

# CAPITOL NEIGHBORHOODS, INC.

## DOWNTOWN DIALOGUE

### Perspective

*By Jeff Vercauteren, President, CNI*

For the past six years, I have enjoyed the view of Mansion Hill from my office on the ninth floor of the Hovde Building. It is a beautiful perspective of the neighborhood, with Lake Monona serving as a fitting backdrop. I have also walked and biked through Mansion Hill on occasion, with the perspective of a passerby enjoying the historic homes and tree-lined streets for a few moments. More recently, I accepted a gracious offer from our neighbor and alder Ledell Zellers and long-time downtown resident Michael Bridgeman to take a walking tour of Mansion Hill.

We walked the historic streets with the names we all know so well—Carroll, Gilman, Langdon, Gorham, Wisconsin, and Pinckney—each with its own unique character, and together creating the fabric of Mansion Hill and the Mansion Hill Local Historic District. We stopped along the way to appreciate the architecture of the homes, to discuss the history of the people who have lived there, and to acknowledge the changes to the neighborhood over the years.

It is remarkable the level of appreciation one can gain by stopping to observe the details of our neighborhoods and contemplating their history and their future. Before I knew it, the two hours we had allotted for the tour had expired, so I bid farewell to my gracious hosts and

headed back to the perspective of Mansion Hill from my office.

From that experience, however, I learned to appreciate Mansion Hill in a new way, looking at things from a different perspective. Our downtown neighborhoods are special places to be appreciated from various perspectives, looking at the structures, streets, and open spaces with a view toward detail, and also stepping back to see the place of our neighborhoods in the downtown and the city as a whole.



Photo: Tadsen Photography

It is important to keep these various perspectives in mind as well as we explore issues as downtown neighbors. It is often easy to view an issue from the perspective most familiar to us; however, it is equally important to look more closely at the details or step back and look at the big picture, as the case may be, to gain a true appreciation of the issues we address together as downtown neighbors.

I encourage you to keep those various perspectives in mind, and to seek a new appreciation of our neighbors and neighborhoods. I also encourage you to go on one of the many wonderful walking tours offered by the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation. You just might gain a new perspective.

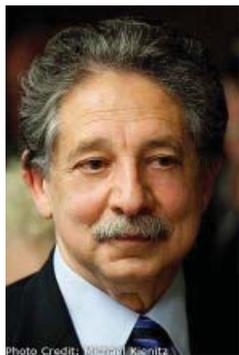


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# Affordable Housing

By Mayor Paul Soglin

By now, I hope you have seen my proposed 2015 Capital Budget and had a chance to consider some of the projects we hope to fund. One area that has received considerable attention is my focus on affordable housing.



Madison's low-income population faces a large and persistent problem of a lack of affordable housing that results in high levels of housing cost burden and at the extreme, homelessness. This lack of affordable housing has recently been exacerbated by historically low vacancies in the rental market, new landlord-tenant laws, and a tightened lending market, all of which are making it harder for low-income households to participate in the Madison housing market.

**I am supporting the development of approximately 750 additional units of affordable rental housing by committing over \$20 million dollars over the next five years to a new Affordable Housing Fund.** Most of these funds can take advantage of federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credits to finance new housing development. Developments will be encouraged to locate in sites served by public transit, healthcare, grocery, and other key amenities. **Funds will also be used to support homeownership programs while continuing to finance existing programs and agencies through current funding mechanisms.**

**1/3 of the units will be Permanent Supportive Housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness**

- Developments will provide permanent housing with associated social services
- Funding will prioritize a Housing First and Harm Reduction service model

- 60 units on Rethke Avenue have already been awarded Affordable Housing Tax Credits
- 2/3 of the units will be affordable at a variety of income levels to meet market needs**
- Affordable to households at 60% AMI or less with a mix of units affordable to households below 50% and 30% AMI
  - Requires the award of Affordable Housing Tax Credits to leverage the City investment
- Expand down payment assistance and housing rehabilitation programs low and moderate-income households**
- Consider raising the program income limits and targeting specific neighborhoods

There will be plenty of discussion and opportunities for input as my budget moves forward. You can learn more here: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/news/city-of-madison-affordable-housing-strategy>



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# Saving two kinds of green

By Joe Parisi, Dane County Executive

## This project saves tax dollars and highlights Dane County's environmental success in the world of waste



Standing at the edge of a new basin of dirt at our Dane County Rodefeld landfill, I watched trash becoming a success story that is part of a fiscally and environmentally sound solid-waste strategy. Dane County is home to one of the most environmentally innovative landfills

in the country and this expansion makes it even more green and saves taxpayers green too.

Two years ago, Dane County was facing the potential of an expensive and contentious process of siting a new landfill. Instead, bulldozers are now breaking ground on an expansion that will save taxpayers \$80 million and

extend the life of the landfill for another 30 years. Siting a new landfill would have cost more than \$100 million and taken a decade to develop. The process would have been contentious and could have resulted in the loss of at least 200 acres of prime farmland. So I asked my solid waste team for an alternative plan.

Now permits are in place and construction is now underway on an expansion project that continues Dane County's impressive track-record of innovation. (The EPA gave our landfill a 2011 Project of the Year Award for turning landfill methane gas into fuel to power 40 county fleet vehicles.)

This landfill expansion provides multiple innovations that help combat climate change. The expansion allows the county to nearly double its production of renewable energy from decaying trash and it will generate energy that will eventually heat the nearby medical examiner's building and the Dane County highway garage when they are built.

We're proud to see Dane County's comprehensive solid waste strategy become even more green while also protecting taxpayers.



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# Serving the people of the 26th Senate District

By State Senator Fred Risser

This November voters will be asked whether or not the Wisconsin Constitution should be amended “to require that the revenues generated by the use of the state transportation system be deposited into a transportation fund administered by a department of transportation for the exclusive purpose of funding Wisconsin’s transportation systems and to prohibit any transfers or lapses from this fund.”



Simply put, if approved by the voters of the state, this proposed constitutional amendment would prohibit any transfers or lapses from the transportation fund,

even in times of economic crisis or other emergency.

Also, the devil is in the details. Nothing in this measure will guarantee that public transit and certain transportation needs will necessarily be protected. The legislature could decide that transportation related programs like mass transit, bicycle and pedestrian funding, or even local road aids are no longer included in the newly segregated transportation fund, resulting in even more money set aside for the highway lobby.

This resolution creates a guaranteed segregated fund for a powerful special interest. Yet our children and their education do not get the same protection, nor does public health and safety, law enforcement, or any other important state program.

Everyone loves new roads and a good transportation infrastructure is important. However, the bottom line is that passage of this constitutional amendment will mean that Wisconsin has prioritized building roads over schools, healthcare, parks, police and fire services, and other vital programs and services the state provides its citizens.

If you would like to contact me or my office on any

matters of interest to you, please feel free to contact us by mail at: Senator Fred Risser, PO Box 7882, Madison, WI 53707-7882, by phone at: (608) 266-1627, or by e-mail at: [Sen.Risser@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Sen.Risser@legis.wisconsin.gov)



## Exposing ALEC

By Representative Chris Taylor

I hope you enjoyed your summer and that it was full of time with family and friends.

In addition to spending time with those I love the most, I also spent time with those I loathe the most, the American Legislative Exchange Council. This summer, I made my third trip to an ALEC conference; where I learned how the nation’s most powerful conservative special interest group’s new plan to spread their ultra conservative agenda throughout the nation.



ALEC rolled out their newest spinoff, the American City-County Exchange, which will take ALEC’s policies to local governments throughout the nation. People often ask me how I can stand attending an ALEC conference. The answer is simple; I’m appalled the entire time I’m there. Take for example the lavish way in which

they wine and dine legislators from all around the country. One Koch Industries-sponsored reception I attended featured a Texas-style barbecue buffet, free flowing drinks, two racing armadillos and even a live bull. I had definitely stepped into an alternative reality.

While I found their lavish parties to be both shocking and appalling, it’s their policies that are the most troubling. On my first day, I met a representative of Google, Yahoo, Facebook and eBay who attempted to get ALEC to support renewable energies on account of high tech companies’ significant energy consumption and their cutting edge support for sustainability.

Standing in front of lobbyists from Peabody Energy, Koch Industries and the American Coalition for “Clean

Coal” Electricity, this man made his pitch for renewable energy. These energy giants politely thanked him for his attendance and then dismissed him almost as quickly. After all, coal is king at ALEC. Instead, ALEC pushed its agenda is to attack EPA air pollution regulations, which has already been put into motion here by the Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce.

To read more about my ALEC experience, including my close encounter with Newt Gingrich, read the guest blogs I wrote for The Progressive’s website at [www.progressive.org](http://www.progressive.org). As always, if I can be of service, please contact me at [rep.taylor@legis.wi.gov](mailto:rep.taylor@legis.wi.gov) or at 266-5342.

they appreciated most about our city. One of their answers was, “the lakes.”

Our Yahara Watershed lakes provide a multitude of recreational and sport activity for everyone, local resident



or visitor. We, all of us, can make a difference in improving the water quality of these phenomenal quality of life assets. I encourage you to check out the many activities available throughout Dane County.



## These Lakes are Our Lakes

By Mary M. Kolar, District 1, Dane County Supervisor

One Thanksgiving, my husband Scott and I hosted two students from China at our family holiday dinner. These two young women, who had traveled half the world to attend UW-Madison, were asked what

In October, the Dane County Office of Lakes and Watersheds is partnering with the Catholic Multicultural Center and the Earth Partnership for Schools for an Oct 18th event on community water stewardship. The Office is also working with staff from the Water Sustainability and Climate project at UW-Madison for an event on Wednesday, November 19th. UW Faculty who are working on the project will present concepts from the four scenarios of Yahara

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# Now & Then

By Michael K. Bridgeman

## Room to Grow

Whether there are enough hotel rooms in downtown Madison is a perennial question. Having adequate lodging for visitors was a hot topic 90 years ago, too.

Back then it was the Hotel Loraine that dramatically changed Madison's hotel landscape. When it opened in June of 1924 the ten-story hotel had 250 hotel rooms and, within a year, an expansion boosted the total to 350 rooms, making the Loraine the largest hotel in Madison.

In 1916 Madison had only 700 hotel rooms and desperately needed new, modern accommodations for visitors. The 1920 census counted 38,378 people in Madison, which was growing rapidly; the 1930 census showed growth of nearly 20,000. Responding to the pressing need for rooms, the Belmont Hotel (now the YWCA Building on the square) first welcomed guests to its 200 rooms shortly before the Loraine opened its doors.

When the Loraine opened, the Wisconsin State Journal published a section and noted that, "The Loraine will cater to all classes of the traveling public but will meet most favor with the intellectual classes which make their hub in Madison."

Walter Schroeder built the Loraine (and named it for a niece) as one of his chain of hotels in Wisconsin that included the Schroeder in Milwaukee, the Northland in Green Bay, and the Retlaw in Fond du Lac. Herbert Tullgren, Schroeder's principal architect, designed the Loraine with an emphasis on English Tudor and Gothic styling.

The Loraine remained the city's largest hotel until it was sold 1968, when a smaller 170-room hotel shared the building with state offices. The state took over the entire building in 1988.

It was the downtown condo boom of the early 2000s

that brought new life to the old hotel. That's when Tom Geier led the rehabilitation and restoration of the building into the Loraine Condominiums with more than 80 living units and street-level commercial space.



This postcard from the 1960s, with its odd perspective relative to the capitol, shows the Loraine in its last years of operation when it had been expanded to 400 rooms.



Elements of the original lobby space, shown here in 1929, remain in the Loraine Condominium. (Wisconsin Historical Society Image 21600)





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# Period Garden Park

By Joe Bonardi

As any gardener can tell you, no matter your efforts, results are only as good as the weather allows. We have been fortunate this spring and summer and the results for Period Garden Park have been amazing! Even though it was a long, cold winter, there was very little damage to the plants and trees. We had a good show of tulips and daffodils, followed by loads of peony blossoms and scented viburnum. June is when the roses put on their display, soon to be followed by lilies and phlox. The lushness and flowering have been truly spectacular this year and it's been noticed by all who visit. Perennials I planted a few years ago have matured and filled in, and the two Eastern Redbuds we planted last Fall to replace the trees we lost to a lightning strike have taken root and are flourishing. A Chinese wisteria I planted five years ago has finally established and even put out a few blooms. Someday there will be hundreds of flowers on that vine the whole park with the scent of vanilla.

I notice more and more people visiting this year and the ones I have spoken with have been very supportive and complimentary. We are a popular place to have wedding pictures taken, and often the parties are coming from the historically important Gates of Heaven in James Madison Park. We are so fortunate to have this great diversity in our city parks system with many different things to offer.

I must once again thank our kind neighbor, Fred Mohs, for his unwavering support every year since we started restoration through our neighborhood association, Capitol Neighborhoods Inc. Our current alder, Ledell Zellers, has also been from the beginning giving of her time and knowledge to help in our efforts and she continues in so many ways to understand and guide our district with great leadership. I must acknowledge and thank my friend, Sandra Jones, who helps me maintain the park giving her time and effort. Paul Wilhite and Mio Suzuki have been very generous, truly understanding the need to support locally. I'm always grateful to the Capitol Concourse cleaning crew that removes our brush and trash from the curb. A huge thank you to the fine people of Blackhawk Church that come every spring to help us spread mulch through their commu-

nity support group, "Love Madison." To the many others that have given their time and money to help the park, I thank you.

The last 8 years of restoration of Period Park that was accomplished through private donations. We now have some financial support from the city. It comes as a great relief to make sure we can always keep the park in full floral display for everyone to enjoy. I'd like to thank Eric Knepp at city parks for understanding our needs and showing us results. We are still committed to using volunteer labor and we still rely on donations. Please consider us as a cause worthy of your support.

I'm looking forward to the rest of the season and I hope you will visit Period Garden Park often! Visit online at [www.periodgardenpark.org](http://www.periodgardenpark.org).

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2070. The workshop is designed to help local watershed groups envision their desired future and take steps toward achieving it. For more information on these events please visit: <http://www.takeastake.org/>

What is "Yahara 2070"? Scientists have presented scenarios of what the future of our Yahara Watershed may look like. I encourage you to contemplate these scenarios. You can read about them at <https://wsc.limnology.wisc.edu/yahara2070>

Learn more about the Dane County Office of Lakes and Watershed activities and how you can get involved at [www.danewaters.com](http://www.danewaters.com), or "Like" on Facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/dane.county.waters>

Let's keep working together to ensure our lakes continue to be Dane County's greatest assets.

# New Downtown Community Garden Takes Root In Unlikely Spot

*From the Madison Water Utility*

Just about every day Danna Olsen works in her garden, carefully weeding and watering. It's not a big garden, but it's hers. "I like it that it's small," she says, hovering over her flowers, tomatoes and herbs, watering can in hand.

But Olsen's garden isn't in a yard or even in a park. It's on top of a nondescript, concrete-box of a building called Crowley Station, which has been sitting largely unnoticed off East Wilson St. for more than 40 years. It's one and only mission during those decades – to house a municipal well capable of pumping 2,300 gallons of water every minute throughout downtown Madison. These days, however, the small gray building is alive with another purpose, its rooftop now home to bright flowers and bees, earthworms and insects, squash, peas, hot peppers, all kinds of tomatoes, and yes, even a few weeds.

And it's got a new name – Crowley Station Community Garden.

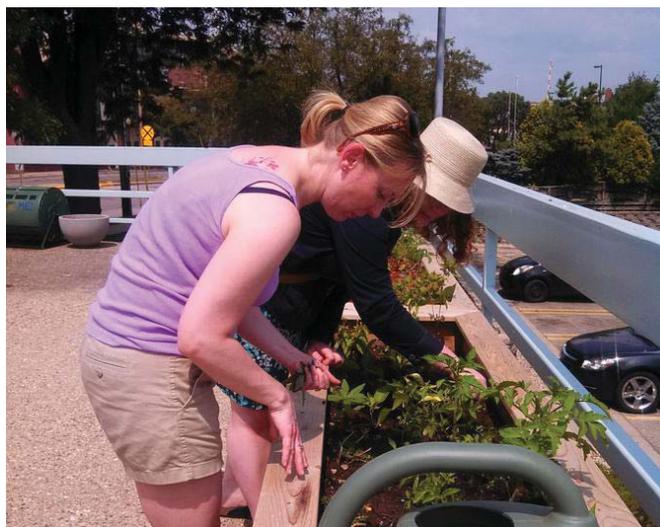
"People ask all the time, 'Oh, why is there are garden here now?'" says Danni Niles, communications director and co-chair of the new Crowley Station Community Garden. "We have an emphasis on (making) our city productive and beautiful and healthy. A community garden on top of a water well fits all of that." Turning a little-used concrete rooftop into an urban green space and gathering spot might seem like a no-brainer in a community that prides itself on thinking outside the box. But getting there was far from easy, even in a city that boasts more than 40 community gardens. Until Crowley Station, none were in the heart of downtown. That changed when the would-be gardeners were introduced to a group of neighbors living near East Wilson St. who called themselves "Friends of Crowley Station." This is a First Settlement Neighborhood group that was formed with the goal to improve, activate, and

transform the Crowley Station into a neighborhood living space. The Friends of Crowley Station have built custom benches for the spot, set up tables and chairs, even brought in public art installations and a Little Library. And what the space needed now was some serious greenery.

How do you put a garden on top of a water well? It helps to have friends and neighbors who are totally invested in making it happen. "One weekend we carried 13 tons of soil into these beds by hand, with buckets and one wheelbarrow," says Niles. "The thing that (garden) members said at the end of that – even though they were tired and sunburned – was, 'Oh, we should put more beds up here!'"

"Madison Water Utility wanted an organized effort that would take care of (the garden). They didn't want to be managers of the plantings. So we had to show that we would be responsible for that," says Olsen. And she says the garden is only the beginning for Crowley Station. "This is a place-making opportunity; it's a community-building opportunity. We're talking about having a grand opening and having yoga on the rooftop."

"There are some communities that struggle to get gardens, and it never happens for them," Niles says. "Madison is very lucky that we have a lot of support. But it takes the City. It takes real organizations who can back it in different ways than community groups can to make something happen. It needs to be a partnership."



Installation day on June 27.  
Photos courtesy Crowley Station Community Garden

# Five New Madison B-cycle Stations

## All 39 stations are fully operational across the Isthmus and West Side

Madison B-cycle announced that all 39 of the city's B-cycle stations were fully operational including the addition of five new stations on Madison's West Side. The five stations add efficient mobility and another transportation option as far west as the Shorewood Hills neighborhood, Hilldale Shopping Center and UW Health's Digestive Health Center.

A result of a strategic partnership with UW Health sponsoring stations at the American Family Children's Hospital, University Station Clinic, and UW Digestive Health Center, the five new stations have seen an immediate response by users of the city-wide system. Hilldale Shopping Center is sponsoring the Hilldale North Station while UW Credit Union is sponsoring the station at their University Avenue Branch. The five new stations have contributed to a 37% growth in B-cycle trips since last season, as reported by the company.

"We're proud to be able to help make the B-cycle program more accessible to Madison residents who live west of the downtown area," said Brad McClain, Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer at UW Credit Union. "We're also committed to doing what's right for the environment by supporting this alternative form of transportation."

Lisa Riehl of UW Health added, "B-cycle has allowed our faculty and staff new opportunities, to not only commute to work, but easily connects the University, Digestive Health Center, U-Station Clinic, AFCH and the hospital. With the discounted price and the convenience, B-cycle makes the healthy choice an easy choice."

"Hilldale is privileged to be a part the Madison B-cycle network, and a partner in Madison's motor-less motion culture," said Leslie Watkins. In August Hilldale Farmer's Market hosted the 1st Annual Bike to the Market Day.



For more information and to see a map of all 39 Madison B-cycle stations, visit [madison.bcycle.com](http://madison.bcycle.com).

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# Love our lakes? Use your leaves.

By Theresa Vander Woude, Clean Lakes Alliance

This fall, show your love for our lakes by using the leaves that fall on your property to improve the health and beauty of your yard.

What does leaf litter have to do with lake health?

The same nutrients in leaves that are great for your lawn and garden can also negatively impact water quality in our lakes. When leaves in street gutters and terraces “steep” in rainwater, a nutrient-rich “tea” is created... which flows down the storm drains and directly into the lakes. This concoction is full of phosphorus, the nutrient that drives algae growth.

To maximize the benefits to our lakes, avoid sending your leaves to the curb altogether. When used correctly, leaves can be an inexpensive alternative to traditional yard-care practices.

How to use your leaves:

Mulch fallen leaves into your lawn with a lawnmower

Use shredded leaves to mulch your garden.

Consider making leaf mold, an inexpensive substitute for peat moss that can increase water-holding capacity of soils by fifty percent.

If you have more leaves than you can use, be sure to dispose of them correctly. By doing so, you help keep

our lakes clean and healthy.

How to dispose of leaves:

Check your municipality’s website for leaf pick-up dates: for downtown Madison, visit [cityofmadison.com/streets/yard-Waste/leaf/LeafEast.cfm](http://cityofmadison.com/streets/yard-Waste/leaf/LeafEast.cfm) and view the color-coded maps (updated every day by 3 p.m. starting in early October).

Time your raking to minimize leaves’ time

on the curb.

Consider clearing fallen leaves out of your street gutters and storm drains where the risk of phosphorus-leaching is highest. (Please be safe and watch for traffic!)

Visit [cleanlakesalliance.com/renew-the-blue/](http://cleanlakesalliance.com/renew-the-blue/) for more citizen action tips.

Through the Yahara CLEAN Strategic Plan for Phosphorus Reduction, our community has set the goal of preventing 4,100 pounds of phosphorus runoff into our lakes through urban leaf management by 2025. With one pound of phosphorus capable of producing 500 pounds of algae, those reductions could have a huge impact on our lakes.

Clean Lakes Alliance and our partners are working to promote proper leaf management, and make notification of leaf pick-up times more convenient to residents. Through our citizen action initiatives, we hope to help residents make decisions and create habits that benefit our lakes. For more information, please contact our watershed program manager, Paul Dearlove, at [paul@cleanlakesalliance.com](mailto:paul@cleanlakesalliance.com).



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# Downtown Business District News

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

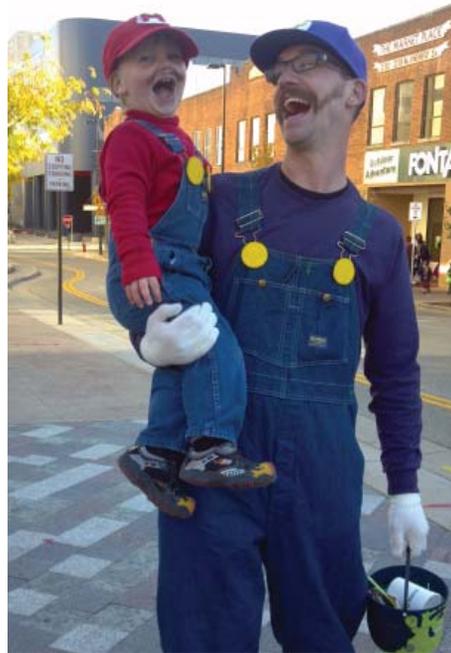
Families and children will enjoy the **Downtown Madison Family Halloween, Wed., Oct. 29**, 3:00 – 6:00 pm, State Street and the Capitol Square. Activities for families and kids 12 and under include magic shows, hayrides, crafts, spooky stories, art projects, festive Halloween photos, kids' musical theater, trick or treat at participating businesses, and more. Information is at [visitdowntownmadison.com/FamilyHalloween](http://visitdowntownmadison.com/FamilyHalloween) or (608) 512-1342.

On Thanksgiving weekend, bring visiting family and friends to the **Downtown Holiday Open House, Friday-Saturday, November 28-29**, from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm, on State Street and the Capitol Square. This alternative to "door busters" features free, family-friendly performances at Overture Center, an ice sculpting exhibition in Peace Park, free holiday trolley rides and gift bags, crafting and family activities at DreamBank and Madison Central Library, and special offers and complimentary refreshments at downtown shops and restaurants. Enjoy an experience that only downtown offers, and get a start on your holiday shopping list while supporting locally-owned businesses. Information is at [visitdowntownmadison.com/HolidayOpenHouse](http://visitdowntownmadison.com/HolidayOpenHouse) or (608) 512-1342.

Join downtown merchants in supporting **United Way of Dane County** this holiday season, by providing holiday gifts for teens of families in need in our community. It's easy to give! While you are shopping downtown at the Holiday Open House, pick up a gift for a teen in need, and drop off your donation for United Way to distribute. Watch for complete information and a Holiday Open House brochure in the November 20 issue of Isthmus, or see [visitdowntownmadison.com/HolidayOpenHouse](http://visitdowntownmadison.com/HolidayOpenHouse).

To keep up with downtown events and new businesses, stop by the Downtown Visitor Center at 452 State St., the Downtown Info Booth (open through Oct. 11) where State St. meets the Capitol Square, or see [www.visitdowntownmadison.com](http://www.visitdowntownmadison.com).

[visitdowntownmadison.com](http://visitdowntownmadison.com). Staffed by BID Information Ambassadors, the Visitor Center is open daily and the Info Booth (weather permitting) is open daily through Oct. 11.



Downtown Madison Family Halloween.  
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## At the Madison Senior Center

**A Photo Affair** Opens October 10 - Featuring photos by Dane County photographers 55 and over, this exhibit runs from October 5 – 30, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm at the Senior Center. Join us for a special viewing and reception from 4 – 7:30 pm on Friday, October 10 in conjunction with the Modern Museum of Contemporary Art's Gallery Night. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by Oak Park Place and the Alliant Energy Foundation.

**Meet the Author: William White** - A retired Bethel Lutheran Church pastor, White discusses his newest book, *Little Oslo*. Growing up in the 50's, baseball and small town living are heartwarming themes throughout this novel. Join us on Tuesday, October 14 at 1:00 pm.

**Festival of Wreaths** - The Madison Senior Center's annual Festival of Wreaths begins Monday, November 10. Florists, artists, quilters and artisans donate indoor wreaths to decorate our space. The wreaths and baskets are sold for to raise programming funds. Order your fresh Balsam Fir wreath for your home or to send to friends and family. Celebrate the holiday season and call 266-6581 to place your order. The Festival of Wreaths ends with the Senior Center's signature event, the Classic English Tea on Friday, December 5, from 2 - 4 pm. This lovely gathering features tea service and delicacies in three courses. Music provided by the Yahara String Quartet

### Celebrating Veterans' Day Week:

- **Final Resting Place: France in WWII** - Hear the story of how one Wisconsin farm boy came to be buried with 4410 of his comrades on American soil so far from home. Join Donna Hutter as she shares the story and photos from her recent and memorable visit to France on Monday, November 10 at 10 am. Call 266-6581 to register.
- **Meet the Author: Doug Bradley**, "Deadly Writers Patrol" - Meet him and other writers from the Patrol on Veteran's Day, Tuesday, November 11, at 1 pm. Their mission is to encourage greater understanding of the Vietnam era and the war's effect on individuals and our nation. See [deadlywriterspatrol.org](http://deadlywriterspatrol.org)



## Central Cinema Thursday Films for October and November - Thursdays at 6:30 pm

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films so bad, their good.

- Special Film - Tuesday, October 14, 6:30 pm - *Nicky's Family* - The story of Nicholas Winton who rescued 669 Czech and Slovak children before the outbreak of World War II. Renata Laxova, one of the children rescued, will join us for a discussion following the film.

### New Classes at Central

- Tuesdays, 1:00 pm *Putting You to Work*. Taught by Madison Writing Assistance instructors and are funded by a generous grant from the Ira and Ineva Reilly Baldwin Wisconsin Idea Endowment. Registration required, call 266-6350 to register.
- September 30 – Online Job Searching - Learn how to find jobs and apply efficiently online.
- October 7 - Resume Building - Create a polished resume and cover letter. Flash drives provided.
- October 14 – Interviewing - Get tips on impressing employers. Registration required. Snacks provided.
- October 21 - One-on-One Help - Complete the Employment workshops and get personalized attention on whatever you need. Registration required.

### Madison Opera Preview

**Fidelio** by Ludwig van Beethoven, Wed. October 29  
Madison Opera presents a preview of Beethoven's only opera. To rescue her husband, a political prisoner, the noblewoman Leonore disguises herself as a man and works at the prison where she believes her husband is held. Ranging from breathtaking arias to one of the most beautiful choral tributes to freedom ever written, Beethoven's score is truly sublime, with an ever-building dramatic intensity that leaves the audience exhilarated.

# MMoCA Fall Events

**Gallery Night** - Friday, Oct. 10 • 5–9 pm - Gallery Night is Madison's citywide celebration of the visual arts. Art lovers can look forward to free demonstrations, new works of art, and live performances at arts venues and galleries across the city. **A Little Brown Mushroom Odyssey** - Friday, Oct. 10 • 6:30-7pm - Writer and frequent Alec Soth collaborator Brad Zellar talks about his experiences working and traveling with Soth. **Gallery Night After Party** - Friday, Oct. 10 • 9-11pm Join the after party in MMoCA's lobby including live performances, complimentary snacks, a cash bar by Fresco, and hands-on art activities.

**Spotlight Cinema** - Wednesdays, 7 pm Madison premieres of critically acclaimed and award-winning documentary and feature films on selected Wednesday evenings throughout the fall. Visit [mmoca.org](http://mmoca.org) for the schedule and program information. Admission is free for MMoCA members and \$7 for the general public.

**2014 Arts Ball** - Saturday, Nov. 1 • 7-11 pm at the Nakoma Golf Club - Celebrate the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art and the Madison Symphony Orchestra, build and renew friendships while contributing to the continued financial health of two of Madison's most beloved cultural institutions. All proceeds directly support MMoCA and MSO.

**Holiday Art Fair** - Friday, Nov. 21 through Sunday, Nov. 23 - Fun, festive, and full of inspiration, the Holiday Art Fair offers a weekend of art, live music and dance performances, gourmet foods, and activities for friends and families.

**Black Friday Sale** - Friday, Nov. 28 • 8 am-12 pm - The Museum Store offers contemporary American craft and fine jewelry. Purchases benefit and support MMoCA exhibitions and programs.

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# Madison Named the Most Livable City in America

On Monday, September 15th, Livability.com announced that Madison has been named the number one most livable city in America! I was joined by Matt Carmichael of Livability.com, Alder Skidmore, Alder Demarb, and Alder Subeck to accept the award. The folks at Livability, along with the research team at the Martin Prosperity Institute, looked at several factors including a city's economics, housing, amenities, infrastructure, demographics, social and civic capital, education and health care.

From number five last year to number one this year, it is clear that we have come a long way in Madison. I am proud of our success, but our work is not yet done. We must continue to focus on ways to keep making Madison the great place it is!



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## Capitol Neighborhoods Inc. Programs October

### **“The Urban Forest” with City Forester Marla Eddy** **Madison Central Library, Third Floor Community Room** **Monday, October 20, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

Capitol Neighborhoods, Inc. welcomes City Forester Marla Eddy to discuss recent activities to expand and improve the urban forest, including the city’s continuing efforts related to Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).

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It all depends on your perspective. See the President’s message on page 1.

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