over \$12 million.

In addition, four elections in 2014 will add an estimated \$500,000 to the Clerk's Office budget.

Taking these and other factors into account, the Finance Department projects a difficult gap between revenues and expenditures, particularly if we wish to address neighborhood development issues, poverty, the digital divide, and food policy.

While the gap is smaller than 2012 and 2013, it is still a large number that forces us to look again for any possible savings. I hope that we will be able to maintain essential city services next year as well as address issues

relating to poverty in Madison. Boosting employment and stabilizing neighborhoods are key elements in strengthening our community, which will help our city budget in the long run.

I have asked department heads to prepare their agency budget requests, with overall funding limited to 2013 amounts, except to fully fund already enacted commitments and certain cost-to-continue items. I have also asked for an alternate budget that includes specific proposals to reduce your requested budget by 3%. I hope we do not need to look to the 3% reduction, but we need to be prepared.

Stay tuned, I am confident with continued collaboration, we can develop another effective and productive spending document.

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Big Changes Ahead to Help Keep Our Zoo Forever Free

By Dane County Executive Joe Parisi

Can you imagine sitting down with your family to enjoy lunch at the zoo while a polar bear on the other side of a viewing window eyes your sandwich?

You'll have your chance thanks to a new five-year, multi-million dollar partnership between Dane County and "The Friends of the Zoo," a private non-profit that works with the county to raise private contributions to support our Henry Vilas Zoo.



The agreement will create the largest expansion in zoo history – Arctic Passage – an estimated \$8.6 million, state-of-the-art habitat that will be the new home for polar bears, grizzly bears, harbor seals, and more.

Exhibit features include a viewing window into the polar bear habitat, and a creek stocked with fish in the grizzly habitat – giving visitors a unique chance to watch the bears catch their breakfast.

Arctic Passage will also include an estimated \$2.2 million year-round indoor/outdoor dining area with enough seating for 50 inside, and 60 outside, with another viewing window into the polar bear exhibit.

This dining area offsets taxpayer expense for Arctic Passage, and will help create the historic "Forever Free Fund" with dining sales proceeds. This new fund will provide financial stability, allowing the zoo to continue to update and expand exhibits, participate in species protection programs, and care for its animal family.

Pending final approval by the Dane County Board, the county will fund \$4 million of Arctic Passage's estimated design and construction costs, with the

Friends of the Zoo paying the remaining balance with private donations. The county will also fund the \$2.2 million to design and build the new dining area attached to the exhibit.

Admission at the zoo has continued to climb year after year, with the zoo reaching nearly one million guests in 2012 – a record. These changes will only strengthen our free zoo's national reputation for world-class animal conservation and education, and family fun.



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Cleaning up Government

By Representative Chris Taylor

Wisconsin once boasted a reputation as a clean government state, with laws on the books dating back to 1895 to ensure a fair, honest and open government. This image has been badly tainted recently by efforts of the Walker administration and legislative Republicans to curtail speech, limit citizen participation in the legislative process, gerrymander legislative districts and ignore long-standing procedural rules. These actions have hurt Wisconsin's reputation as a state where process matters. Combine this with the deluge of corporate money and



millionaire contributors influencing our elections, and we have a situation where the average citizen is disenfranchised from our government. Thus, I recently announced three bills to restore Wisconsin's open electoral tradition.

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Citizens United* is one of the most damaging court rulings in recent memory. This decision allows corporations to be treated as people for the purpose of political speech and equated money with speech, essentially opening the floodgates of special interest donations into campaigns. As such, I've partnered with over two dozen grassroots organizations to introduce LRB-1457/5, an advisory referendum that will finally let voters have a say on the topic. If we are ever going to overturn this damaging ruling, we need to build public support for limiting corporate involvement in political campaigns. I believe that sufficient public support exists to substantiate a citizen advisory referendum, which will allow the public be heard on this issue.

But until we can change the *Citizens United* ruling, there are other laws that could reduce corporate influences in elections, such as my Corporate Campaign Accountability Act. This bill would give shareholders input into the expenditure of their corporation's funds on political campaigns by requiring 51% of shareholders to approve of political expenditures. Hopefully, this will give power-hungry CEOs pause before spending their

shareholder's profits on political efforts.

Finally, I believe that the best ideas should win a campaign, not the biggest war chest. It became clear that when Republicans eliminated the Clean Elections Fund last session, they want the fairest elections they can rig. Whether it's gerrymandering our redistricting maps, establishing campaign finance regulations or giveaways to campaign donors, Republicans appear to have mastered the art of changing the rules to stay in power.

That's why I am re-introducing the 100% Clean Elections Fund. This bill matches special interest political donations with money from Wisconsin's Clean Elections Fund in an effort to level the playing field. A public investment in our representative democracy is critically important to our government. It is my hope that Wisconsin follows in the footsteps of Maine and Arizona in doing our best to clean up our elections.

We shouldn't stop there. There are far too many ideas to clean up our government for any one legislator to author. That's why I'm proud to join my colleagues in support of other bills, such as an independent redistricting process, campaign finance reform, and more.

It may be summertime and the legislature may not be formally meeting, but there is still a lot of work being done under the dome. Your voice is important to me. In just the first few months of this year, I've held nine office hours, one listening session and responded to more than 3,500 constituent contacts. I want to hear from you. Please feel free to email me at rep.taylor@legis.wi.gov or call my office at 266-5342.

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Immigration Reform Supported by Dane County Board

Dane County Supervisor Mary M. Kolar

On July 18, 2013, the Dane County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a resolution urging the passage of federal immigration reform. A copy of the resolution is being sent to the President, Vice President, the Majority and Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate, and the Speaker and Minority Leader of the U.S House of Representatives, and to each member of Congress elected from the State of Wisconsin.



I introduced this resolution to my fellow Dane County Board Supervisors. You can trace my heritage back to at least Scottish, Irish, and German immigrants, and I had an uncle who gathered documentation of at least one of our ancestors serving in the Revolutionary War. However far back the research is done, there are immigrants in my family tree, and unless you are of First Nation heritage, you, too, are likely a descendant of immigrants.

Our national immigration law has changed throughout United States history dependent on numerous economic and cultural influences. Many times in our history, immigration was encouraged to address a need for increased labor and then discouraged when the need no longer existed. We, in Dane County, benefit from the labor of immigrants from throughout the world. They are our neighbors who may be professors or researchers at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, others who work in the service industry, or any type of job at all pay scale levels.

As the Dane County Board of Supervisors Resolution states:

- “Federal immigration reform has a significant impact on families and public services in Dane County because:
- Dane County is often the health care provider of last

resort for the uninsured and underinsured. Of the estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants in the U.S., roughly seven million have no health insurance.

- Undocumented workers are a vital part of the agricultural workforce, and Dane County has 400 dairy farms with approximately 50,000 dairy cows. Dairy farming is a \$550-million a year industry in the county that supports 3,000 jobs.
- Dane County provides for the public safety of all individuals, including undocumented immigrants in our community. Additionally, local law enforcement is often involved in the apprehension and detention of undocumented immigrants, diverting scarce resources for other local law enforcement priorities.
- Wisconsin public schools, which provide free elementary and secondary education without regard to immigration status, greatly impact Dane County families.”

The national bi-partisan debate on immigration reform continues. As I write this, Congress has increased the level of discussion, but is unlikely to pass legislation before beginning their summer recess. I urge you to contact our elected officials in Washington, DC, and ask them to pass Immigration Reform.

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Quarrelling Neighbors Explore Reconciliation

By Gene Devitt, Mansion Hill District Chair

Everyone knows that players in Downtown Madison lined up on both sides of the Edgewater debate causing a strain in many relationships. It is commonly accepted that Mayor Cieslewicz lost the election because of his unwavering support for the Edgewater project. DMI's and the Chamber's support of pro-

development candidates failed completely as neighborhood voters tended to agree with candidates who had trouble with the Edgewater process. But that is old history. The hotel is being built and it is becoming clear how much view was gained and/or lost as a result of the project. The dust is settling and it is time to reestablish relationships between the parties who will, after all, be neighbors. Recognizing this and with my agreement, Alder Ledell Zellers and Fred Mohs met with the developer team comprised of Amy Supple, Scott Faulkner, the previous owner and manager of the Edgewater, and Bob Kasten, the recently retired manager of the Madison Hilton at the Hammes Company offices on the Square. Fred Mohs reported the meeting's results to me, a summary of which follows.

Both parties recognized that a positive relationship between the neighborhood and the hotel would benefit both and that a real effort to get along and cooperate was in the best interests of everyone. Ledell and Fred pointed out that the subject of exterior lighting on the building remained an issue in that it was generally prohibited in the residential district. Except for that issue, the balance of the meeting was about how to handle snow on the driveways and balconies and explanations of how parking for the condominiums would be handled as well as who would park where and how guests of condominium owners would be handled in contrast to hotel guests visiting the building. Our two representatives were happy to hear that all six of the condominiums, with sizes ranging from 2,500 square feet to 3,200 square feet, had been sold. Amy Supple went through a detailed report illustrating the interior decoration plan for the building, including the guest rooms and public areas. It was obvious that a great deal of thought had gone into that aspect. A skating rink is still planned with a shop where the public can rent skates.

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Although there is probably room for conflict on subjects such as exterior lighting, noise or parking, the meeting provided a good first step indicating that both neighbors see a real benefit in getting along and in working to see that the Mansion Hill Historic District fulfills its unique and important promise.



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to Madison, having been attracted by our reputation as a great place to work and live.

While many of these new, upscale apartments are housing new Madison residents, new student housing close to campus is pulling in student populations that traditionally have been living in converted flats -- old houses in Bassett, James Madison Park, and other neighborhoods some distance from campus.

For now, while the current housing crunch is putting demand on all available stock, there may come a time when that pressure eases. New construction won't have a problem renting, as young professionals with line up to live in these new apartments flush with amenities. The concern is that our stock of older, subdivided homes, much of which haven't been well-maintained in the first place, may be neglected and deteriorate further.

We'd love to see the city actively promote the conversion of these old houses back into owner-occupied residences. We'd like to see the University or state develop programs to assist their employees to purchase homes within walking distance of work, just as Meriter Hospital, with the help of MG&E, is doing in the Greenbush Neighborhood.

We can expect more residents in the downtown over the next 10 years from other sources as well. As baby-boomers working for the University and State continue to retire, jobs will open up that will be filled by younger workers. How can we get them to live downtown? How can we get them to buy homes and stay when they begin to start families? These are all things that Capitol Neighborhoods, Inc. is working on and I invite you to think about them as CNI continues its mission to protect, promote and make the downtown great for current and new residents.

Madison Lakes and Wisconsin Waters

By Melissa Malott, Clean Wisconsin Water Program Director, Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission Chair

Editor's note: The following is a summary of Melissa Malott's presentation at Capitol Lakes for CNI's July Program.

Thank you for having me speak at your July 18th meeting. I truly enjoyed getting a chance to have a conversation with everyone who spoke, hearing their great memories about lakes and rivers, sharing concerns about our lakes and other Wisconsin waters, discussing the causes of water pollution, and talking about solutions. One of the great things about my work at Clean Wisconsin as the Water Program Director and position on the Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission is the local and statewide perspective I get on various water issues, which lets me see a big picture in terms of policy and politics while also seeing how the issues play out on the watershed scale. It was so nice to hear all of your perspectives, which were from the local, state, and national scale! The following is a summary of some of the issues we discussed:

Cleaning up the Yahara Lakes, our local watershed

There is an unprecedented effort to clean up the lakes around Madison. Led by the Madison Metropolitan Sewage District (MMSD) and Dane County, organizations including Clean Wisconsin and Clean Lakes Alliance, the City of Madison and other local governments in the Yahara watershed are all partnering to take action to clean our lakes and streams both for our community and to cost-effectively meet federal Clean Water Act requirements. This effort is called Yahara WINs, and brings together multiple stakeholders to engage under MMSD's plan to use the Adaptive Management Option (AMO) under Clean Water Act rules. With motivated partners and a clear focus and timeline, the Yahara WINs effort is the best opportunity to clean up our lakes and waterways. Through Yahara WINs, we will address agricultural pollution through partnership with

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Downtown Business District

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

August and September have no shortage of downtown events, from the Madison Mini-Marathon to Taste of Madison, Ironman Wisconsin and the Food for Thought Festival. We also welcome back many students, with the Madison College term starting August 26 and UW-Madison classes beginning Sep. 3.

Outdoor music lovers rejoice – there are outdoor concerts downtown to enjoy several times a week in August and September (and you can stop at a downtown restaurant or night spot to begin or cap off your evening!). The **Jazz at Five** free concert series picks up Wednesday evenings downtown where Concerts on Square leaves off, Wednesdays, August 7 through September 4, with free jazz concerts starting 5pm where State Street meets the Square. The Monona Terrace Rooftop is the place for live music and dancing every Friday in August from 5:30 – 9:30pm. From salsa, merengue, and bachata to reggae, funk, world beat, and R&B, **Dane Dances** will get your feet moving while it brings people of all backgrounds together for a night of free entertainment. The Majestic Madison's **Live on King Street** Summer Concert Series brings live music to the 100 block of King Street on Fridays Aug. 16 (eclectic singer/songwriter Keller Williams), Aug. 23 (legendary rocker Reverend Horton Heat), and Sep. 20 (rootsy modern rock with Delta Spirit). Find links to these and other major downtown events at visitdowntownmadison.com.

In business news, Russian dumplings have returned to downtown! The much-loved **Pel'meni**, which used to serve up handmade potato and beef dumplings from the 500 block of State St., has reopened downtown at 201 W. Gorham St., next to AJ Bombers. Pel'meni means dumplings with filling wrapped in thin, unleavened dough. Pel'meni sources its fillings locally from Black Earth Meats, and owner Paul Schwoerer uses cilantro and curry to spice up the recipe he learned in Alaska.

For unique, hand-made, fair trade clothing, gifts and accessories, look no further than **SERRV**, which has opened a second Madison location at 224 State St. (the

other location is on Monroe St.) The SERRV organization works to eradicate poverty through direct connections with low-income artisans and farmers worldwide and marketing their handmade crafts and products. SERRV carries everything from handmade ties from Ghana and Cambodia to dresses for “Global Mamas” and fair-trade chocolates.

The global theme continues with **Crandall's**, a long-time Madison restaurant that has moved downtown to 334 State St. (former home of Chautara). Crandall's was once a supper club downtown on the Square (where the Tornado Steak House is now) and moved to a few other locations before most recently operating as a take-out spot on University Ave. Owner Ivan Pimental is Peruvian, and plans a “Peruvian-American” menu, featuring both homestyle favorites such as fish fry as well as Peruvian-style ceviche, sandwiches and other grilled dishes.

To keep up with downtown events and new businesses, stop by the **Downtown Visitor Center** at 452 State St., the Downtown Info Booth where State St. meets the Capitol Square, or see www.visitdowntownmadison.com. Staffed by BID Information Ambassadors, the Visitor Center and Info Booth (weather permitting) are open through September Mon. – Tues. 11am - 2pm; Wed.-Thurs. 11am - 5pm; Fri. 11am - 6pm; Sat. 9am - 6pm, and Sun. noon - 4pm.



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- Hourly tours Saturday and Sunday, of green features, art, and architectural features
- Appearances by well known children's characters (Llama Llama, and a Wild Thing) in the children's area
- Family-friendly interactive maker-focused drop-in programming involving screenprinting, repurposed book art, and interactive scientific discovery stations
- 8 bands or musical performers over two days
- An outdoor street party on Saturday, featuring music, activities, free balloons at the Farmer's Market and lunch carts from 11-2
- History programs featuring Madison Public Library history over 137 years
- "Hard hat" tours for children featuring Let's Play Architect theme
- Giveaways and souvenirs for event attendees
- An educator event intended to highlight ways the library can help educators as a learning partner and a field group destination
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Stacked! - Thursday, September 19, 2013, 7pm-1am
The books are back, but the party's still on! Stacked is a fundraiser inspired by the Bookless event held before the library closed for construction. Stacked will have live music, DJs, drinks, art work, and interactive makers activities! Visit mynewlibrary.org for ticket information.

Jojo Moyes - Author of the upcoming novel, *The Girl You Left Behind*, Saturday, September 21, 2013

- 6:00, Meet and greet with the author. Tea and treats provided by Dobra Tea.
- 7:00, Jojo reads from her novel - Book sales by A Room of One's Own with author signing following. For tickets visit madisonpubliclibrary.org.



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Other Special Events

Foreword: A Grand Opening Gala

Saturday, September 7, 2013, 6:30 pm

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agriculture. Doing this will save MMSD and its rate-payers tens to hundreds of millions of dollars in meeting permit requirements.

The mine in the Penokee hills

In March 2013, the Wisconsin legislature passed a law that significantly weakened our mining laws by shortening the permitting process for iron mines in Wisconsin, limiting public input and relaxing environmental protections. At present, Gogebic Taconite, a company owned by out-of-state mining interests, has started the process of permitting a mine in the Penokee Range of Wisconsin's Iron and Ashland counties. If approved, I believe this mine will threaten Lake Superior with acid mine drainage, and threaten waters, wildlife, habitat, and public health in that area. For more information, please see <http://www.cleanwisconsin.org/mining> for a video about the threats of the mine and a link to a fact sheet about this bad mining bill.

Frac Sand Mining

Sandstone formations in Wisconsin contain some of the best sands available for use in fracking, a method for extracting hard-to-reach oil and natural gas. This "frac sand" is currently in high demand as fracking expands. The high demand for frac sand has resulted in a sudden increase in mining and processing facilities in Wisconsin, which have doubled in number in just the last year. This increase has taken place without specific regulations in place to prevent negative environmental or public health impacts, or impacts on local and regional infrastructure. A primary concern around frac sand mining is that the dust from the operations contain high amounts of crystalline silica, which, when inhaled, can cause silicosis, which is a painful disease that often leads to death. Wisconsin is a leading state for silicosis deaths. In the 2013 state budget process, the DNR identified a need for ten new staff to deal with the number of frac sand operations springing up on Wisconsin's landscape, but the legislature approved just two.

To learn more about these or other environmental issues, visit Clean Wisconsin's Enviropedia (like Wikipedia, but for environmental issues) at <http://www.cleanwisconsin.org/enviropedia>.

Outside of the issues we discussed, we also talked about things you can do to help. Here are some ideas:

1. You can give a big thank you to someone who has been a visionary in the Yahara WINs effort to clean up our lakes. Dave Taylor, the Director of Special Projects at MMSD, has been a true leader in this effort to clean up our lakes, bringing people together, listening, working hard, and acting with integrity. If you're wondering what to put in the letter, you can discuss why you care about the lakes, why it's important to clean them up, how important leadership is in big efforts, and how you heard that his efforts have been so important. You can email him at davet@madsewer.org, or send him a letter at: Dave Taylor, Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District, 1610 Moorland Road, Madison, WI 53713.

2. You can thank and encourage one of the key elected officials in our efforts to clean up the lakes, Dane County Executive Joe Parisi. He has provided leadership for environmental protection in the two years he has served as county executive, including working toward clean, renewable energy, bringing together experts on addressing agricultural pollution on the Clear Lakes Task Force, and much more. He deserves recognition. It would also help encourage him to continue to lead on protecting the environment and addressing agricultural runoff as he develops the proposed budget for 2014. Your letter could thank Mr. Parisi for his environmental leadership, discuss your love of the lakes, and encouragement for him to truly and meaningfully address agricultural pollution so we can have clean lakes. Send email to Parisi@countyofdane.com, or write to County Executive Parisi 421 MLK Jr Blvd, Madison, WI 53703.

3. Let me know if you want to do more, and let's talk about it! There's so much we can do, from personal actions, to contacting decision makers, to contacting media and encouraging businesses to change. My email address is Melissa.malott@Gmail.com, and phone number is 608.220.0167. I can't always respond immediately, but usually do within a few days. Let's talk about ways to work together!

Thank you all again for your time, attention, excellent questions and stories. I am sure I learned just as much, if not more, from you as you did from me. I look forward to meeting up again soon!

Capitol Centre Shoppers' Support of Nonprofits Exceeds Expectations

A new program at Capitol Centre Market, “Round Up and Share,” benefits Community Shares of Wisconsin (CSW). In May a pilot of the program exceeded goals when customers—and Capitol Centre itself—donated over \$6,800 to CSW.

Every other month, Capitol Centre cashiers will be asking customers if they would like to round up to the next dollar amount to help support CSW and its 62 member nonprofits. The program ran in May, and it resumes July 1.

“This first check from Capitol Centre is a tremendous start to what will be a great program for us and our member groups,” said CSW Executive Director Crystel Anders.

Capitol Centre owner Mitch Eveland said that he embraced the idea of this fundraising program because “when everybody helps just a little, great things can happen. Our customers are generous and when given the chance they’re eager to donate to help the many organizations that make up Community Shares.”

The May pilot program also included a “match” week, meaning that Capitol Centre matched its customers’ donations. That gift from Capitol Centre amounted to over \$1,200. Eveland said he decided to do the match because “Capitol Centre Market is part of the community. As a business owner I want to set an example for our store team members. The best way to show commitment is for me to help too. Doing the match also generated some additional excitement during that one week.”

Eveland added that an unexpected benefit of the program was “team-building on the part of my staff. During our pilot program in May, staff came together to support the program, and they liked seeing the weekly totals of donations. It



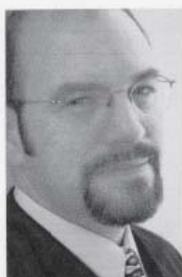
From left: Brynne McBride, Mitch Eveland, Crystel Anders

helped them see the important role they played in asking customers if they would like to round up.”

“The Board of Community Shares is so enthusiastic about what Mitch and his staff are doing to help us and our community,” noted Brynne McBride, Assistant Director at ABC for Health and Vice President of the CSW Board. “The revenue supports CSW—and that means funding, technical support, and training to all of the member groups.”

Capitol Centre Market, at the corner of Broom and Mifflin Streets in downtown Madison, has been owned by Eveland since 2007, and the store has supported CSW since that time. Eveland said he is “excited to announce that we are building a new supermarket in Lake Mills, Wisconsin. Lake Mills Market will open in January 2014. Just as we do in our Madison location, we are already looking to find ways to be of service in Lake Mills.”

Community Shares of Wisconsin, formed in 1971 as the nation’s first social action fund, helps 62 local member nonprofits with fundraising and other types of support.



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SCTOD Website Launch

The Downtown Plan includes ideas about improving the number of ways people get to and around the Downtown on foot, on a bike, on a bus, and in a car. The South Capitol Transit Oriented Development (SCTOD) Planning Study will address a number of initiatives that will improve the connectivity and accessibility throughout the South Capitol District Planning Area.

What improvements are needed to key John Nolen intersections to make them safer and more appealing to pedestrians, bikers, and drivers? How can the Downtown be better connected to Lake Monona? What improvements are needed along the Capital City Trail so that it can better meet needs of multiple users-bikers, pedestrians, and fisherman? Should Wilson Street be two-way? What streetscaping improvements are necessary? How will redevelopment opportunities identified in the Downtown Plan be affected? And finally, where should an intercity bus terminal be located? What other uses should it include and what might it look like?

Using a transparent and collaborative public involvement process, the SCTOD District Planning Study will answer these questions and in doing so will create a Downtown that is connected and accessible to members of the community and visitors alike.

Find more information and follow the progress at our new website at: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/southcapitol/>



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Madison Senior Center

Senior Center Celebrates 30 Years!

Happy 30th Birthday, Madison Senior Center! Since our opening on 330 Mifflin Street in 1983, the Madison Senior Center has served as a community resource for local older adults. Though we have grown, evolved and matured over the years, the Senior Center remains constant in its commitment to service, education and positivity. Help us celebrate this occasion with a special birthday cake at our Health and Resource Fair on Thursday, September 12. We look forward to spending this and many future birthdays with you!

Medicare Options and the Future of Medicare

Review the three primary ways for a person to have Medicare-related coverage: 1. Medicare only, 2. Medicare Advantage plans as a replacement to traditional Medicare, 3. Medicare plus a Medicare supplement plan. An expert from WPS will give a thorough description of the main points of each approach and provide the advantages and disadvantages. He will discuss the impact of current and proposed legislation and the Medicare option WPS offers. Reserve your spot for this important program on Wednesday, August 28 at 10 am. Call 266-6581.

Social Security & Medicare Updates

Learn from Billy Feitlinger, Executive Director WI Alliance for Retired Americans, about what cuts Congress is considering to Social Security and Medicare while addressing the debt ceiling, the federal deficit and budget. Join him on Wednesday, August 28 at 12:15 pm for a short presentation and time for questions.



Whether rain or shine, Literacy Network Run/ Walkers always compete!

This year's event is Sunday, September 22, 2013 at 10:30am, and we've ordered up perfect weather. This long-standing fall tradition gives you and your friends a chance to connect, have some fun, and improve the futures of others. Funds raised help Literacy Network directly assist adults and families to improve their reading, writing, and language skills. The 10k Run/5k Run/5k Walk course begins near the corner of State & Gorham Streets at A Room of One's Own Bookstore, 315 West Gorham Street, and goes through campus along Lakeshore Path before returning to State



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Street. You can find more details at: www.tinyurl.com/literacynetworkrunwalk Form a team! The team captain packet is available here: <http://www.litnetwork.org/uploads/media/TeamCaptPacket2013.pdf> The direct link to registration is: http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=2104335 Improved literacy skills mean a better chance at safe, productive life and a stronger connection to our community. To make an even greater impact in our community, please consider forming a Fundraising page at: www.crowdrise.com/LitNetwork-RunWalk2013 We hope you can be a part of the 2013 Literacy Network Run/Walk on Sunday, September 22, 2013 at 10:30am!

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