

Vision Statement

Capitol Neighborhoods, Inc. exists to provide a way for residents to articulate and implement their vision for maintaining and enhancing the residential amenities of the Capitol area.

Mission Statement

Capitol Neighborhoods, Inc. is an association of downtown neighborhood Districts – Bassett, Mifflin West, First Settlement, Mansion Hill, and James Madison Park. It promotes a democratic process to give an effective voice to all residents with input from friends of CNI who care about preserving and developing a more livable downtown for Madison.

To that end it sponsors informational, entertaining and social programming and forums for residents to debate and members to vote both proactive and reactive resolutions that can be forwarded to government officials, planners, developers, property owners, media, businesses and business associations.

President's Message

By Jeff Vercauteren, President, CNI

The Capitol Neighborhoods Executive Council adopted a strategic plan last summer that includes three objectives: (1) Communication, (2) Programming and Outreach, and (3) Collaboration. For each goal, we adopted ambitious plans for the year that aimed to modernize the way we communicate with our members and the general public, increase our commitment to hosting programs that foster education and dialogue on civic issues, and improve coordination with other organizations.

We started the year by hosting Madison Police Chief Mike Koval for a "Meet the Chief" event last July in coordination with Downtown Madison, Inc. for a discussion with downtown residents and businesses on public safety issues. We followed that with a program for Dane County Sheriff Dave Mahoney in August to speak about the needs assessment and master plan for the Dane County Jail.

In September, we hosted the Madison Design Professionals Workgroup for a discussion of the vision for John Nolen Drive and Law Park, and in October we hosted City Forester Marla Eddy for a discussion of the Urban Forest and the city's efforts to combat emerald ash borer. In December, we hosted our annual holiday party at the historic Kennedy Manor Dining Room, in January we hosted 1000 Friends of Wisconsin for a

presentation about the benefits of traditional, walkable neighborhoods, and in February we hosted MGE for a presentation on energy savings and energy efficiency improvements. Finally, in May, we coordinated with the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation to host Jen Davel from the Wisconsin Historical Society for a discussion of historic tax credits for residences and businesses.

Along the way, we issued position statements on the proposed city budget, encouraging full funding of the police department's request for new neighborhood resource officers, and on the proposed closing of the MATC Downtown Campus. We also helped facilitate two mayoral candidate forums--one in January with Downtown Madison, Inc. and one in March with our fellow downtown and near east side neighborhood associations.

We are also in the process of modernizing our website, newsletter, and communications systems to better serve our members and to increase outreach to potential new members. Special thanks to Scott Kolar and Davy Mayer for coordinating that effort, which will be formally rolled out this summer.

Overall, we have accomplished many of the goals we set last year. I encourage you to get involved over the coming year to share your ideas, time, and energy to help continue to make our downtown a great place to live.



Bassett District

By Jonathan Cooper, District Chair

Once again, the Bassett District welcomed new neighbors to new housing units during the last year and entertained proposals for additional housing that will bring even more residents to the neighborhood. Downtown Madison is a vibrant and exciting place to live and Bassett's proximity to cultural institutions, restaurants providing a diverse array of dining experiences, and the virtual "non-commute" many of us enjoy in walking, biking, or busing to work in a matter of minutes are all part of that downtown experience. It's easy to see why more people are joining us as downtown residents.

New housing which opened in the last year include the mixed-use development at 425 W. Washington, with 50 rental units, Dr. John Bonsett-Veal's optometry clinic, and Capital Fitness; Alexander Company's 306 West Apartments, with 176 units at Main and Henry; Keller Real Estate's Bassett Walk with 18 living units at 506 W. Main; and Urban Land Interests' Nine Line at the Yard, an 80-unit development adjacent to J.H. Findorff and Sons' expanded headquarters building in the 600 block of W. Wilson. Finally, a small but no less significant addition to the Bassett residential mix is the Lannon Hill Home, a Civil War-era building that stood at the corner of West Main and South Bassett for some 150 years. Last year this building was threatened with demolition to clear the way for the Bassett Walk project but was saved and relocated through the efforts of neighborhood residents and other concerned citizens as well as Keller Real Estate and Urban Land Interests. The Lannon Hill Home has been relocated to the corner of Proudfit and Lorillard Ct. and rehabbed as a lovely single-unit dwelling.

And as is usual for the Bassett District, more redevelopment is on the horizon. Both Inn on the Park and Anchor Bank on the Square are slated for additions and extensive exterior makeovers. The Anchor Bank project also includes the replacement of the parking structure on Hamilton with underground parking and a mixed-use building with 88 apartments.

Elsewhere in the neighborhood, the first and evidently

last downtown staging of Rhythm and Booms was held in Law Park last summer. While this event proved to be a pleasant addition to our neighborhood, it unfortunately was unsuccessful financially. In its place in 2015 will be Shake the Lake, a smaller and more family-oriented event that will bring fireworks and entertainment to Law Park the last weekend of June. The development of the Brittingham Park area at the bend of North Shore and Proudfit continues, with work on a seating area and a Little Free Library under way. Finally, Brittingham Boats will be returning for a third year of operation out of the Brittingham bathhouse with plans to add pontoon boat rentals to their mix of offerings.

Summer is here. Enjoy the weather and the amenities that Bassett has to offer. Meet and greet our new neighbors and help introduce them to the pleasures of living downtown.



The refurbished Lannon Hill Home at its new location at 151 Proudfit Street.



The Bassett Walk apartments nearing completion at the former site of the Lannon Hill Home & Store at the corner of West Main Street and Bassett Street.

First Settlement

By Jim Skrentny, District Chair

It was a pleasure to see First Settlement being recognized in last summer's Cap Times article "Capital Neighborhood: First Settlement has become a Downtown Success Story" (7/16/2014). Our neighborhood's transformation has been a result of decades of commitment and vision of urban pioneers and forward-thinking entrepreneurs. To those who have contributed to our neighborhood's transformation, I extend a heartfelt thank you on behalf of those of us who benefit daily from your labors. And to all neighbors, young professionals and retirees alike, I issue a challenge - **Get involved!** Great places like our neighborhood do not happen by accident. They're made and sustained by the efforts of people like you.

Highlights from the past year:

- Crowley Station (CS), at 201 S. Hancock St., continues as a place for exhibitions and performances. Musicians will be performing there for Make Music Madison from 4 - 9 PM on Sunday, June 21st. Last September, the Greater Madison Jazz Consortium organized the very successful "Strollin' First Settlement" event where ideal weather made CS a perfect venue for big band performances. Neighbors are grateful to Alders Verveer and Rummel as well as the Madison Water Utility for their support and cooperation with transforming CS into a neighborhood asset. **Get involved** - Want to host a poetry



Beautiful homes in First Settlement's historic district.

slam or exhibit art at this outdoor public space? Get in touch if you have an idea, big or small, for using Crowley Station.

- Madison's newest community garden, the Crowley Station Community Garden (CSCG), is in its second growing season on the lower deck of Crowley Station. The CSCG became a reality early last summer after an extraordinary effort by a dedicated group of downtown residents who constructed planting beds and moved tons of soil (I didn't say 'dirt' Danni!). Gardeners are hoping the city will soon install the bike parking stalls that were promised for last year. **Get involved** - see <http://crowleystationgarden.org/>.
- The neighborhood was presented with an exciting project, called The King, which proposes to replace a tiny surface parking lot at the corner of King and S. Webster Sts. with an attractive, seven-story, flatiron building. Plans call for a 36 room boutique hotel, a two-story bar-restaurant, a lower-level entertainment space, and a roof-top cafe with a retractable roof. Neighbors look forward to working with the development team on challenges the project will be facing with zoning. **Get involved** - join a neighborhood steering committee.
- Plans for a six-story apartment building at 330 E. Wilson St. were approved. The neighborhood steering committee was unsuccessful at influencing the building's setback or massing to keep open the view down S. Hancock St., but it was able to influence the palette of materials to improve the building's compatibility with the surrounding historic residential and commercial buildings. Neighbors are anticipating construction to begin sometime this summer. Thank you to those neighbors who participated on the steering committee.



Morning at the Crowley Station Community Garden.

- The saga of Judge Doyle Square continues to unfold as new proposals for this site are being analyzed and reviewed by the city with recommendations expected late July and Council action following in August. The current timeline sets selection of the development team by next January with construction to commence sometime in 2016.

Get involved - Do you have ideas for building a stronger First Settlement neighborhood? Our regular neighborhood meetings are on the second Tuesday of odd months. Dates for the remainder of 2015 are: 7/14, 9/8 and 11/10. Meeting dates and locations are posted on our listserv (subscribe by sending an email to firstsettlementneighborhood-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).



Mansion Hill District

By Gene Devitt, District Chair

Looking back it seems like there was always something going on in the Mansion Hill Neighborhood. Beginning in earnest in 1960 with the end of the requirement that undergraduates needed to live in UW supervised housing and the resulting demand for apartments followed by the anti-Vietnam War Movement and the advent of powerful stereotypes that could entertain entire blocks, the neighborhood changed fast and in a big way. Paul Soglin, the new Mayor, decided to take the downtown neighborhood seriously and embarked on a series of civic improvements, such as the Langdon and Wisconsin Avenue reconstruction project. Things were still a mess, but at least we had good streets and sidewalks.

Then a little over 40 years ago, around the nation's bicentennial, historic preservation as a movement picked up and Madison's first landmarks ordinance was passed. Mansion Hill became the first landmarks district. Since that time, the housing quality in the neighborhood has dramatically improved, resulting in a return of permanent residents who are moving in to housing vacated by students who have moved into the new high rises closest to campus. Not that there haven't been some big fights, such as the attempt to keep the view of Lake

Mendota intact as part of the Edgewater project and a couple of spirited defenses of the historic district. More recently, long term street projects, such as West Gilman Street and now North Pinckney Street are nearing completion, as is the final undergrounding of utilities throughout the entire neighborhood. The fate of the Steensland House on the Bethel Lutheran Church block was satisfactorily negotiated with the result that promises to make just about everybody happy. But of course, we still have issues, such as keeping the MATC Downtown Campus alive and well, down to small but important items like trying to get the bus company to not use audible turn signal devices that are interrupting our neighbor's sleep---it never ends.



2015 Fiscal Annual Report

This chart represents Capitol Neighborhoods' 2014 actual budget and approved 2015 budgeted income and expenses.

INCOME	2014 Actual	2015 Budget
Membership	\$4,191.46	\$4,000.00
Media	\$6,718.80	\$7,000.00
Donations	\$570.00	\$500.00
Parks & Gardens	\$2,330.00	\$2,800.00
Mansion Hill	N/A	\$0.00
James Madison Park	N/A	\$0.00
First Settlement	N/A	\$0.00
Bassett	N/A	\$0.00
Mifflin	N/A	\$0.00
Fundraising	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$182.87	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$13,993.13	\$14,400.00
EXPENSES	2014 Actual	2015 Budget
Parks & Gardens	\$1,759.98	\$2,800.00
Fundraising	\$0.00	\$0.00
Social	\$1,150.00	\$1,000.00
Administration	\$1,753.65	\$1,100.00
Programs	\$571.51	\$900.00
Printing & Postage	\$7,372.51	\$7,500.00
Mansion Hill	N/A	\$100.00
James Madison Park	N/A	\$100.00
First Settlement	N/A	\$100.00
Bassett	N/A	\$100.00
Mifflin	N/A	\$100.00
Miscellaneous	\$665.50	\$500.00
TOTAL	\$13,273.15	\$14,300.00

Mifflin District

By Tim Kamps, District Chair

It continues to be a great time to be a resident of “Miffland.” During the last year, we have seen the completion of Domain and Ovation, two high-rise apartment buildings on West Johnson Street, and anticipate an infusion of new energy in our neighborhood as residents begin to occupy more than 500 net new apartments created by these projects. In addition, the now-completed Block 100 project resulted in the careful restoration of long-vacant landmark and historic buildings, including at Mifflin and Fairchild Street, where the new restaurant Cento has opened in the beautifully preserved Fairchild/Stark and Schubert buildings. On the other side of the block, Vom Fass and several other retail stores are opening in the new flatiron building at State and Fairchild. It is important to note that operating revenues from Block 100 will support the Overture Center, which in turn benefits the neighborhood through high-quality performing arts, a thriving arts district, and increased property values.

Two major new apartment projects have recently broken ground in our neighborhood: Johnson Bend, a 12-story building on the 400 block of West Johnson, and an 8 and 10-story complex on the 100 block of North Bedford. Both participated in the neighborhood development review process, and the steering committee appreciated the professional courtesy demonstrated by involving us early in the process, carefully listening to our comments to improve the project, and communicating well, all in the service of achieving the best development proposal for the neighborhood based on zoning rules for the area.

In addition to residential construction, Hovde Properties is performing a major renovation to the former AT&T building at 316 West Washington Avenue. When complete, the building will contain updated Class A office space, new windows, remodeled lobbies and other common areas, and will house several hundred tech workers for a software company, among other tenants.

In the year ahead, we look forward to addressing both challenges and opportunities in Miffland. The Phi-

losopher’s Grove area at the top of Mifflin Street will continue to be the focus of significant programming efforts and police resources to mitigate what has at times been a haven for bad behavior, public intoxication, and intimidation. Traditional student housing within the district continues to exhibit signs of its age, which represents the potential for significant changes in the character and composition of our built environment and resident mix. These changes also have the potential to limit availability of affordable housing for residents at all income levels, which is a significant concern in the district. We anticipate more opportunities for development review in the near future, with collaborative and productive review processes and positive outcomes. New commercial and retail spaces created by Block 100 and Ovation will further contribute to our already thriving shopping and entertainment district. Most of all, we continue to celebrate and enjoy our neighborhood, which AARP deemed “most livable” in the country (May 2015 Bulletin available at aarp.org).



The Domain as seen from Mifflin Street



Ovation as seen from Mifflin Street

ETB At Farmer's Market

Dane County has a national reputation for its robust local foods economy – local food sales contribute nearly \$3 million to our local economy, and the City of Madison is home to the largest farmer's market in the county on the Capitol Square.

To expand access and affordability of the fresh, healthy produce our county is known for, Dane County and the City of Madison are partnering with Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin (CAC) to enable more low-income families in Dane County to use their FoodShare benefits at participating farmer's markets across the county.

Markets that accept FoodShare through Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) allow people to easily exchange their benefits for market vouchers. The customer can then buy fruits, vegetables, honey, cheese, eggs, meat and more, directly from a local grower.

Participating markets include Madison's Dane County Farmer's Market on the Capitol Square, the Westside, Northside, Eastside and South Madison Farmers' Markets, as well as the Monona Farmer's Market. CAC is working with community partners and other farmer's markets in Dane County to raise awareness of the program and expand EBT use in the future.

The initiative also includes the "Double Dollars" program. Double Dollars provides Farmers' Market EBT program participants with matching dollars for that day's market purchase, up to \$25.00, to help maximize the FoodShare dollars they're spending and ensure they can afford the produce they need. Double Dollars is available at Madison's Northside, Westside, and Eastside Farmer's markets, and at the Monona Farmer's Market.

For many families, their local farmer's market is the closest grocery store, or their only grocery store. By allowing more low-income families to use their FoodShare benefit, fresh local produce is no longer a luxury, but a healthy alternative that more people can afford.

To join the partnership, please contact Nahrissa Rush at Community Action Coalition for South Central Wis-

consin, Inc. via phone at 608-246-4730 ext. 208 or send an e-mail to: nahrissar@cacscw.org.

To sign up for FoodShare and/or to determine your eligibility, please visit <https://access.wisconsin.gov/>.

Dane County Executive Joe Parisi, City of Madison, and Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin



Make Music Madison

By Mayor Paul Soglin

Make sure you mark June 21 on your calendar, as you will have an opportunity to celebrate the Summer Solstice and Make Music Madison with your neighbors, friends, and family! If you have not checked out the event in the past two years, you will certainly want to this year.

Make Music Madison is an annual one-day citywide, free, outdoor music festival and it is always held on the summer solstice. The event is celebrated worldwide and Madison is no exception. Organizers and volunteers have been working year-round to establish the performance spaces, the timing and of course, the musical groups throughout the day and evening and throughout the city.

From public spaces, ranging from Monona Terrace, to area libraries, parks and community centers to the yards and garages of folks from around the city, there will be music from morning into the evening, of all styles performed by musicians of all ages and levels of expertise.

Make Music Madison provides a great opportunity for all of us to support our local musicians, to applaud their efforts and performances, to sing along and to dance to the music.

It is these musicians and hundreds of volunteers who make this day possible and I hope you will join me in celebrating this really fun day. Learn more here: <http://makemusicmadison.org/>

Serving The People Of The 26th Senate District

By State Senator Fred Risser

Summer will soon bring some hot and humid days with it. To help keep you and your family cool and comfortable without busting the family budget, here are some suggestions on ways to reduce your electric usage and costs each month:



- Install and set a programmable thermostat. You could save an estimated 10 percent per year on heating and cooling costs by using a programmable thermostat, and by resetting your thermostat when you are asleep or away from home, you won't have to sacrifice comfort. Set your thermostat to 78 degrees when you are home and

85 degrees or off when you are away. Using ceiling or room fans allows you to set the thermostat higher because the air movement will cool the room.

- Energy efficient lighting. About 10 percent of the energy your home uses going to lighting costs. Replacing 15 traditional bulbs with energy-saving bulbs will save you \$50 a year -- and more than \$600 in energy costs over the life of the bulbs. Compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) give off the same light as incandescent bulbs but use up to 75% less energy and last up to 10 times longer. Newer LED light bulbs, which are even more energy efficient and cost effective, are becoming a more practical and cost-effective option for consumers.
- Keep the hot sun out of your home: When leaving your home, or in times of the day when the sun is at its hottest, pull your window shades closed to block out warm rays. Your interior spaces will feel cooler and your air conditioner will not have to work

as hard.

- Smart Power Strips: Use an electronic power strip for your electronic equipment. Often called energy vampires, Smart TV's, DVR's, gaming systems, laptops, and other devices continue to consume unnecessary energy even when not in use. Smart Power Strips turn down or turn off power to phantom energy users when they aren't in use. And be sure to unplug your cell phone, iPad and other chargers -- they draw energy even when they aren't connected to a device.
- Sign up for Budget Billing: Ask your utility company about budget billing which allows customers to spread energy costs more evenly over a 12-month period and reduce the impact of higher winter or summer utility bills.

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.wi.gov Twitter: [@senrisser](https://twitter.com/senrisser)



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State Budget Update

By Representative Chris Taylor

Spring and summer are finally here! With these warmer temperatures, it's hard to not be outside enjoying Wisconsin's great outdoors! Unfortunately, as a member of the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) I've been spending most of my time focused on Governor Walker's 2015-17 state budget. We've been hard at work, reviewing the Governor's recommendations and taking it apart bit by bit.

As we've seen with this Governor and his legislative allies, if they don't like the way your community operates – they simply take it over. We saw this last session with the Republicans attempts to do away with local control in frac sand mining and eliminate several important tenant protections in high-rental communities like Madison.



This session is proving to be no different as once again, the GOP are setting their sights on Madison and Dane County. Earlier this spring, they did a sweeping overhaul of Dane County water management in a last minute motion in JFC. The provision prohibits Dane County from advising the DNR on water quality management plans. Instead, it puts the DNR, an agency riddled with position and budget cuts, in charge of Dane County's rivers, lakes and streams.

Dane County is now the only county in the State of Wisconsin that is prohibited from providing local input to the DNR concerning the management and the health of our water resources. Instead, under this motion the GOP allows other undefined entities, including those outside of Wisconsin, to provide input on Dane County's water quality issues.

In another motion to usurp local control, the Republicans on the Joint Finance Committee passed a motion incorporating the Town of Windsor as a village, completely bypassing the Department of Administration's Incorporation

Review Board, which is required by state law. Just the week before, the DeForest Village Council opposed the incorporation by a vote of 6-0. It is unfortunate that once again, the Republican majority feels it is necessary to insert themselves into local issues that should be handled by local governments.

Finally, there is a growing rumor around the Capitol that the JFC Republicans will sneak language into the budget that exempts Dane County towns from Dane County zoning. There was similar legislation introduced last session – except it was applied statewide – that did not pass the Legislature. I truly hope that we do not see this motion come before JFC for a vote. This is our community and it is appalling that outsiders continue to insert themselves into our local affairs by passing these sweeping state mandates.

If you have any questions – do not hesitate to contact my office direct via phone at 608-266-5342 or via email at Rep.Taylor@legis.wi.gov. I look forward to seeing you all at the Capitol Neighborhoods Annual Meeting in June!



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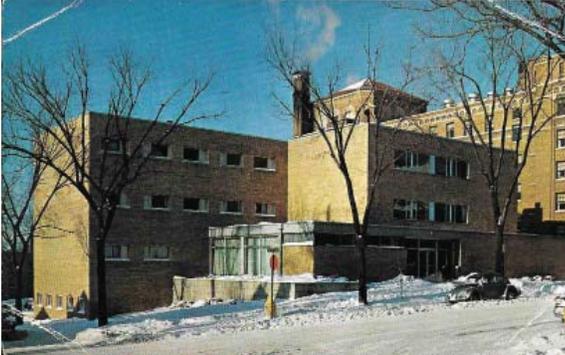
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Now & Then

By Michael K. Bridgeman

A Healthy Downtown

There have long been many doctors of many kinds in downtown Madison, but in 1919 the Jackson Clinic opened as “the first modern physician’s clinic” in the city, according to historian David Mollenhoff. It was established by Dr. James A. Jackson Sr., who earned his medical degree after serving as a hospital steward during the Civil War, and two of his physician sons: Reginald Jackson and James A. Jackson Jr.



This postcard view, an unusual winter shot, shows the Jackson Clinic as well as part of Methodist Hospital behind it; both have been demolished. This 1950s building was at the corner of W. Main and S. Henry Streets.

ard during the Civil War, and two of his physician sons: Reginald Jackson and James A. Jackson Jr.

They set up their group practice on N. Hamilton Street in the block now occupied by the Madison Children’s Museum.

The Jacksons—at least four generation of whom were doctors—were instrumental in creating Methodist Hospital and by the 1950s had built a clinic adjacent to the hospital.

In the ever-evolving world of health care, the Jackson Clinic and Methodist Hospital were subsumed in what has become Meriter Hospital. The buildings are gone, too, replaced by the Capitol West Condominiums and 306 West Apartments on W. Washington Avenue.

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A distinctive canopy marks the entrance to the Quisling Clinic which is now part of Quisling Terrace apartments. The sleek Streamline Moderne style was continued in the design of the expanded building.

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Dane County Alternatives to Incarceration

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

This past May, the Dane County Board of Supervisors approved the following resolution: "Investigating Alternatives to Incarceration, Solutions to Racial Disparities and Mental Health Challenges in the Dane County Jail and Throughout Dane County's Criminal Justice System." The resolution calls for a comprehensive reform of the Dane County criminal justice system and the establishment of three work groups of the Public Protection and Judiciary (PP&J) Committee. Three work groups will be formed to advise the PP&J Committee:



- *Mental Health, Solitary Confinement and Incarceration* – will investigate the possibility of establishing a mental health toolkit or mental health court to support Dane County's Circuit Court judges, one or more stand-alone community-based facilities, potentially based on a crisis intervention or restoration center model, and eliminating or greatly reducing the use of solitary confinement
- *Length of Stay* – will address approaches to reduce the number of people in jail and racial disparities among people in jail
- *Alternatives to Arrest and Incarceration* – will address alternatives to arrest and incarceration, prior to being booked

All three work groups will include community members, explicitly including communities of color, particularly the African-American community, people with mental illness and people who have been

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Fifth Annual Mad City Vegan Fest

Over 2,000 Visitors Expected

The fifth annual Mad City Vegan Fest will take place at the Goodman Community Center on Saturday, June 27, 2015 from 10 am to 5 pm. The free event features renowned speakers, cooking demonstrations, exhibitors, a raffle and delicious food.

Fest organizer Gina Stuessy said, "It's a great opportunity for the public to learn more about protecting animals, the environment, and their health. Everyone is welcome -- from omnivores who are just curious, to longtime vegans and vegetarians." This year's speakers include authors Kristin Lajeunesse and Matt Ruscigno. Mad City Vegan Fest is a project of Alliance for Animals and the Environment. A complete list of speakers, exhibitors and vendors can be found at www.veganfest.org.



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

Downtown is bursting with summer events to enjoy – both new and old favorites! Find event listings at visitdowntownmadison.com.

A new series of events kicks off in June at the “**Top of State**”, where State Street meets the Capitol Square. With the partnership of the City and the Madison Parks Foundation, Madison's Central BID will program the Philosophers' Grove (100 W. Mifflin St.) and 30 on the Square (100 N. Carroll St.) this summer with an **eclectic mix of events and activities**. Join us in Philosopher's Grove on Tuesday June 2, 11am – 2pm, for a **Biking Resource Fair** with Madison Parks, Bicycle, the City's Ped/Bike staff, Budget Bikes, and more. Get a bike safety check or bike license, and learn about Bicycle urban bike sharing, or Ride the Drive on June 7. Visit the Wisconsin Historical Museum (30 N. Carroll) for their June 2 “History Sandwiched In: Miles from Neenah, the National Bike Challenge Story (12:15–1pm)” or the exhibition “Shifting Gears: A Cyclical History of Badger Bicycling.” On Thursday, June 4 from 11am – 7pm, stop by the **Mad City Bazaar** urban flea market, featuring arts, crafts, vintage and more (Philosophers' Grove and 30 on the Square). For weekly event listings, check top-of-state.com.

The annual Cars on State Classic Car Show is Saturday June 6, from 10am to 3pm on State St. Classic cars and trucks will be on display from the State Capitol to Library Mall. The Greater State Street Business Association (GSSBA) presents Cars on State with support from Madison's Central BID. More information is at carsonstate.com.

Mark your calendars for great bargains from local businesses—the Maxwell Street Days Summer Sidewalk Sale on State Street is Fri. July 17 through Sun. July 19 (Fri.-Sat. 8am–6pm, Sun. 10am-5pm). Enjoy great bargains on clothing, jewelry, gifts, artwork, sporting goods, books and more, plus fabulous food from nearly a hundred State Street and Capitol Square shops and

restaurants. More information maxwellstreetdays.org.

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 visitdowntownmadison.com. Staffed by BID Information Ambassadors, the Visitor Center summer hours are Sun.-Thurs. 11am-5pm, Fri 11am-6pm, and Sat 9am-6pm. The Info Booth hours (weather permitting) are Mon.-Tues. 11am-2pm, Wed.-Thurs. 11am-5pm, Fri. 11am-6pm, Sat. 9am-6pm, and Sun. 11am- 5pm.



Shop local, shop downtown, at the Maxwell Street Days Summer Sidewalk Sale (Madison Sole) (Photo: Mary Carbine)



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There is a continuing physical presence for another noted downtown medical group practice, the Quisling Clinic. That building stands at the corner of Wisconsin Avenue and W. Gorham Street as part of Quisling Terrace Apartments.

The Quislings were also a family of physicians. The clinic was started by four brothers (Abraham, Rolf, Gunnar and Sverre) along with their father Dr. Andreas Quisling, an immigrant from Norway. They opened their group practice in 1933 in the Christian Dick Block on King Street, now home to Madison's.

The Quislings moved to their new medical office in 1945 after architect Lawrence Monberg dramatically expanded a remodeled house that had been on the site for 60 years. The stylish building continued as a clinic until 1998 as part of Physicians Plus before being integrated into the apartment building which opened two years later.



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At the Madison Senior Center

February 1964: The Beatles Conquer America

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Backs, Bones & Joints

On Thursday, July 16 at 12:15 pm join Drs. Kyle and Bailey Nye, DC to find out why your left knee hurts but not your right? Maybe you've had your right hip replaced but not your left. If we put the same amount of wear and tear on both sides of our bodies, why does one side deteriorate faster than the other? Learn this and how to treat and prevent back, neck, and joint pain. Call 266-6581 to register.

Summer Reading Clubs



Get ready for a summer of reading with Madison Public Library's summer reading clubs. Our club for children keeps kids reading and learning all summer long. Kids can earn prizes and promote literacy. Children who read past prize goals will earn points toward the creation and installation of Little Free Libraries in neighborhoods without a library nearby. Teens and adults can earn prizes, too. For the newly combined teen/adult program, participants earn a chance at a weekly prize each time they read and record a book. The program begins June 1 and ends August 31. Prizes and prize drawings are available beginning June 15. Children can participate in Madison libraries or through Group Summer Reading sites, and teens and adults can choose to participate in libraries or online in a newly designed site that works equally well on a computer, tablet, or smart phone. Learn more at <http://reading.madisonpubliclibrary.org>



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impacted by incarceration. Each work group will make recommendations for next steps to the Public Protection and Judiciary Committee and to the Criminal Justice Council by September 30, 2015.

I have heard the process the resolution establishes described as "stopping the new Jail." On the contrary, this process will help guide Dane County to the best possible solution to resolve the dangerous threat to life and security of the current Dane County Jail facilities. I welcome your thoughts on the above resolution and how to ensure the security and safety of the public, employees and the incarcerated.



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Tuesday, June 30, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

We are pleased to welcome State Representative Chris Taylor as this year's guest speaker. Chris will offer her perspective on legislative matters affecting downtown residents. There will be a cash bar and complementary appetizers will be served.



Maxwell Street Days Summer Sidewalk Sale in front of Fontana Sports
Photo: John Hutchinson
