

COMMUNITY



Rhythm & Booms: You either love ‘em or leave ‘em

By Megan Maguire
Northside News

Madison’s Northside has had a love/hate relationship with Rhythm and Booms. Either you start planning your party well in advance, or you decide where outside of Madison you will spend your day. This year’s event brings changes that will either disappoint or delight anyone living around Warner Park.

Started in 1993, this annual fireworks event, held on the Saturday before Fourth of July, has steadily grown in size and popularity. Hailed as the “largest fireworks display in the Midwest,” additions over the years have included a carnival, live music, military demonstrations and a run/walk. The event has gathered people from all over the city and outlying areas, with estimates of 200,000 or more flocking to Warner Park in recent years.

Despite the popularity of Rhythm and Booms, city budgetary constraints and setbacks due to weather, have left the event fund with a deficit. Thus, organizers have scaled back offerings for this year. While the run/walk will still be held, gone is the daytime midway and carnival rides. The event will open this year at 5 pm, with two stages for music, and food and beer stands. Anita Weier, District 18 Alder, stated, “This year’s Rhythm & Booms should be quieter and less costly. I’m especially pleased that there will not be a carnival, because fights have occurred in that area. And other entertainment will start later in the day.”

Want to start planning, either to stay for the day or to “get out of Dodge?” This year’s event will be held on Saturday, June 30, with a rain date of Sunday, July 1.

Margaret’s Fund has scholarship available for returning adult student

By Alyssa Kenney
and Anne Pryor
Margaret’s Fund

Margaret’s Fund: A Northside Scholarship Endowment will distribute one \$500 scholarship to a Northside adult who is returning to post-secondary education and attending a degree or certificate granting program in 2012.

Applicants must have a permanent address on Madison’s Northside, as defined by the Northside Planning Council’s service area, at the time of application. Applicants must be accepted (or have a pending application) at an accredited post secondary education institution and be planning to enroll in a degree- or certificate-seeking program in the 2012-13 academic year. A strong preference is given to adults that have been active participants in Northside organizations

and/or have overcome substantial obstacles or challenges to success.

Margaret’s Fund will cover any school related cost. Unlike some restrictive scholarships, Margaret’s Fund will help cover some of the often forgotten extra costs that put low-income students and returning adults at a disadvantage — the need for childcare, computers and other supplies and special fees can be covered by this scholarship.

Madison’s Northside is a special place and Margaret’s Fund is part of what makes the Northside special. Applications can be requested by calling Alyssa Kenney at 213-7917 or Anne Pryor 244-7099 or liking Margaret’s Fund: A Northside Scholarship on Facebook. Applications are also available at Northside community centers and the Lakeview Library.

Applications are due by June 1, 2012.

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Nominations will be accepted until May 13. Mail, hand deliver or email nominations to: Joshua Lydick, Store Director, jlydick@piercesmarkets.com



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Cookout for a Cause

Calling all nonprofit organizations! Pierce’s raised over \$1500 for nonprofits in 2011. Preregister your organization now to be included in the second season of fun.



Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg hunt registration for Saturday, April 7 has filled. Thanks to everyone that has registered to participate — we’ll see you there!



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“Closer Look” exhibit and digital photography class to be featured at VSA Wisconsin

By Kathie Wagner

A new exhibition opens at the VSA Wisconsin Gallery, 1709 Aberg Ave. on Monday, Apr. 16. Madison residents, Dan Stace and Romano Johnson are among the 10 artists featured in “A Closer Look: VSA Wisconsin’s 2012 Purchase Awards.” In his artist statement, Johnson revealed that he likes to draw cars and faces. He said, “When I draw and paint, I’m always working for better ideas; blending colors, adding glitter and coming up with patterns. I want people to see that this is what I love doing ... I want people to look at my paintings and drawings and say, “Wow!”” The award winning works will be on view through Wednesday, May 9. Gallery hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from 2-5:30 pm, and by appointment. For more information visit www.vsawis.org.

Also coming this spring is Photo Town, a five-week digital photography



Artwork left, Red Blue Style Girl by Romano Johnson, above, Kaleidoscope by Krystal Yapp

class at the VSA Wisconsin Art Center. You may see these photographers in and around our neighborhood capturing images which will then be ed-

ited and framed for a public exhibition at the VSA Wisconsin Gallery later in the fall. If you have a passion or interest in photography, please consider volunteering in this class which starts in late May. Contact Alexis London at 608-241-2131 for more information.

Memorial oak tree hacked down at Troy Gardens

By Patricia Lindquist

An oak tree in the Memorial Oak Grove of Troy Gardens was recently cut to the ground. Someone took a hatchet to the young tree and left the top of the tree lying next to a four-foot tall stump. The tree was part of a small grove of oak trees located north of the prairie. This grove has developed over the years as people with ties to Troy Gardens have planted oak trees in memory of loved ones.

The tree was likely cut down in late February. Two concerned neighbors who regularly walk the trails through Troy Gardens contacted Community GroundWorks staff to report the incident. A second tree was also reportedly hacked down at the nearby Central Wisconsin Center. Many have expressed their sadness at these senseless acts of destruction.

Art briefs

by Marlene Hardick

It’s May and time for the Audubon Art Fair

Anyone looking for a unique Mother’s Day gift is likely to find it at the Audubon Art Fair. This art fair will be held on Saturday, May 5 from 9:30 am-4:30 pm at Warner Park Community Recreation Center. The fair will feature 100 artists

selling original art of all kinds, much of it portraying nature. On exhibit will be photography, paintings, prints, weaving, glass, fiber, ceramics, jewelry and sculpture. Visitors can also enjoy good food, buy plants and bid in the silent auction.

The Art Fair is a fundraiser to support Madison Audubon’s work of wildlife habitat preservation, community education and advocacy. For more information, go to www.madisonaudubon.org.

Wild Warner offers free nature photography workshop

The ability to take good photographs of nature and wildlife is a talent, but one that can be learned. Wild Warner will celebrate Earth Day by offering a free workshop on nature and wildlife photography.

The workshop will be offered at Warner Park Community Recreation Center on Saturday, Apr. 22 at 3 pm. Photographers

Steve Salt and Brooke Williams will provide examples of local nature and wildlife photography, discuss basic cameras and gear and talk about how to prepare for a shoot. Then they will lead a walk in Warner Park, offering hands-on tips to photographers. Participants should bring equipment such as cameras, tri-pods, binoculars, and scopes.

Some great examples of nature photography can be found at www.wildwarnerpark.org.

VOTE APRIL 3rd

RE-ELECT

Paul Rusk

Dane County Board

I’m asking for your vote on April 3rd

Paul Rusk

“I support Paul Rusk for County Board, because I know that in times like these we need leaders on the county board who will fight to protect the Dane County way.”
- County Executive Joe Parisi

“Paul Rusk is a tireless champion for creating efficiencies that have saved money while addressing many problems. He has creatively worked to maintain the many critical services Dane County provides in these tough economic times without always relying on tax increases.”
- Supervisor Dianne Conway Hesselbein, Chair, Personnel & Finance

“The state may be in terrible hands, but with leaders like you, Dane County is in good shape! Keep up the good work.”
- State Senator Mark Miller

“As chair of Public Protection & Judiciary, Supervisor Paul Rusk is a strong advocate for public safety for all citizens. All of us in law enforcement appreciate his hard work and commitment.” - Sheriff Dave Mahoney

“Supervisor Paul Rusk’s focus on the issues and his ability to work collaboratively is what we need in order to continue to meet the complex challenges our criminal justice system faces.”
- District Attorney Ismael Ozanne

“Paul Rusk is certainly one of the most helpful and caring people on Madison’s Northside. I first met Paul over 25 years ago working on neighborhood activities together. He became a mentor for me as I grew into being a community leader. I hope he will continue to lead and support us for years to come.”
- Diane A. Brown, Windom Way Resident & Northside Volunteer

“Paul Rusk has been a great representative for our district. He’s a hard worker for all of us and well liked by everyone. Paul, we look forward to seeing you re-elected for another term.”
- Jeanette Kautzer, Almo Avenue



Paul Rusk with Sheriff Mahoney & District Attorney Ozanne

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Be a sponsor

Ride the Drive is an incredible event that will showcase the Northside and is a great opportunity to be an event sponsor. Different sponsorship packages are offered providing opportunities for corporations and small business alike so that you can select the level of participation that best matches your goals and budget. Contact Anne Whisner (awhisner@cityofmadison.com) at City Parks for more information or call NPC at 661-0060 if you have any preliminary questions.

Plan to ride or walk

Most importantly, plan to ride or walk on Aug. 12. Organize a group of friends, family, neighbors, church, club, scout

group, class or business. Create a unique look for your group with costumes, bike decorations or t-shirts.

The route

See the mapped route near this article. These roads will be closed at 8:30 am on the day of the event. All pedestrian traffic and activities will be cleared from the roads at 3 pm so that the streets may be promptly reopened for automobile traffic. More details will be provided closer to the event or check out the online map and route details at the links below.

For the latest information between now and Aug. 12, go to www.NorthsideMadison.org or go directly to the City's website at: www.cityofmadison.com/parks/ridethedrive/northside/

Northside Ride the Drive: The Route



Celebrity golf outing to benefit Warner pool drive

By Dorothy Borchardt

Come and join in the fun at the Circle of Friends (COF) Celebrity Golf Outing on Friday, May 18 at the Bridges Golf Course. If you don't golf, then join us for the dinner, meet our celebrities, bid on our silent auction items, buy raffle tickets and have a good time with neighbors and friends while supporting the COF effort to build a pool at Warner Park.

Good news! Madison Chiropractic will be matching and then doubling any donation that is \$50 or less from any of the patients from

their clinic. So if someone gives a \$1 donation, Madison Chiropractic will donate \$2. This will be for the whole month of April as a way for them to show their patient appreciation.

For more information, please email dborchardt1@charter.net. You can pick up registration forms at M&I Bank, DuWayne's Salon, Trendsetters and the Warner Park Community Recreation Center.

Remember the COF Cookie Sale on Apr. 3 — after you vote, stop in at the WPCRC and purchase freshly baked chocolate chips cookies.

Let's Turn a New Page in Dane County with RICK RAULIN

On April 3rd VOTE...

Rick Raulin ★★★★★
District 12
for County Supervisor



My Friends,

District 12 needs leadership

willing to make the hard choices. We cannot continue on this path of taxing and spending, ruinous debt, reduced bond rating, and no cash reserves. My opponent's tenure has seen a ten year increase in property taxes, and a tripling of our debt to \$240 million—**debt service alone is \$93,500 per DAY!** You can't call yourself a "fiscal conservative or moderate" with that record.

My business background will help me make the best decisions for our citizens. We can grow our economy and help businesses provide jobs for people in Dane County.

I respectfully ask for your vote on April 3rd. THANK YOU!

Rick Raulin

ENDORSEMENTS, INSIDE THE DISTRICT:

- Eric McLeod – Maple Bluff Village President
- Dorothy Borchardt – Former Alderperson
- Santiago Rosas – Former Alderman
- Bill Chatterton – Former Maple Bluff President
- Nancy Harper – Former Maple Bluff President
- Greg Rice – Maple Bluff Village Trustee
- Tim O'Brien – Maple Bluff Village Trustee
- Pat Richter – Former UW Athletic Director
- Larry & Marlene Howe
- John Harper
- Dick Borchardt
- Jean Chatterton
- Jeff Pokorski
- Doug Bufton
- Chet Hermansen
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- Gordon Rice
- Gay O'Brien
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- Andrew & Ann Scott
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- Fred Skram & Bill Skram
- Ron Last
- Annette Mason
- Rachael Newman & Cavinda Caldera
- Jim Martine
- Larry Riechers
- Tim & Deb Sarbacker
- Kathy Kreul
- Don Brunious
- Eric Schneider – "Mayor" of upper Stuart Court
- Larry Foreman
- Gerry Kuhnke
- Dave & Barb Sippy
- Louis Loui
- Diane Reiner
- Marilyn Brickson
- Ray & Rosalia Boerke
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- Gerald Needham

OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT:

- CURRENT Board Supervisors, including:**
- Bill Clausius
 - Mike Willett
 - Duane Gau
 - Eileen Bruskewitz
 - Dennis O'Loughlin
 - Ronn Ferrell
 - Dave Wiganowsky
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 - Gail Rutkowski – Former Board Supervisor
 - Larry Olson – Former Supervisor & Alder
 - Jerry Derr – Chairman Town of Bristol
- CURRENT Dane Cty Board Candidates, including:**
- Sandy Bakk
 - Brian Raemisch
 - Jon Snowden
 - Mary Jane Anderson
 - Jerry Bollig
 - Terri Kelso
 - Trish Baehr-Schaefer – Candidate for 46th Assembly
 - John Kavanaugh – Esquire Club
 - Mark Deadman – Busse's Markway
 - Ryan Jennissen – Former Board Candidate
 - Joshua Garner – Former Board Candidate
 - Jeffrey Kritch – Town of Madison Supervisor
 - Peter Theron – Former Congressional Candidate
 - Scott Grabins – Reach Out Wisconsin organizer
 - Ramona & Tim Weakland Warden
- ...plus 45 additional endorsements from outside the district

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I believe we "can do" what we need to do to make Dane County a better place to live, to work and to raise our families. The principles of "Can Do Dane" include:

- Focus on **Jobs** as our #1 Priority
- Accept nothing less than **Safe Communities**
- **Strengthen** seniors, children & disabled programs
- **Stop Raising Taxes** during a recession
- **Cooperate** rather than Confront
- **Support Madison Prep** for disadvantaged youth
- **Reduce Debt** and craft affordable budgets



JOB GROWTH needs to be our **TOP PRIORITY:**

- Analyze regulations for their economic impact on the applicants
- Establish a firm timeline for applications
- Set a county deadline for approval—if we miss it, the application is deemed to be approved

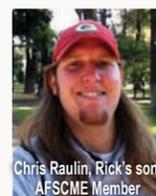


Rick listens to your concerns because he wants to represent everyone in the district:

Rick is active in the neighborhood, his church, the KC's, Warner Park's Circle of Friends, the Northside Business Assoc., the Northside Economic Development Coalition and Madison Police North District Citizen Advisory Group. Rick and his wife Lori have lived in the district for almost 29 years, raised their kids here, and built a professional training business here!

"I pledge to work hard to stay in touch with you, keeping you apprised of what is going on at the County Board and seeking your input. Great representation starts with great communication and dialogue."

Rick Raulin



Rick wants government we can afford, which meets our citizens' needs:

- GROW our tax base through economic development
- SLOW government growth through attrition, not lay-offs
- LIMIT Debt—pay it down and reduce borrowing
- NO WHEEL TAX—we're overtaxed already!
- STREAMLINE—find efficiencies/consolidations

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Community Support Network welcomed to Northside

By Megan Maguire
Northside News

“People with different abilities.” That phrase applies to every one of us. Our different and unique abilities are part of what makes us special. At Community Support Network (CSN), clients with different abilities are the main focus. These clients are people with developmental disabilities, but CSN focuses on the “abilities” part of the word.

Started in 1991, CSN is a non-profit agency working with people with developmental disabilities. According to their website, they are “dedicated to helping adults with developmental delays to increase their confidence and competence as they participate in our community.” Recently, CSN relocated to the Northgate Shopping Center on North Sherman Avenue. According to Executive Director Deb Raettig, their new location allows CSN to “contribute to, as well as participate in, the community.” As she pointed out, community is the first word of their name.

How does CSN accomplish their goals? CSN offers educational enhancement, skill-building groups, employment assistance, and community interaction activities. For instance, “clients” of CSN attend lectures given by members of the community, and may talk to community groups about the needs of those with disabilities. They also participate in community art shows that showcase their talents, and are able to share how they think and feel through their art. Enrichment programs designed to boost skills and confidence for their clients include



Community Support Network's new storefront offers activities and books for sale.

outings to nearby businesses, a weekly book club, and several types of classes, to name a few. There are production programs for gift cards, and children's craft sets, available for sale in the storefront of the center. There are also plans to sell “gently used” children's books. In keeping with their desire to be part of the community, anyone bringing in a canned good receives 50 cents off their purchase. The canned goods will be donated to The River Food Pantry.

According to Raettig, their relocation to the Northside has been extremely positive.

She credits the Alexander Company with being very accommodating to their desires to make their new home a place their clients can enjoy. She also mentioned that businesses and neighbors in the area have been “very welcoming.” CSN is very excited to be on the Northside.

The center is very warm and has a positive atmosphere. There is a cute storefront visible from the street, which will soon be full of items for purchase. Many affirming messages for clients fill the walls of the center, along with plenty of amazing client-created art. In back there is an indoor garden for the clients, as well as a small exercise area. Raettig emphasized that space in the center is available for rent on the weekend. This space is fully accessible, and is available for birthday parties, special family events, and other neighborhood-compatible activities.

The CSN storefront is open from 9:30-11 am and 12:30-2 pm Monday through Friday, or by appointment. Inquiries for services, or requests to rent the community space, can be made by calling 620-5145, or by visiting the CSN website, sites.google.com/site/visitesnorg/home.

Neighborhood Association Leadership Meeting on Monday, May 14

The Northside Planning Council (NPC) will hold a meeting of Northside Neighborhood Association Leaders on Monday, May 14 from 6:30-8 pm at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center.

Neighborhood associations are invited to share strategies for keeping neighbors informed. Do you meet regularly? Distribute a newsletter? Have an email group list, a website or a Facebook page? What are the issues concerning your neighbors? Are there things we could do together to address them? If your neighborhood doesn't have an active group, do you want to try to get something going?

One specific topic will be the Aug. 12 Ride the Drive Northside and how your neighborhood can get involved, whether you are located on or off the route. Consider hosting an activity along the route or in Warner Park, get a neighborhood group to participate, volunteer, or even be a sponsor.

NPC will also share ways they can support neighborhood efforts such as serving as a fiscal agent for grants, hosting a Facebook page, providing a bulk mail permit for mailings, providing tax exempt status number for purchases, and lending the use of the copy machine.

Neighborhood contacts will be called and emailed to personally be invited to attend on May 14 but feel free to contact NPC before that if you have ideas or have updated information on who should be invited. Call Sue Gleason at 661-0660 ext 2 or email at director@northsideplanning-council.org.



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Photos By Mary Langenfeld

CANDIDATE'S ANSWERS

SCHOOL BOARD

Candidate Question:

What do you think are the most important skills for graduates of MMSD to have to be successful in the future economy? Do you think there are any skills that are short-changed by current practice? What would you do on the School Board to ensure that those skills are a priority?

Remember to Vote on Tuesday, April 3

Mary Burke

School Board Candidate Seat 2



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It is important that our high school graduates leave high school with not only the

skills to enter the workforce but knowledge of different career options. In order to gain employment that pays a living wage and benefits, nearly all students will need to go on to vocational training or university. Yet many leave high school with no definite future plans or career knowledge.

Our vocational colleges and even

many employers are prepared to train employees in the specific skills for jobs, but employers when hiring are looking for general proficiency in math, reading and writing in addition to skills that are more social than technical. These "soft" skills include active listening, critical thinking/problem solving, leadership, professionalism/work ethic, teamwork/collaboration, time management and adaptability/flexibility.

As a school board member, I would support strong partnerships with our area technical colleges, universities and employers to bring career knowledge into our schools. I would also support the expansion of "soft" skills training into all high school classrooms so our graduates can succeed in the 21st Century job market.

Nichelle Nichols

School Board Candidate - Seat 1



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The ability to read, write, compute and think critically are essential skills MMSD graduates must have to be successful in the present and future economy. Reading and mathematical literacy are foundational skills required to be productive, engaged and employable citizens in a 21st century economy that is growing more competitive and demanding each year.

Our low rates of reading and math-

proficiency for minority students and their low college-ready and graduation rates indicate a great need to improve current practice. Likewise we know that far too many of our young people — even those who 'make the grades' and graduate on time, struggle to keep pace with the rigor expected at the college level. Colleges and universities, including UW system institutions, have had to adjust teaching and learning over the years to accommodate the large number of entering freshmen who require remediation in math and reading.

As a Board member, I will push for standards-based K-12 curricular alignment that ensures consistency in rigor and content across schools, and a system-wide plan to close the achievement gap.

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The MMSD can offer a variety of skills to empower our students in a global market. Skills such as the valuable experience of learning in a diverse environment, involvement in Dual Language Immersion programs for improved communication, green initiatives which educate our students on

the importance of protecting our world, technology experiences and training for a future. All of these skills incorporate the basic educational building blocks of reading, writing, math and science.

Diversity is frequently undervalued but it challenges students to grow intellectually and encourages creativity. We need to emphasize and increase the diversity of our staff so it reflects all our students. This empowers our kids to travel the world and connect to people from different backgrounds. We need to examine our hiring practices so we can better select strong and well-rounded educators who can teach and inspire our students.

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The most important workplace skills in our rapidly changing world are literacy and communication skills: reading, writing, speaking, technology and flexibility to adapt in a rapidly changing world. As global director of sales at Promega, I see how the most successful workers can manipulate/use information in a variety of contexts and have

tools to conquer new challenges.

The bedrock of those skills for the "new" world is fundamental: reading. I will continue to support making literacy a focus in our schools at all levels. The most important goal is that all students read at grade level by third grade. Our older students live in a world of instant messaging that is not conducive to learning sentence and paragraph structure, vocabulary and spelling, all important to strong written and verbal skills. I will continue to support professional development so our great teachers can effectively teach those skills in a cell phone world. Finally, we must support project-based learning which creates the kind of collaborative small group learning that is a key component of workplace success.

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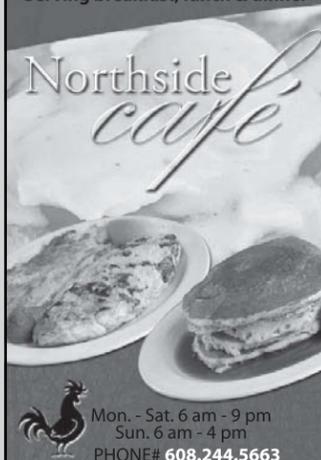
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CANDIDATE'S ANSWERS

County Supervisor Districts 12 & 18

Candidate Question:

What do you think is most important issue facing Dane County and/or your district and what will you propose to address that issue?

Voting Questions?

By Lynette Jandl

Looking for information about voting issues? Ask another Northsider. Send an email to norside-team@gmail.com. Find out how to get help getting registered. Need someone to come to your house to register you to vote? Want to know how to get your ballots mailed to you automatically from now on or just once? If you have no access to a computer, feel free to call Lynette Jandl at 608-244-2858 for any voter information you might need.

District 18

Melissa Agard Sargent
Incumbent



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Economic opportunity and financial security are major concerns on the Northside. As I listen

to our neighbors, I hear the common concern that we provide a safety net for those who find themselves knocked down by our state's sluggish economy, while also ensuring that we're doing what we can to attract quality new businesses that provide family supporting jobs.

As a small business owner, I know first hand the hardship of our troubled economy, a crisis that has touched us all. I believe that our government must be effective at providing infrastructure and help to small businesses. It should also help connect prospective employees to jobs. For example we invest in MATC, an educational gem that offers lifelong learning opportunities. MATC is a vital resource to worker and business alike.

As your County Representative and as a community activist, I've supported a variety of efforts to ensure that we enjoy a strong safety net, educational opportunities, healthy public libraries, and beautiful parks. These are key ingredients for attracting businesses and for increasing our economic opportunities.

District 12

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The Dane County Board of Supervisors ongoing challenge during these difficult economic times is to carefully and sensibly budget for services that care for our most vulnerable, keep our communities safe while improving our emergency response system, and ensure that our infrastructure, including our roads and airport, remain up to the task of supporting continued economic growth in the future. Only 25 percent of our budget comes from property taxes; as state government continues to deal us a poor hand, it makes it exceedingly challenging to keep the services we need and depend upon, including public safety, our highest county priority. The Northside has a disproportionate population of kids, many growing up in poverty, as well as seniors who often need assistance to stay in their homes. The county contracts with over a hundred private agencies who help families and seniors each and every day. It is important that we continue to implement efficiencies throughout County government in order maintain our quality of life without imprudent increases in revenues.

District 12

Rick Raulin
Candidate



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Hands down, the issue is the economy, specifically unemployment. That is what Northside residents tell me. Dane County has experienced zero net job growth for two years, while surrounding counties are improving. Economic development provides jobs, increases tax base and reduces crime.

For economic development here and county-wide, we must become reliable and reasonable with our regulations. I would propose we:

- review current and future regulations (zoning, license applications) to determine their economic impacts on business.
- repeal unreasonable and illogical regulations.
- develop a timetable and costs sheet for applications. Businesses must be able to plan what it will cost and how long it will take for approvals, or they will not develop here. Applications not approved by the county within that time frame are deemed approved.
- work to encourage a broad spectrum of jobs to employ emerging populations. We cannot afford to be job snobs, people who think "If it's not high tech or green employment, we do not want it."

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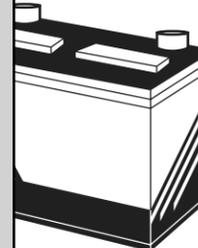
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From
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MAYOR

There is plenty of activity on Madison's Northside. I know you have been hearing about Ride the Drive and that is definitely something to look forward to. What a great opportunity to showcase the neighborhood and give residents from all over the city and beyond an opportunity to see not only Warner Park, but other streets and neighborhoods as well. Thanks to Alders Weier, Rhodes-Conway and other neighborhood leaders in welcoming the ride. It's going to be a great day!

Speaking of Warner Park, I was happy to be able to join Kevin Briski of Madison Parks as well as officials from the Madison Mallards earlier this year in unveiling of improvement plans for the Mallards stadium. The facility will be even more family friendly and an even greater asset to the neighborhood.

Madison Parks officials are also working with Alder Rhodes Conway to develop a new master plan for Warner Park. There are so many wonderful aspects to the park, and I look forward to working with Alder Rhodes Conway and the neighborhood as the plans proceed. Rest assured there will be plenty of opportunities for neighborhood involvement as the process is just getting underway.

As you know, Warner Park is also the home to the annual Rhythm and Booms Celebration. The city has been working with Madison Fireworks Fund President Terry Kelly and his staff in approving this year's contract. In an effort to make the celebration more of a neighborhood event, there will be no carnival this year. Saturday activities will still include the Run to the Rhythm Run/Walk to help raise funds for the fireworks. It's a good way to start the day.

It's going to be a great Spring and Summer. Stay well and stay in touch!

*Paul R. Soglin
Mayor*

From
JOE PARISI



DANE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Making county government more user-friendly and accessible

As Dane County Clerk I worked to modernize that office, increasing transparency and accountability in our elections. Then, providing online election returns in real time, and posting information on how to run for office on the web, were simple but important changes.

As your new County Executive, I am taking a number of steps this year to make all of county government more accessible to you.

I recently launched a new weekly e-newsletter to help keep you up-to-date on the latest news and initiatives from my office. I believe it's important to keep you in the loop, and I'd like to hear your advice and ideas throughout the year as well. I hope you'll join the conversation by signing up at: www.countydane.com/exec/.

I am currently working with our Dane County Departments of Emergency Management, Public Safety Communications, Highways, and the Sheriff on implementing systems to utilize texting and other technologies to help get important, time-sensitive information to you quickly.

Whether it's a sudden highway closing, an approaching storm, or a crime alert, I want to maximize technology to improve our public information efforts and the services county government delivers. Stay tuned for news on how to sign up!

We're modernizing other functions of county government as well. Shortly after taking office, I initiated a thorough review of our web-based services to see what more we can do to open the doors of county government to you. Soon, you will be able to apply for county jobs via our website. I've encouraged my department managers to explore strategies to use their websites to more effectively help the public access forms, information and provide interactive feedback.

More exciting changes are coming — all with the goal of improving service and access to your Dane County government.

From
JON ERPENBACH



STATE SENATOR

Regulations of issue ads job should have passed

By the time of publication of the Northside News, the Legislature will have completed its regularly scheduled biennial session. Because the primary date has moved up we will complete business a little earlier. The Legislature ends session when the campaign season begins so that there is a bright line between the work on the Legislature and political campaigns. The fall primary election is Aug. 14.

It is that campaign season that brings me to the true topic of this column, which is that the job wasn't done to regulate campaign soft money, the so called "issue ads." The Legislature did not pass my bi-partisan bill to at least report where all that "soft" money comes from, Senate Bill 446. The

airways will once again be filled with partisan campaign ads paid for by groups like "Americans for America" and "Unicorns Rock" that spend millions of dollars filling your evening TV shows with dark ads with spooky music that make you want to just turn the TV off until December. Who pays for these ads? Where does this money come from? Is it even money from the US that is being used to try to buy our votes?

The answer to these questions can only be found only with full disclosure of who is buying advertisements in elections and where they get their money from. We came up with a constitutional bill that would provide those answers. However it did not even get a hearing in the Senate Transportation and Elections Committee chaired by Senator Mary Lazich. Either we care about transparency in our campaigns, or we don't. I know the constituents of the 27th Senate District do care. This bill will be reintroduced next session. For more info call or email my office 266-6670 or sen.erpenbach@legis.wi.gov.

From
KELDA HELEN ROYS



STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Attack on the environment

Protecting and conserving our environment is important to our health and our economy. Wisconsin has been a leader in protecting our air, water and land. Yet, this legislative session we have seen a series of attacks on our natural resources, in bills written for the benefit of corporate special interests. Over the past year, I have stood up against numerous efforts to destroy Wisconsin's legacy of responsible stewardship and conservation.

Governor Walker is traveling the state pushing for the legislature to pass a bill that was written for the out-of-state strip-mining company, Gogebic Taconite LLC. Environmental experts across the state oppose this bill because it fails to include adequate protections for our precious natural resources. This legislation decimates Wisconsin citizens'

right to clean air, land, groundwater and waterways — allowing health-harming pollution and damage from toxic chemicals that are byproducts of large-scale iron ore strip mining. This bill passed on a party-line vote in the Assembly, but has not passed in the Senate. No environmentally or fiscally responsible legislator should support this bill.

On Feb. 28, Governor Walker signed into law legislation that rolls back wetlands protections, threatening our water quality as well as homes and businesses in areas prone to flooding. Gov. Walker signed this into law at a lobby day for the powerful Wisconsin Realtors Association, one of his biggest campaign contributors.

It is simply wrong to sacrifice our natural resources as favors for special interests. Corporate giveaways and a "pay-to-play" mentality will scar Wisconsin's environment. Our natural resources are a huge asset to our state, and short-term political gain will harm our long-term economic strength.

I pledge to continue to do everything in my power to ensure that our environment remains safe, clean and beautiful for generations to come.

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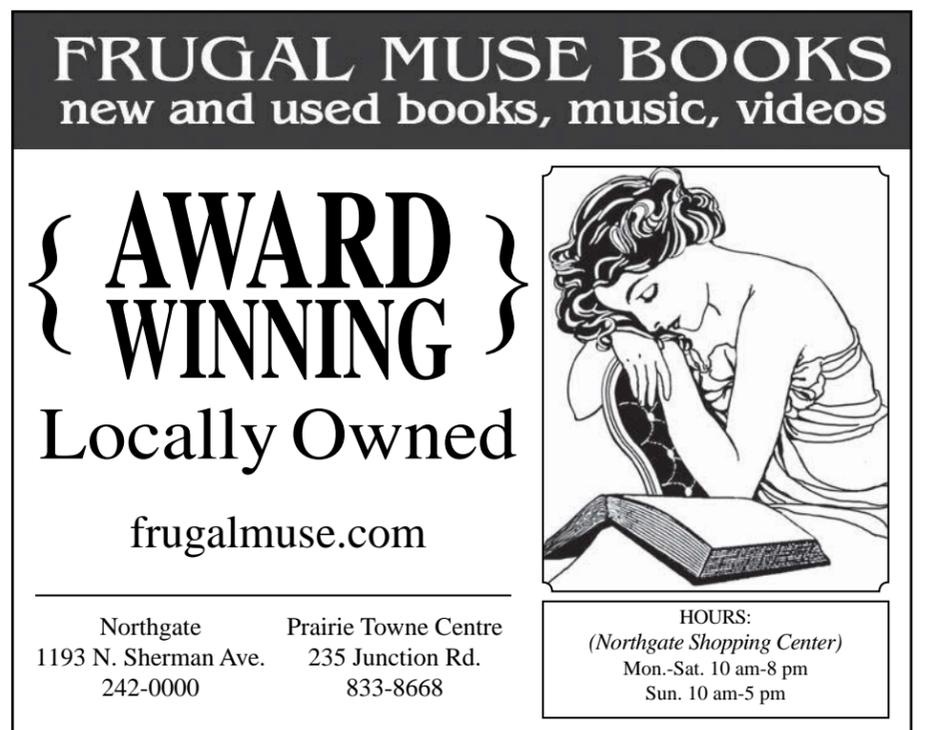


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From

SATYA RHODES-CONWAY



DISTRICT 12 ALDERPERSON

One of the most important, and most difficult, parts of an alder's job is communication with constituents. The importance is self-evident, but why do I describe it as difficult? For several reasons. First, because there are so many things competing for your attention these days, and local government is not something most people pay a lot of attention to, even though it has a significant impact on our everyday lives. Second, because there are so many potential venues for communication, it's hard to know what to prioritize or how to cover them all. Third, because no matter how hard I try, I regularly hear from constituents who are upset because they didn't know in advance about something the City is doing.

So, I'd like your advice. What is the best way to reach you? Via the

Northside News? A neighborhood newsletter? A neighborhood email list-serv? Northside Discuss or NICE? A website or blog? Notices at a central location, like the Lakeview Library or Warner Park Center? A newsletter in the mail? Postcards for important news or meetings? Something else?

I'm also interested in hearing what kinds of things you'd like to hear about. I regularly get press releases and updates from City departments, including information about events and programs around the city; information on City committee meetings and minutes from them; job postings; applications for things like alcohol licenses; information about proposed new developments on the Northside and elsewhere; information on the City budget; and many other things.

I don't want to overwhelm you with information, but I want to make sure you have the information you need. Please share this information with your friends and neighbors, and please contact me with your ideas. I can be reached at district12@cityofmadison.com or 242-4426.

From

ANITA WEIER



DISTRICT 18 ALDERPERSON

Spring is here! Though the winter wasn't especially painful, spring is still a glorious season of awakening and blossoming spirits.

So this column emphasizes some of the good news invigorating the Northside.

Water, soil, sediment and plants at Warner Park will be tested scientifically so we will know whether anything dangerous has accumulated there. After 19 years of fireworks explosions in the lagoon area, it's time to find out.

Your city alders and county supervisors are working with NPC to convene a neighborhood discussion of how we can provide more activities for youth on the Northside.

A new, safer playground is being built at Cherokee Park, financed by the city, the neighborhood and Dennis Tiz-

iani's Golf Affect.

A Ride the Drive has been scheduled for Aug. 12 on the Northside. This event will give bicyclists and walkers from around the city a chance to see attractive parts of the Northside, such as lake frontage and Troy Gardens.

People who live in the Vera Court area have been meeting monthly to walk, talk and dine together, with a goal of joining with neighbors and police to prevent crime.

Efforts are under way to find uses for the deteriorating former nurses' dorm at Lake View Hill County Park, next to the county office building that used to be a tuberculosis sanatorium.

Little Libraries are popping up around the Northside — cute wooden boxes containing books that people can read and return, as they leave a book for someone else to read.

Planting time is coming soon for our community gardens — Troy Gardens and the gardens at Black Hawk/Gompers and Lindbergh schools.

And we won't have to put up with Highway 113 reconstruction this year!

From

PAUL RUSK



DISTRICT 12 SUPERVISOR

Today I'm watching news coverage of the series of 100 deadly tornadoes that caused at least 39 deaths across numerous states in the South and Midwest. Henryville, Indiana was wiped from the map — fortunately the high school dismissed early before it was destroyed. This reminds me of our study last summer to determine if we should merge Emergency Management and the 911 Communications Center. As chair of public protection and judiciary, I insisted on a study first. The study determined this was poor public policy and the merger idea was dropped. As severe weather events increasingly impact our world, it is clear that we need two professional departments to prepare for and respond to emergencies as public safety continues to be the highest county priority.

In January there were changes at the County's detoxification facility operated by Tellurian. Dane and Milwaukee are the only two counties in the state with such facilities. Unfortunately, in 2011 only five percent of those admitted to detox went on to treatment, and 55 percent of those admitted in 2011 had been there before with the average length of stay less than one day. This is an expensive operation costing about \$700,000 annually that isn't helping people recover from their addictions. Dane County decided to implement an evidence-based model based on treatment to address root causes that will reduce the overuse of police resources from alcohol addiction. Many longtime addicts are receiving treatment that is beneficial to them and to the safety of our community — the outpatient treatment waiting list has dropped from 200 to 45 and the residential dropped from 45 to zero. Dane County continues its ongoing discussions with law enforcement and health care providers to make additional changes in the new system for those who need protective custody.

Supervisor Rusk can be reached at 249-9667 or rusk@co.dane.wi.us.

From

MELISSA SARGENT



DISTRICT 18 SUPERVISOR

One of the values you and our neighbors have asked me to prioritize is government transparency. I believe in open and honest government and that the public deserves to have the utmost confidence in the government and how it spends our tax dollars. As your county representative, it is imperative to me that all of our county contracts be awarded based solely on merit in order to deliver the best value to Dane County and our taxpayers. To that end, I have introduced a county ordinance that will increase the level of transparency in purchasing contracts between vendors and Dane County.

My proposed county ordinance will require vendors bidding on Dane County contracts with a value of \$5,000 or more to make a declaration of all their

county election campaign contributions for the previous two years. This information will be submitted sealed in the purchasing bid, and would be available to the public via open records requests. In order to prevent partisan favoritism, the contribution history will not be shared with those who grade or award the contracts. Any vendor that would fail to accurately and completely report the required history of county election contributions would be prohibited from bidding on future contracts with Dane County for a penalty period of two years.

I am dedicated to continuing to represent the Northside's voices, values and concerns on the Dane County Board. This is the toughest job I have ever loved; thank you for the opportunity to represent you. It is always good to hear from my Northside neighbors, please call or email me with your thoughts or concerns: melissa4dane@gmail.com or 608.220.2273. I'm also on Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Melissa-Sargent-Dane-County-Supervisor-District-18.

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Capital Campaign will help FEED Kitchens break ground this year

The Northside Planning Council is announcing a capital campaign to raise the remaining \$775,000 needed to construct and open its Food Enterprise and Economic Development (FEED) Kitchens.

The NPC is seeking to secure commitments by Aug. 1 so that construction of the facility can begin this year, ensuring that it doesn't lose any of the funding already committed. Jan Lottig Howick, who was hired recently as Fund Development Director, will lead the campaign.

"FEED Kitchens is a food business incubator, so individuals or companies that help are investing in our economy," Lottig Howick, who worked on two other capital campaigns recently, said. "It's gratifying how far this project has come with funding commitments already in place, and now we need to get past that next hurdle to make this project a reality."

The Madison Community Foundation, Madison Gas Electric, A Woman's Touch, Webcrafters Inc., City of Madison Community Development Block Grants and Buy Local-Buy Wisconsin and others have already made financial commitments in the amount of \$600,000 for the \$1.375,000 total needed for the project.

Terese Allen, food writer and local food activist, observes: "There's a sad lack of commercial kitchen space in the Madison area's otherwise thriving food system. Too many entrepreneurs, non-profit groups, caterers, and food producers are unable to do their good work supporting local growers and



producing healthy foods for the community. The FEED community kitchen space and food business incubator is the crucial missing link in our goal for a sustainable regional food system."

The FEED Kitchens community space and will provide tools to help youth and adults who are disadvantaged, unemployed or underemployed develop skills to move toward economic self-sufficiency. FEED will reduce hunger and increase the availability of healthy local food by allowing farmers and organizations serving the hungry a place to process excess produce that would normally end up in the landfill or compost heap.

Many are anxiously awaiting the opening of the FEED facility, including the Madison Urban Ministry and the River Food Pantry, both planning to offer training programs in bakery and other culinary skills leading to long-term, stable employ-

ment. In addition to job skills training, FEED is expected to generate 25-35 new full time jobs annually through the growth of small businesses through our food business incubation and training services.

FEED will also extend the season of locally grown food available to local food pantries and the public by helping Community Action Coalition and local farmers process excess produce into wholesome canned vegetables and sauces. These critical services will increase the community's access to healthy, locally grown food products, as well as increase farmers' incomes.

Want to help? Support the Apr. 28 fundraising event and mail a donation to FEED at: Northside Planning Council – FEED Project, 2702 International Ln., Ste. 203, Madison, WI 53704.

To donate online or for more information about the FEED Kitchens Project and events go to www.feedkitchens.org or email: info@feedkitchens.org.

Eggrolls are a tasty way to support FEED and NPC

By Terrie Anderson
Northside News

Enjoy some real local flavor, have scrumptious snacks ready to heat and enjoy, and help the Northside Planning Council build the Food Enterprise and Economic Development Kitchens. Preorder eggrolls by Apr. 22 and pick them up on Apr. 28. See the order form below for the details.

In addition, a raffle for gift certificates and merchandise from supporting local businesses will be held at the pick-up site on the 28th. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for five tickets and can be ordered along with your eggrolls or purchased when you pick up your order.

Raffle prizes have been donated by local restaurants, art galleries, breweries, coffee roasters, distilleries, bed and breakfasts, bakeries, artisanal cheesemakers, local pharmacies and more. Check feedkitchens.org for an updated list of raffle prizes.

To help with this fundraising event, contact Jodi at jodipathmann@gmail.com to sign up to:

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A raffle will also be held on April 28 — same time, same place — 12-3 pm at Lakeview Lutheran Church. Tickets are \$5/each or 5 tickets/\$20. Prizes are donated from local businesses and worth anywhere from \$20 to \$150.

All proceeds from the raffle and the Eggroll Sale go directly to FEED Kitchens.



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COMMUNITY CENTERS

Community Centers help close the achievement gap

By Alyssa Kenney

It is 3:21 pm and out my office window I can see the first elementary school student turning the corner from Kennedy Rd. towards the center. He is one of almost 40 children elementary school age students that will arrive at the center. He is running, clutching his snow pants in one hand and a small zip lock bag in the other, hoping to have the title of "first to arrive." The zip lock bag has been filled by his teacher at Lindbergh Elementary School with books at his reading level with his reading log, and he brings it to the center every day. And every day an adult, staff member or volunteer, reads with him for 20 minutes. More and more elementary school students stream into the center many with back packs with homework, some with zip lock bags with books and some children arrive with only a winter coat. Some days a teacher at Lindbergh Elementary School notices a forgotten spelling packet and faxes a copy over to the center. This regular contact between the school and Center keeps our program strong.

When the elementary school students arrive our middle school group has already been



Kennedy Heights Community Center Staff: Back Row: Srdjan Gajic, Patrick Winter, Alyssa Kenney, Zachary Kimbrew, Laflancia Branch, Kate Remington; Front Row: Dionna Stovall, Stephanie Nash, Yimmuaj Yang, True Vang, Lisa DuChateau, Jaimie Schlicher; Missing: Jim Kidd, Tyson Brown, Clare Norelle, Malinda Hongmanivanh

at the center for half an hour working on homework. Most days the center offers two ses-

sions of homework help, one right after school and another in the early evening. For most

kids access to our computer lab and a staff member from our center is critical for their

homework completion. Just like with elementary school students, a regular connection with the school is necessary. Kennedy Heights Community Center hosts two full-time AmeriCorps members who each tutor for seven hours a week at Blackhawk middle school. Their regular presence at the middle school connects the center to the school, the teachers and the curriculum.

These are not the only ways that the Kennedy Heights Community Center helps to close the achievement gap. The Center also provides a year round early childhood program, host a four-year-old kindergarten site and offer regular groups and programming for families and for adults. It is not any one program or service, it is not even everything our community center does. It is everything that our community center does in strong coordination and partnership with the schools and with families. These things alone will not completely eliminate the achievement gap; change and financial investments are also needed. But community, schools and families working together in a strong and equal partnership can work to reduce the achievement gap.

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