

# NORTHSIDE NEWS

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## Northside business climate challenged by perceptions and realities

### The Northside News

Dated perceptions of the Northside as a high crime area, combined with strong competition from nearby markets, mean that as much as half the buying power on the Northside is going elsewhere. Negative perceptions of the Northside and the "run-down" appearance of some

of its business areas also make the Northside less attractive to potential new businesses.

These are some of the conclusions drawn from the recent Northside market study, and from the comments of a panel of Northside business owners at a recent community forum.

On the other hand, the success of newer businesses like Pierce's Northside Market and Manna Café, and continued success of long-time businesses such as DuWaynes

Salon (celebrating 50 years), the Esquire Club (celebrating 60 years), and North Side True Value (celebrating over 30 years), suggest that the Northside can support a variety of businesses.

To help answer the question of what is working for Northside businesses, what isn't, and most importantly, what can be done to improve the Northside business climate, about 30 business owners, developers, and consumers

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## NBA celebrates 15 years

By Steven Potter  
The Northside News

A lot can happen in a decade and a half.

And in the case of the Northside's economic growth, it certainly has - thanks partly to the Northside Business Association (NBA), which recently celebrated its 15th anniversary.

Since its inception, NBA, which works to promote economic development, improve the quality of life and increase opportunities for businesses and residents on our side of the city, the group has achieved numerous goals but isn't stopping there, said current NBA president Rylee Wedekind, a life-long Northsider and owner of 5Nines Data LLC.

"[One of NBA's primary goals is to] serve its 90 members by sharing information, providing networking opportunities for members and representing them to governmental agencies," she said.

Recently, NBA co-hosted (with the Northside Planning Council) two

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## Speed = Unsafe Streets

### The Northside News

Traffic speed on North Sherman Avenue was the top concern voiced by participants at a community forum on Northside transportation and traffic safety issues at Warner Park Community Recreation Center on Oct. 29.

A broad mix of about 55 Northside residents and business owners attended the forum, co-sponsored by the Northside Planning Council, Northside Business Association and Ald.

Satya Rhodes-Conway. The forum was held to gather community input on Northsiders' concerns and ideas to make the Northside's major traffic corridors safer and better for businesses and all users - vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians. Particular focus was given to North Sherman Avenue due to its recent reconstruction and the volume of constituent calls received about the street.

The forum kicked off with back-

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### NORTHSIDE ACTION ALERT

## Neighborhood Plan: Preview and comment on draft recommendations at December 13 Open House

By Linda Horvath  
City of Madison Planning

An Oscar in the making? Or a runner-up with room for improvement? The Northport-Warner Park-Sherman Steering Committee draft neighborhood plan recommendations will be presented for public review and comment at an Open House on Saturday December 13 (see ad page 10). A sneak preview of some possible recommendations are included below. The City of Madison Department of Planning & Community & Economic Development has been working with the Steering Committee since January 2008 and will continue through March 2009 to update the 1992 Northport-Warner Park Neighborhood Plan.

### SNEAK PREVIEW

#### Mayberry with Mountain Bikes

A brainstorming session with free association about popular culture and brands that capture the essence of the Northside inspired one Steering Committee member to describe the area as "Mayberry with Mountain Bikes"! Upon further discussion, the Steering Committee recommended devel-

oping a branding/identity/marketing plan that builds upon the area's earthy image with its natural beauty, outdoor recreation, and foodie related interests like agri-business and community gardening.

#### Back to the Future

On land along the railroad between Commercial Avenue and Aberg Avenue, the Steering Committee suggested possible redevelopment such as adding light-industrial, bio-tech, and agri-business employment, enhancing greenspace features, and adding road, transit and pedestrian connections to the Northgate Shopping Center and the neighborhood North of Aberg Avenue.

Also in the mix is creating a "Main Street" along North Sherman Avenue with a pedestrian-oriented streetscape that

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Stuff the van!



Photo by Eddie Robertson

Pierce's Northside Market is calling on the Northside community to help stock up the shelves at The River Food Pantry. Pierce's is selling food donations bags and is receiving many additional donations from vendors. Pierce's hopes to stuff a van a few times over, taking the donations to the pantry. See page 5 for the whole story.

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## 500 Northsiders gather to celebrate, reflect

Northsiders young and old streamed through the doors of Warner Park Community Recreation Center when the doors opened at 5 pm on Fri., Oct. 10. Neighbors and friends greeted one another in the lobby, up and down the long hallway and on into the community rooms where they enjoyed terrific food from Manna Café served to the harp music of 12-year-old Cora Wiese-Moore. Many attendees made multiple trips to the 100 item silent auction, where fierce but friendly bidding brought in over \$5,000 for NPC's work.

At 6 pm, the East High Jazz Combo opened a lively program of celebration to a standing room only crowd in the gym, where a rollicking roll call of 30 plus Northside neighborhood and community organizations present got everyone up on their feet.

A moving 20 minute *Northside Story* video presentation, produced by Northsider John Quinlan, captured the reflections of many past and current Northside leaders on this Northside community we have built together.

Three mayors, Soglin, Bauman, and Cieslewicz, joined past and present Northside elected officials, the entire Madison school board and many other public officials in offering their con-

gratulations to the Northside on all we've accomplished as a community in partnership with the City.

Longtime Northside leader Darlene Horner, who identified herself as "the Big Mama of Vera Court AND the Northside", received a standing ovation in recognition of her determined efforts to improve her neighborhood. Big Mama challenged for Northsiders to continue to work together and called for continued support for the Northside from the City.

The program concluded with the announcement that the recipient of this year's North Star Award is ... EVERYONE! All present received a beautiful handcrafted ceramic North Star ornaments in recognition of the collective efforts of so many Northsiders.

And then the party began as Northsiders helped themselves to a slice of the biggest cake most of us have ever seen. The cake was so big, in fact, that it literally would not fit through the door of the community rooms and had to be served in the hallway. Dancing and revelry to the feel-good music of Honky Tonk Lagoon rounded out the evening for most attendees.



Photo by Moses Shrock



Photo by Dana Slowiak

**Northside Story Video**  
For those of you who missed the party, the 20-minute "Northside Story" video and the entire 70 minute program can be viewed on-line by following the weblinks at [northsideplanningcouncil.org](http://northsideplanningcouncil.org)



Photo by Chris Moore

NPC Co-Chair Lisa Wiese presents Mayor Dave with a Northside T-shirt



Photo by Eddie Roberson

The infamous cake so big it wouldn't fit through the door, courtesy of Pierce's.

The Northside Planning Council, its 26 member organizations and 100 plus current and former members and staff wish to offer our heartfelt thanks once again to our sponsors, silent auction donors and bidders, musicians, and many supporters who joined us in celebrating 15 years of building community on the Northside.

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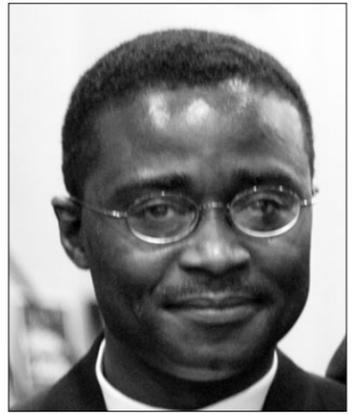
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VERNON BLACKWELL**

**Age:** 46  
**Birthplace:** Milwaukee  
**Hobbies/Interests:** Avid sports fan, bicycling, reading, theater  
**Volunteerism/NPC:** Former NPC Co-Chair, current At-Large member



**Why is what you do for the Northside important?**  
The Northside Planning Council's mission of improving the quality of life for all Northside residents indicates why it is important— we must work to improve the lives of one another.

**What is your greatest Northside pleasure?**  
My greatest pleasure is the many wonderful people I have met on the Northside which also includes my church, Northside Christian Assembly.

**If you could change one thing on the Northside, it would be ...?**  
The challenges facing us as Northsiders affect more than the Northside so we must reach out beyond our community even more. Among the many challenges facing us are economic, health, educational, environmental, and safety concerns. We will have to share our successes and reach out to identify the successes of other communities throughout the city, county, nation, and possibly the world.

We are constantly reminded by news events that the actions of one person or one organization can adversely affect many individuals. However, this principal also works in reverse. That is, the actions of one person or organization can greatly benefit many individuals.

**If you could change one thing about the world, it would be ...?**  
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**Volunteers Milsa and Gustavo Velazquez distribute produce this year at The River Food Pantry on Darwin Road.**

**Demand doubles at The River Food Pantry  
Economic woes long apparent to staff**

**By Jim Carrier**  
*The River Food Pantry*

Long before the headlines arrived from Wall Street, the folks who run The River Food Pantry felt the economy turn down Darwin Road.

The number of people out of work, or pinched in the vise of fixed income and rising costs, rose dramatically on the Northside of Madison during 2008. Like a barometer foretelling a storm, the number of households who came to the pantry nearly doubled.

Pantry co-founder Jenny Czerkas estimates that by the end of 2008, the pantry will have served 13,000 households, comprising some 33,000 individuals. In 2007, the households served totaled 7,255, comprising 18,000 individuals.

The number of plates served at Friday night dinner jumped to some 13,000, an average of about 250 per Friday.

As these numbers climbed, the amount of food available for them declined, according to Jenny's husband, and cofounder, Andy Czerkas. To stock the pantry and serve a hearty meal to that many people forced the pantry to buy food at wholesale prices. By year's end, the pantry's monthly food bill was three to four times normal.

The biggest increase in clientele was among working families – people with

jobs – often multiple jobs — who just can't make ends meet. The second largest group were people on fixed incomes, such as social security and disability. Many people who thought of themselves as "middle class" last year find themselves short each month. The River welcomes them to "shop" at the pantry to help them pay



Photos by Eddie Roberson

**Pierce's Northside Market is teaming up with food vendors and the Northside community to fill The River Food Pantry in Pierce's First Annual "One Ton" Food Drive. As of press time, over 140 bags were sold, with a goal of 266 bags. Pierce's staff Latasha Williams (above left) and Arnella Royal (above right) bag up the donated groceries late last month, which will be delivered on Dec. 13.**

heating and transportation bills.

The holidays are about giving. Northside residents can help their neighbors by donating food and money to the River, or by volunteering a few hours a week. Pierce's has launched a special \$8 bag of grocery donation.

But the need for food, clothing, household goods and children's items is a year-long quest at the pantry. We invite you to visit and support a vital source of nutrition and hope in your community.

**Pierce's announces changes**

Jeff Maurer, President/General Manager of Pierce's Supermarkets, recently announced that he would be leaving Pierce's after eight years. Maurer was a key player in bringing Pierce's to the Northside.

The Northside News sat down with Maurer and asked him to share a few reflections on his experiences with Pierce's Northside Market, and what the future might bring. This is a summary of his thoughts.

Looking back, the first thing I want to do is thank the Northside community for welcoming us to the Northside and for supporting our new store. It was very clear from the work that the Northside Planning Council and other groups did that the Northside really wanted a grocery store in their neighborhood. I especially want to thank Dave and Don Bruns for reaching out to us and working with us to make this location work for Pierce's financially. Their efforts and the community support made it very appealing for Pierce's to come to the Northside.

We've learned some lessons in opening our first urban store, and we've had to learn what was important to the community and adapt to it. I think we've evolved a lot in the last 2 and a half years since opening in March 2006, and our Northside store has become one of our most successful locations.

We've had double-digit growth in our Northside sales over the past year, better than any of our other Pierce's locations. At a time when many grocery stores nationally are seeing flat or even declining sales, we think that says a lot about the Northside and the local support we have here.

If we could find a way to expand on the Northside, we'd love to add another 10,000 square feet.

The ongoing feedback from our customers has been phenomenal and very helpful to us. We've received over 800 online surveys – far more than any of our other locations – plus many verbal comments. Most of them are positive feedback along with suggestions or requests for specific products, but even the complaints are very helpful because it helps us improve what we offer to our customers. So keep the feedback coming.

One big reason for our recent Northside success is our manager Eddie Roberson. Eddie is doing a fantastic job and has put together a great team, including recently hiring Assistant Manager Chris Dufek. Eddie and Chris have over 50 years of combined experience in the grocery business and that will serve the Northside well.

Eddie and his team are full of creative ideas they are working on for the Northside Market. The "pantry bag" program to support the River Food Pantry, for example,

was Eddie's idea. (See story on left).

Another new service we've been working on for about a year is online shopping. We've had some delays in finding a vendor but we should be ready to get rolling around the first of the year. Initially, our customers will be able to place their order online and we'll assemble it for pickup at the store, but eventually we'd like to be able to offer home delivery as well. There are a lot of seniors and other folks on the Northside who have a hard time coming to the store to shop, and we'd like to provide this service to them.

Another thing we're very excited about is our "locally-grown" initiative, where we work directly with local farmers and producers to bring their food to our market. The new regional "Green Leaf Market" initiative that was recently announced will help bridge the gap between the market and producers.

Helping Pierce's bring a grocery store to the Northside has been a great experience for me, and I'd like to say thank you to the Northside community for supporting us and giving us the opportunity to come here. The loyalty our customers show us will keep us here on the Northside for the long term – *Pierce's is here to stay.*

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## Spotlight on community organizing Grassroots Leadership College continues local organizing projects to better community



President-elect Barack Obama made community organizing famous. The Grassroots Leadership College (GLC) is making it local.

The Grassroots Leadership College which celebrated its fifth anniversary this year, is gearing up for another semester helping dreamers become doers. The College has served more than 300 Madison area residents over the past five years and supported more than 70 community projects.

Looking around Madison one can see the impacts of the GLC everywhere; from Pierce's Grocery Store which came out of a long fought struggle by Northside residents and a market basket survey coordinated by Northsider Nan Cline as her GLC project, to Mended Little Latino Hearts, a project led by current GLC student Maria Torres to support families like her own who have children with heart defects.

GLC executive director Amy Mondloch likened the work of the College to that of the Obama campaign. "The president-elect learned community organizing in the stomping grounds of one of the best, Saul Alinsky. Obama knew what he needed

in a campaign staff to win. He needed those same community organizing skills that he learned in Chicago. Those are some of the same skills that we teach. If it worked to win a presidency, imagine what community organizing could do here in Madison!"

The GLC General Semester matches developing leaders with coaches that provide strategic support as the developing leader works on a self-chosen project throughout the four month program. Together coaches and leaders attend class sessions led by top quality faculty from around the community on topics ranging from seeing yourself as a leader to fundraising and working with the media.

The Grassroots Leadership College will be accepting coach and developing leader applications for the Spring Semester through Jan. 9. Application materials are available online at [www.grassrootsleadershipcollege.org](http://www.grassrootsleadershipcollege.org) or by calling 441-0085.

Classes will be held Tuesday evenings from 5:30-8:30 pm at Family Centers Inc. Dinner will be provided. Childcare is available. Cost for the program is \$100 or five Timebank dollars for developing leaders. Scholarships are available. Coaches are volunteers for the program and can earn Timebank credit.

For more information, contact Amy S. Mondloch at 441-0085 or [amy@grassrootsleadershipcollege.org](mailto:amy@grassrootsleadershipcollege.org). Visit GLC online at [www.grassrootsleadershipcollege.org](http://www.grassrootsleadershipcollege.org)

## Woman's Club funds Kennedy Heights

By Alyssa Kenney

In October, the Kennedy Heights Community Center received two grants from the Metropolitan Woman's Club to support and enhance our ongoing programming. One of the two grants was to support Kennedy Heights Early Childhood Program through improving the materials and small equipment that is available for our program. The Kennedy Heights Early Childhood Program serves 25 preschool age children each year. The program supports low and moderate-income children and their families by helping to prepare young children for success in school and daily life. The Metropolitan Woman's Club's grant will help ensure our program has quality mate-

rials for the next year. Kennedy Heights Girls Inc. program also received a grant from the Metropolitan Woman's Club. The grant will support the Girls Inc. group to plan and implement service projects in the community and to purchase scrap-booking supplies so the girls can keep a book of their projects in the community. Just last week the Girls Inc. group participated in "Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat." The girls collected many bags of food for area food pantries.

The Metropolitan Woman's Club is dedicated to the acceptance of civic responsibilities as they relate to the needs of the community. Their gift helps Kennedy Heights to continue to make Madison a strong community for all.



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## Hartmeyer Ice Arena needs your help

By Kelly Olson

During the 2007-2008 skating season, Hartmeyer Ice Arena experienced serious problems with ice conditions that could have closed the facility down. However, this past summer a new ice sheet was constructed and the doors were opened in September for another season of skating. Hartmeyer Ice Arena was originally built in 1960 by Fenton Kelsey Jr. Mr. Kelsey had a vision that if he built an ice arena, hockey and skating would follow. For over 47 years Hartmeyer Ice Arena has been providing skating facilities and programs for local skating organizations, high schools and the community.

In 2004, Hartmeyer Ice Arena was purchased by Madison Ice Inc.(MII), a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization from the city of Madison. The ice arena was purchased "as is" and is in need of renovations and improvements. Currently MII has a Capital Fund Raising Campaign in progress

to raise funds not only for future renovations, but to help pay for the new ice sheet at Hartmeyer Ice Arena.

MII is reaching out to the community for assistance by donating to the Capital Campaign to help pay for the new ice sheet at Hartmeyer. It is the community's chance to help keep the dream alive at Hartmeyer by supporting this campaign. Help us keep skating programs and a safe skating facility available to our boys and girls!

Your donation can be considered a charitable donation for tax purposes. What a wonderful gift for the holiday season! If you would like to make a donation to the Hartmeyer Ice Arena project please make checks payable to Madison Ice Inc. and mail to: Hartmeyer Ice Arena, Attn: Kelly Olson, MII Representative, 1834 Commercial Ave., Madison, WI 53704.

If you have any questions about the Hartmeyer project contact Kelly Olson at [kelly29@charter.net](mailto:kelly29@charter.net) or office 661-0411.

## Plans for Stop-N-Go updated

The Northside News

Grewall LLC, the new owners of the strip mall at 3502 Packers Ave, where Stop-N-Go, Amy's Washbasket and Packer Liquor are located, have announced their intention to continue housing a gas station and convenience store with a new operator after Stop-N-Go's lease expires in April 2009. Current plans call for Amy's Washbasket and Packer Liquor to also continue operation.

"The new owner is planning some

enhancements to the gas station and store that will make it more attractive to the neighborhood," owner representative Michael Christopher stated. "We want to work with the neighborhood as we develop plans for the mall."

Contact Michael Christopher at 252-9365 for more information.

Stop-N-Go is actively seeking a new location to continue serving the Northside, according to company representative Andrew Bowman.



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# Northside Arts, Craft & Food Faire runs Sundays through Dec. 21

The Northside Arts, Crafts & Food Faire, located in the former Mielke's True Value in Northside TownCenter continues on its merry journey there every Sunday through Dec. 21, 9 am - 3 pm.

The diversity of the vendors' offerings is truly astounding and inspiring considering the nature of this local event. Here is only a small sampling of the wide range of fare offered:

Czech Kolaches, collectible marbles, Buffalo Jerky, hand-made quilts, African masks, Tibetan prayer wheels, dried mushrooms, Christmas wreaths, farmers cheese, table centerpieces,



Handmade soaps are just one of dozens of items available at the Northside Arts, Crafts & Food Faire in December.

Photo by Chris Moore

gourmet sausages, gourmet chocolates, cookie and donuts, grass-feed beef, handmade candles, gold and silver jewelry, custom seasonings, and a wide variety of fresh produce, vegetables, root vegetables, dried flowers, baked goods, jellies and preserves, fresh milk and dairy, lotions and potions, soaps and scents and every kind of holiday gift decorations, foods and baskets.

But that's not all! Many local artists, photographers, potters, sculptors and representatives of just about every visu-

al art form imaginable have the opportunity to display and sell works on the front wall of the Food Faire (displayed at no charge). Here people meet and greet and survey the art while sipping gourmet coffees, hot chocolate or cider.

While at the market, take a break and try some of the best freshly prepared breakfast, lunch or brunch fare available

on the Northside. A special Brunch is served from 10 am - 2 pm every Sunday. Fruit drinks are available.

Booth and display space is available at reduced rates or no charge to local volunteer groups, civic organizations, community outreach programs, youth groups, schools or churches as a way to say thank you for their service to the Northside. We've even brought back the good old bake sales. Volunteers are needed for advertising, publicity, event supervision and food service.

If you would like to be a vendor, volunteer or have your group represented contact Larry Zoucha at 556-3423 or nsacff@yahoo.com.



Photo provided by Steve Nelson

## This award is presented to the DuWayne's Salon in Recognition of

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# News from Lake View Hill Neighborhood Association



By Char Tortorice

President, Lake View Hill Neighborhood Association

Strong winds and a snowflake or two didn't stop children from finding a stash of mini-pumpkins in Sunfield Park in late October. S'mores, cider, and a roaring fire provided the backdrop for neighbors to get together and catch up before winter sets in and we

all hunker down at home.

Mark your calendars for Monday, Feb. 9, 2009 for the LVHNA annual meeting 6:30-8:00 pm at the Warner Park Center. There will be the election of officers and a discussion of plans for the year. Dessert will be provided.

Wishing you and yours happiness for the holidays, health throughout the New Year, and hope for peace.



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