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DOWNTOWN DIALOGUE

Community

By Jeff Vercauteren, President, CNI

A few weekends ago during one of the last warm autumn days before winter weather set in, I tagged along with a friend when he brought his dog to the Brittingham Dog Park, near Broom Street and John Nolen Drive. Like many downtown residents, I have driven by the very nondescript dog park countless times while coming and going downtown, not thinking too much about it as I passed by.

The unseasonably warm weather that day brought out quite a crowd of residents and their dogs to the park to enjoy one last taste of summer. There was such a wonderful sense of community among the residents from the surrounding neighborhood—many of whom are new residents living in SEVEN27 or one of the other new apartment buildings in the Bassett neighborhood. Many are young professionals or graduate students who choose to live downtown to experience the community we all know so well.

The interaction at the park was reminiscent of quintessential small town life where neighbors know each other by name and greet each other as old friends. The dogs played while the residents chatted, enjoying the benefits of fresh air, sunshine, and good conversation.

I think many of us can identify with the sense of com-

munity experienced by those at the park that afternoon. We choose to live downtown because we enjoy being around our neighbors and friends, chatting with each other on the street, at the farmers market, or over coffee or a farm-to-table dinner at one of our local establishments.

Sure, it might seem easier some days to live in other parts of the city or even outside of Madison, especially when there is an event or development proposal that brings stress into our lives. But we know, as downtown residents, that we live here for the community that is unique to our beloved isthmus. Anyone who has lived in other parts of Madison or in other cities recognizes those special attributes that make downtown Madison home to us all.

Not all of us frequent the dog park, but we have many other opportunities to embrace our downtown community. The winter weather might temporarily reduce our outdoor activities, but the holiday season provides a wonderful opportunity to open our homes to our friends and neighbors. I encourage you to engage with other members of our downtown community, especially some of our many new residents, to continue to cultivate the downtown community that makes the isthmus our home.



City to Offer Four Installments for Payment of Property Taxes

By Mayor Paul Soglin

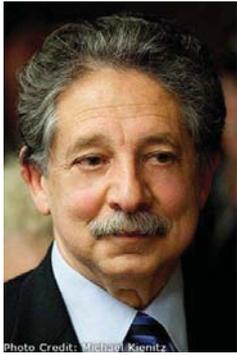


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I am pleased to let you know that Madison property owners will soon have the option of paying their taxes over four installments. By offering taxpayers more than the typical two installments, beginning in December, Madison joins most of the larger communities in the state, such as Kenosha, Racine, La Crosse, and most of Milwaukee County's municipalities.

property owners avoid the considerable penalties incurred when delinquency occurs.

Depending of the specific bill, it is generally not a matter of taking your total taxes and dividing by four. Special charges, credits, and other factors will determine the exact amount of each installment. To help explain all of these variations, the City Treasurer's website will have frequently asked questions and a number of different scenarios to give taxpayers a better understanding of how four installments would work for them.



Studies have shown that municipalities that collect property taxes over multiple installments see a significantly lower rate of delinquency than the two-installment method.

The three most important things to remember about the new system are:

There will be no effect for the majority of property owners who pay all of their taxes in December, so that they can itemize the deduction on their Federal income tax; The four due dates will be: January 31st, March 31st, May 31st, and July 31st. Taxpayers can pay whatever they like at any time as long as they meet the accumulated minimums by those due dates; All payments on current taxes will be made to the City Treasurer; no longer will taxpayers pay the city for one installment and the county for the other.

At the height of the recession, the city's delinquency rate was over twice the historical average. Even today, delinquencies are 30% more than what we would expect. We hope offering the four-installment option will help some of our



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Partnerships & Resources For Lakes Clean Up

By Dane County Executive Joe Parisi

Long summer days spent enjoying Dane County's lakes may feel like a distant memory, but fall is budget season for the county and our lakes are front and center in my 2015 budget.



My 2015 budget puts more than \$10 million into targeted measures and collaborations in the fight against lake-polluting phosphorus so we can take the next steps in the county's leading role

to clean up the Yahara chain of lakes. From addressing agricultural runoff to stemming pollution from urban streets and lawns, our plan is based on working together toward a common goal.

Dane County's innovation and partnerships continue to develop solutions that can serve as a national example.

To protect our waters, Dane County will continue and enhance key strategies that have been shown to have maximum impact.

For example, my 2015 budget includes: community manure storage grants, testing new technology to eliminate 100% of phosphorus from manure at an area digester, new soil conservationists funded through a partnership with Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District and \$1 million for urban water quality grants to address pollutions from stormwater outflows that discharge directly into our lakes.

Across this community, the list is growing of the partners stepping up to work with the county to clean up our lakes. Whether its agricultural, business, environmental or public sector interests, we have a 'can do' coalition committed to reducing phosphorus and protecting and restoring our lakes.

There's no single fix, but as I have done in each one of my budgets, I am increasing county government's commitment to confronting this challenge. Together, with our partners, we are turning the tide and taking continuous action to clean up our spectacular lakes.



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Salty Dogs, Salty Lakes

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

Earlier this year, my husband Scott and I adopted Hercules from a dog rescue organization. It has been a couple of winters since our previous dog passed away and we long ago gave away our dog accessories. We were unprepared for the early snow and cold this November. We'll have to get Hercules some dog boots so he, and we, can continue to enjoy our winter walks.



It's not the cold that makes Hercules pick up his paws with pain. It's the salt. As much as we try to guide him around the worst of it, on

some sidewalks it's impossible to avoid. Though good intentioned, the overuse of salt not only hurts dog paws, it hurts our lakes and aquifers, and eventually, it will hurt us all.

Many of the storm drains on our downtown streets discharge directly into either Lake Monona or Mendota. Any salt put down on roads and sidewalks has a very short path to the lakes. It only takes one teaspoon of rock salt (sodium chloride) to pollute 5 gallons of our lake water beyond legal concentrations. Too much of the chloride in road salt can kill birds and some plants. What can we do to avoid contributing to the irreversible damage of the salinization of our lakes?

As challenging as it may be when the wind is blowing and the snow is falling, the best tool for avoiding the use of salt is a snow shovel. By removing any accumulation as soon as possible, the likelihood of ice forming on our walkways and roads is greatly reduced. Shoveling small snow accumulation throughout a storm is an easier job than waiting until the storm is over and will avoid ice forming.

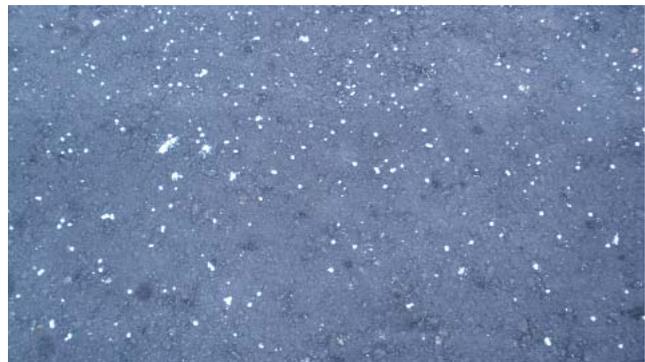
What to do when the snow came overnight and ice patches already formed? Try to remove as much ice as possible with a shovel or other tools. Use sand for traction. Also, rock salt will not work if the temperature

is below 15 degrees Fahrenheit; shoveling and sand are again better options.

Still have ice and concerns about slipping? If using salt, use only the amount needed to reduce the slippery conditions. More salt does not make the ice melt any faster. Less than 4 pounds of salt is enough for a 1000 square foot area. Salt is only useful if it has ice to interact with; any salt remaining on a dry walk is no longer useful. It should be swept up to avoid having it run-off into our lakes. Below is a photo of an adequate distribution of salt to help have a safe walk.

Not all salt is equal. If you must use salt, Calcium Magnesium Acetate (CMA) is least harmful to pets and the environment. "Paw Thaw" is a product available at Mounds Pet Food Warehouse that is safer for pets than rock salt.

Once the snow is shoveled and the sidewalks can be traversed safely, we, and our dogs, can get out and enjoy our winter wonderland that includes our beautiful lakes.



This photograph shows the ideal distribution of salt to be most effective, about 1-4 pounds per 1000 square feet



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Now & Then

By Michael K. Bridgeman

Deco Detail

The State Office Building is an Art Deco gem.

The building at 1 W. Wilson Street—conceived when Art Deco design was widely popular for commercial, institutional and government buildings—took nearly thirty years to complete. The first section to be built was the north wing (on the left as you face the main entrance), completed in 1931. The taller central pavilion was completed in 1939 and the south wing in 1959, by which time modernism ruled the day and Art Deco was passé. The State Office Building retained remarkable design integrity in spite of changing tastes during the long span of its construction.

Arthur Peabody, who was Wisconsin's state architect from 1915 until 1939, is credited with the design. While his name appears on state building plans throughout his

tenure, the degree to which he participated in any given project is difficult to determine. The State Office Building is exceptional no matter who deserves the credit.

The exterior displays lively Art Deco styling. Bas relief details enliven the exterior with zig-zag patterns, motifs inspired by nature, simplified takes on classical themes and incised medallions with eagles spaced regularly around the facades. The metal light fixtures and entryways are also eye-catching.



Carved details highlight the building's exterior, clad in granite from northern Wisconsin.

The public spaces inside don't disappoint, either, with wonderful grille work, elevator doors and light fixtures. Unfortunately, modern-day security makes it difficult to enter the building and fully enjoy the gleaming brass and marble.

The building recently underwent extensive repair and renovation. The exterior granite masonry was cleaned and repaired, original steel window frames were repaired, and front stairways were rebuilt. The work on the National Register-listed property was completed to National Park Service standards.



The main entrance to 1 W. Wilson St. shows the exuberant Art Deco detailing that distinguishes the design



This postcard image shows the State Office Building after 1939 and before the third wing was added in the 1950s.

A Year To Remember

By Joe Bonardi

With the coming of another Winter, my 56th on this earth, I'm already remembering this past spring and summer as one of the best any gardener could have wished for. After a record breaking long winter last year, this past spring brought a beautiful show of Daffodils, Scilla, Tulips, Allium, Bleeding Hearts and Blue Bells at Period Garden Park. Lilacs, Viburnum, Forsythia and Flowering Plum soon followed and gave way to Peonies, Iris, and Roses. Annual were planted, and resulted in a lavish performance all through the summer. Our shade areas were lush with several types of Hosta, Trillium, Wild Ginger, Lungwort, Jack in the Pulpit, Hellebores, Lily of the Valley and Brunnera, along with several types of Ferns. Hydrangea and Canna were beautiful in the summer, along with many types of Clematis, Bee Balm, Phlox, Russian Sage, Lavender, and several varieties of Daylilly. If I had to pick a favorite flower, it would be the often six foot tall Oriental Lilly. The stature and the amazing scent has no equal, and we have a few dozen at Period Park blooming from June to August. Late summer brought Astor's and Anemone and late blooming Autumn Clematis with its sweet scent of vanilla.

We have a no pesticide policy at the park, and local honey bees are always busy gathering nectar to take home to their hives. I work closely with these creatures, and we often bump into each other, but I have never been stung. I have a passion to help and protect our bees. As many horrible modern practices are threatening their existence, I like to think our park is an oasis for them in a busy urban area, and as far as I can tell, we have accomplished that.

Our urban bird population is also important. We provide seeds and water that appeal to Cardinals, Finches, Wrens and Chickadees, with nesting homes scattered around the park. Period Garden Park is not only to be enjoyed by the people that visit, but I believe we play an important part of supporting the local wild life as well.

If you have recently visited the park and enjoyed all it has to offer, please consider a donation to help support our volunteer work. The park is very dependent on

your kind donations to fund all that we, the volunteers do. If you have given in the past, we are grateful. If you believe that our efforts to help the bee and bird population of the increasingly growing urbanization of downtown Madison is worth supporting, please help us by donating what you can. Period Garden Park is almost the only large source of pollen producing flowers in the downtown area.

Any amount is welcome. A donation of \$20 will buy a month's worth of bird seed, two flats of annuals that the bees will use for months as a nectar source, or four bags of compost to feed the plants. Consider making a donation in someone's name. It makes a wonderful holiday gift while supporting a beautiful floral display and helping our downtown wildlife. Your tax deductible donation can be made to:

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Our grateful thanks to all that have donated in the past, and to all that volunteered their time in helping maintain the park this year. Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday and a bright new year!



What Customers Have Been Waiting For

Madison Water Utility first in state to launch “ultimate conservation tool”

How much water do you use watering your lawn? How about doing laundry or taking a shower? Madison Water Utility customer service representative Pam Mously says there used to be just one way to find out.

“You could go down (in the basement), read your meter, take a shower, and then go down and read your meter again. You could do that,” she says.

Except, not surprisingly, most people don't.

“Not only do people not understand how much water they're using, they also don't remember what they did a month ago,” Mously explains. “Say you come home from work, turn the hose on and let it go for three hours. That's 150 gallons an hour. If you're getting a bill a month or so after that time period, you may not remember that you were watering every day for two weeks.”

But all that's changing with the introduction of a new online water use tracking tool that Madison Water Utility recently debuted on its website. The utility is the first in Wisconsin to allow its customers to track their own monthly, daily and hourly water use online. The web-based tool works on home computers, laptops and smart phones.



Water customer using water tracking software

“It's such a drastic change between what our customers

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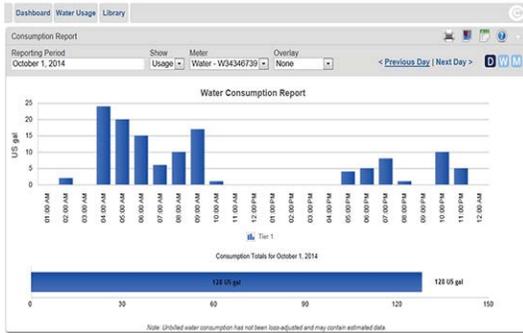
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used to be able to find out when they got their bill versus what they can do now,” says Madison Water Utility customer service manager Robin Piper. “You go in and see right down to the hour what type of water usage you had. We’re making available to our customers data that’s really theirs.”

Piper says the move is something customers have been waiting for. “We’ve been getting many calls and emails from people asking, ‘When are we going to be able to see our usage?’ The novelty may wear off for a few customers, but I think there are some who are truly interested in seeing how the water that they use impacts their bills. You need the knowledge of how you’re using your water and when you’re using your water to be able to conserve it.”

How it works

Madison Water Utility customers can sign up for a Customer Care account to view their detailed usage and billing information (people who have already signed up to view their bills online can use the same login). Piper says once people are logged in, they should look for the View My Usage link on the left hand side of the page.



Water Water consumption report graph

“You click on that, it opens up your usage, and it’s got your last 30 days usage graph – it’s called the dashboard,” he explains. “You can change between viewing monthly, weekly, daily usage. You can click on individual days and get the hours

to show up. You can overlay temperature information, weather information, on there to see if there’s any correlation between how warm it was and how much water was used. You can do comparisons month to month, and year to year. You’re also able to export that data into a PDF or Excel spreadsheet.”

Piper says a customer has access to all usage data dating back to the day a new, wireless meter reading system was installed in his or her home. Most had the new system installed one to two years ago.

“People can also set up email alerts on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis to be notified when they exceed whatever usage threshold they choose. The control is with the customer. It’s the ultimate

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conservation tool if you really use everything it's capable of."

"People will be surprised"

It wasn't that long ago that Mousley routinely took calls from customers stunned and confused over an unusually high six-month water bill. That's because major household water leaks often went unnoticed for months.

"They would find out either when the account was flagged when we were processing the (usage) reads for an upcoming billing, or when they got the bill in the mail and saw how high it was," Mousley recalls. "They'd be in the dark for months."

Mousely says most leaks aren't always obvious – a silently running toilet, a broken lawn irrigation system, a leaky hose bib – but they can be costly. That's why she says transitioning to monthly billing, which Madison Water Utility did in September, and giving people online access to their water use is so important.

"We get quite a few calls. They want the ability to see if and when there is a problem. It will be a huge change."

And Piper insists it's not just leaks that customers want to see.

"I've heard from customers who say, 'It will be nice to point out to my teenager how much water they've used in the shower,'" he laughs, adding that people will be able to quickly pinpoint the biggest water users in their homes, but it probably won't be their kids in the shower.



Robin Piper looks at usage data chart

"People will be surprised by some things like water softeners, how frequently they regenerate and how much water they use."

He notes that old toilets and watering lawns and gardens can also use a large amount of water.

As for Mousely, she's still taking plenty of calls from customers, but now she's able to show them exactly how they use the water in their homes.

"Once we teach our customers the benefit of having this available to them, then they will make better use of it. I'm glad that I can help them. It does help our customers understand."



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Downtown Business

District News

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

Enjoy a free ride on the Holiday Trolley, and the sounds of the season, while shopping downtown in December. The BID-funded "Holiday Shopping Trolley" will run Saturdays Dec. 6, 13 and 20, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, up & down State Street and around the Capitol Square. Trolley rides are free; hop on at bus stops. The trolley will be decorated and staffed by volunteer Downtown Information Ambassadors who will greet riders, hand out treats for kids, and offer shopping suggestions, directions, and downtown maps. Riders on the trolley will also receive free Downtown Madison Welcome bags filled with promotions, coupons, special offers and information from downtown businesses and organizations (free, one per trolley rider, while supplies last).

Also on Saturdays Dec. 6, 13 and 20, volunteer community and UW-Madison choral groups and dancers will stroll State Street and the Capitol Square--and even hop on the trolley--to carol and perform for shoppers on Saturdays in December. Performances start at 11:00 am at the Madison Children's Museum (MCM, 100 N. Hamilton St.) and at 1:00 pm in the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art Lobby (MMoCA, 227 State Street). For a schedule of caroling groups and full Holiday Trolley information, see visitdowntownmadison.com, "Events."

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MRC continues its mission of providing rowing opportunities to the community by offering several off-the-water exercise instruction and fitness opportunities to the public.

New this winter, single-session Indoor Rowing Basics classes help participants learn safe technique on the Concept2 rower ("erg"), and how to program structured workouts using the Performance Monitor.

Also new this winter, MRC offers a dry-land Winter membership. A participant does not have to be an experienced rower but must have basic erging skills. Winter members may come to the boathouse for self-directed exercise or join group workouts. Starting Nov. 15, Coach Matt Lenert leads workouts at 6 am Wednesdays and Fridays, and 8:30 am Saturdays.

MRC's weekly yoga group is open to the public. Certified instructor Cecily Frederick guides a mixed-level practice Sundays at 8:45 am. Practitioners may drop in for one meeting or sign up for full sessions at a reduced rate. The current session runs until Dec. 14. The next session begins Jan. 4.

Information about, and registration for, Indoor Rowing Basics, Winter Membership, or Yoga in the Boathouse is on MRC's website www.mendotarowingclub.com/club-events. Direct questions to info@mendotarowingclub.com or call Hudson at 819 8624.



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A Healthier You: Reading Food Labels

Your local Metro Market dietitian will be here to help decipher the relationship between food and health. Reading labels and ingredient lists, meal planning, and understanding how all these foods impact health condi-

tions can be overwhelming. Tatiana will address common nutrition questions and provide practical solutions to creating a healthier you! Register for Thursday, December 10 at 10 am. Call 266-6581.

Sleep Workshop with the Wellness Champions

Can't fall asleep or stay asleep? Learn why and what you can do about it. Dr. Nye with the Wellness Champions will cover sleep ailments, sleep requirements for aging adults, and tips to combat restless night's sleep on Thursday, December 18 at 12:15 pm. Call 266-6581 to register.

Laughing Bodies/Dancing Minds

Li Chiao-Ping, internationally known Artistic Director of Li Chiao-Ping Dance and Professor of Dance at UW-Madison, will lead an 8-week movement class from Thursday, January 29–March 19 from 9:30 – 10:30 am. Focus on warm-up techniques, stretch and strengthening exercises, core work, breathing and energy flow. No prior dance experience needed. Minimum of 10 students. \$70 fee. Scholarships available for those with a limited income. Advance registration is necessary: call 266-6581.

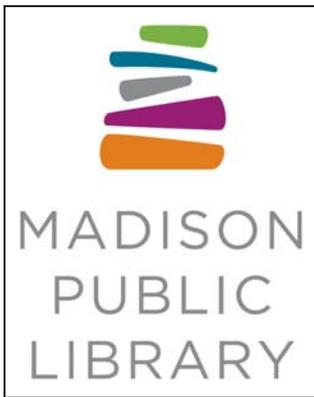
Do you Love Birds?

Madison Audubon Society offers a presentation on local birds, including ones you've likely seen near the Senior Center. From the beloved robin to the elusive owl, join us to learn more about your favorite birds and see some beautiful pictures. Join Dee Wylie, Madison Audubon Volunteer, on Thursday, January 15 at 10 am. Call 266-6581 to register.

Living with Alzheimer's for Caregivers

An Alzheimer's diagnosis raises many questions. Living with Alzheimer's for Caregivers, a series that runs from Wednesday, January 7 to February 4 provides answers to questions that arise in all stages of the disease. Hear from those directly affected. Learn what you need to know, plan, and do at each point along the way. Topics include legal/financial planning, coping strategies, treatment options, communicating and maximizing independence. Call 266-6581 to register.

For more information visit our website at: www.MadisonSeniorCenter.org or contact us at 266-6581.



Central Cinema, Thursdays at 6:30 pm

cinesthesia - Classic Films

December 4 - *Merry Christmas, Mr. Lawrence* - by Nagisa Oshima. In 1942, two British POWs battle with their Japanese captors.

January 8 - *Naqoyqatsi* - Godfrey Reggio's documentary, the final film of the

Qatsi trilogy, is a montage of our contemporary world dominated by globalized technology and violence.

Community Cinema

December - No film this month

January 15 - *A Path Appears* by Maro Chermayeff. In the US, Colombia, Haiti, and Kenya we see the incredible adversity faced every day by millions of women and girls as well as glimpses of hope and change.

Bad Cinema

December 18 - *Cobra*, by George P. Cosmatos

January 22 - *Troll 2*, by Claudio Fragasso

Special films in January

SlaveFree Madison Film Festival, Sunday, January 11 - 2:00 pm - *The Value of Work*, touches on ending the demand of trafficked work through conscious consumption, and *Food Chains*, tells about agricultural workers' rights in the U.S.

Sustain Dane, MPL and YWCA bring you a special screening of the **2014 National Bioneers Conference, Wednesday, January 14 6:00 pm** - *john a. powell Beloved Community: Interbeing, Race, Class, and Person Hood* - As humanity faces global environmental and social challenges, our fear of the "Other" can be magnified by unstable contracting economies, radically shifting demographics and new social norms. Can humanity overcome these divisions and come together to protect our common home? john a. powell, a nationally respected voice on race and ethnicity leads UC Berkeley's Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society, holds the Robert D Haas Chancellor's Chair in Equity, and Inclusion, serves on the UC Berkeley School of Law faculty and is author of **Racing to Justice**.

Pokémon Club Returns to Central Library, Satur-

days 3pm - 4:30pm January 17, January 31, February 14, February 28, Do you know someone who loves Pokémon? Join us! We spend the first 20 minutes teaching the game and providing deck building tips. Then we pair up and play! The library has a supply of decks or bring your own. For Kindergarten-5th graders. Middle-schoolers are welcome and there are some opportunities for older kids experienced in Pokémon to volunteer. Pokémon is great game that involves reading, math and strategy. Kids who are new readers/non-readers will need a caregiver to sit with them and help.

Book to Art Club, Sunday, January 25th, 1:30-3:30 pm

- *Rage is Back* by Adam Mansbach - A novel set in the graffiti scene of NYC, this book has been called 'beautiful, funny and heartbreaking' by the Boston Globe. The San Francisco Chronicle said about the author "Mansbach has a talent for writing full, memorable characters that seem untidy and complex. The prose crackles with insight." Each meeting the Book to Art Club explores literature in a hands-on, creative way. Read the book and come make a creative project based on the book's themes. All are welcome-- no experience in art making necessary. Supplies provided.



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Dental Facility Recycles Oral Care Products and Earns Money for Charity

Artisan Dental has begun the first and only oral care products recycling program in the Dane County area, helping to keep toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, floss containers and mouthwash containers out of landfills. The Artisan Dental Recycling Program participates with the Tom's of Maine Natural Care Brigade®, and TerraCycle®. The program also earns money for charity, as waste sent to TerraCycle generates cash donations to Feeding America. The waste materials will be recycled into products, such as cutting boards, and trash cans.

Artisan Dental is also cooperating with the City of Madison Streets and Recycling Department to create additional awareness around the program. "Oral care products are impossible to recycle in municipal curbside programs," Madison recycling coordinator George Dreckmann said. "It is great when someone in the

community steps up to help with hard to recycle materials. We are pleased to partner with Artisan Dental to recycle these products."

Artisan Dental accepts oral and personal care waste from local community members at its office at 10 North Livingston St., Suite 301, Madison, WI. 53703. For more information please visit our website at www.artisandentalmadison.com or call 608-467-8022.



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Celebrate the holidays with your friends and neighbors. Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, and thank Mike and Dawn Thiesen for their many years of ownership before they retire early next year.



A great year for the Period Garden Park. See the story on Page 6
