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Warner Park stadium renovation faces set back

Increased costs and negotiations may delay Mallards renovation past 2009

By Dana Slowiak

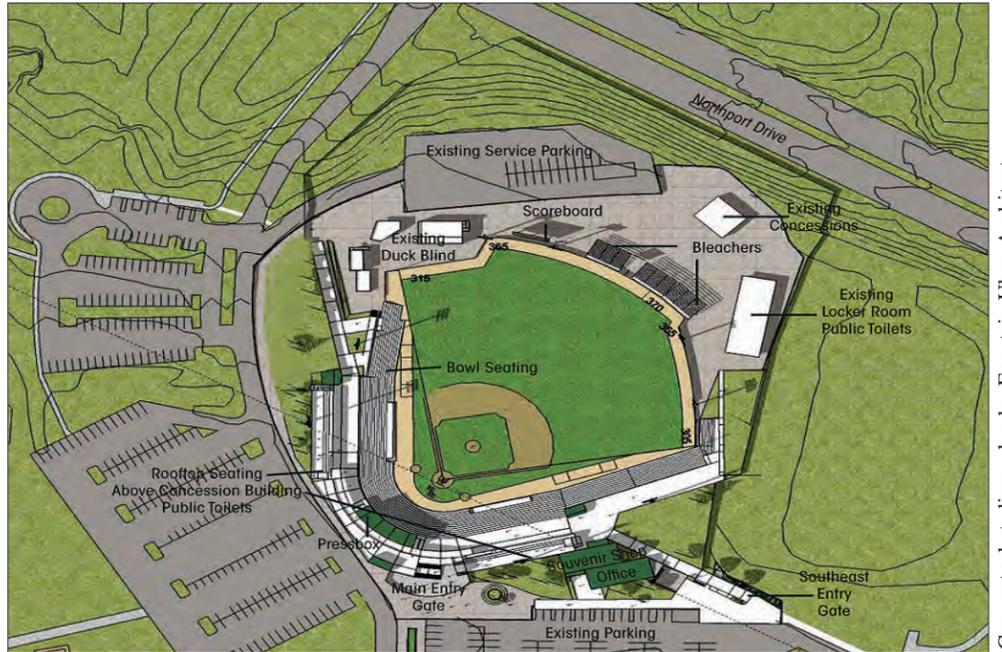
The Northside News

The Mallards' hope for a renovated stadium by their 2009 opening game may have hit an impassable roadblock. In early January, the consultant reported the renovations costs at \$5.6 million, up \$1.6 million from previous estimates.

At a January 29 public meeting at Warner Park Community Recreation Center, Jonathan Parker with Eppstein Uhen Architects said new soil must be brought in to replace unstable soil and will cost \$800,000. Increased construction costs due to inflation and a contingency fund also raised the estimated price tag.

The City already committed \$800,000 to replace the old bleachers and a \$1.2 million loan for renovation of the stadium in the 2008 Capital Budget. The Mallards would repay this loan with interest.

If and how the remaining money will be raised is unknown. Michael Schumacher, District 18 Alder, does not think it is in the City's best interest to co-sign any loans. He does think it may be fair to allow the



Conceptual stadium plan by Eppstein Uhen Architects

The renovated stadium would rotate the field 180 degrees, in line with professional baseball field standards. Soil replacement to adequately support the stadium increases cost estimates by \$800,000.

Mallards naming rights to offset their financial risks, as long as the team itself does not profit financially.

Mallards General Manager Vern Stenman feels a partnership on some level with the City is important because they

won't gain any collateral through the renovation since they will not own the stadium. "Ultimately we want this to work," said Stenman.

Also included in negotiations are scheduling rights for baseball-related and special events, a parking plan, maintenance costs and the lease agreement.

Schumacher wants to "create energy for the Northside" but feels finding the best

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From Southern Sudan to Northside

Bading family flourishes in Madison

By Jacki Thomas

The Northside News

Much like first European settlers in America, the William and Veronica Bading family came to the United States in 2003 seeking freedom of religion and an escape from the caste system of their homeland of Sudan.

The Badings, of the Southern Sudan Nuer tribe, lived in the northern capital city of Khartoum. William worked as a mechanic and had an auto repair shop in the city. They, like many Southern Sudanese indigenous peoples, are Christians. The Sudan government, controlled by Arab Muslims, was granted power at the end of British colonial rule in the mid-1950s. As Christians under an Arab Muslim government, the Bading family was often caught in the middle.

William and Veronica's oldest daughter, Chol, was named "Nyaduk" at birth. In Khartoum, Chol collapsed from a sudden fever. Medical services were not as easily available to Christians as such services were to Muslims.

Veronica ran, carrying her unconscious child, looking for a hospital that would help. She was taunted by Muslim neighbors. "They threw rocks at me and teased me because my child was sick. My son, who was older than Chol, had already died. One person shouted that it would be best if Nyaduk would be dead, too." Nyaduk did survive and was renamed Chol, which means "second chance."

William's auto repair shop was frequently broken into and vandalized. In 1998, he started driving trucks in Southern Sudan for the Gulf Petroleum Company. During his absence, Veronica cared for their second daughter, Nyataba, and gave birth to their third daughter, Nyantik. Chol had entered school and completed first and second grade.

"I went to an all-white Muslim school," Chol said. "In Sudan, I was always fighting. On my way to school, Christians would want to beat me up because of the hajeab (head scarf) I had to wear. At school, Muslims wanted to beat me up because I was a Christian, and I would always lose my hajeab on purpose. I never went on a field trip with my school until I came to Madison. There was always a reason made up just for me not to go."

While working in his tribal homeland, William witnessed atrocities of the long conflict between Northern Sudan government forces and Southern Sudanese independence groups. When the Gulf Petroleum Company left Sudan, under pressure from international human-rights groups, William returned to Khartoum.

"Life in Sudan was becoming very much a struggle," Veronica said. "People were saying if you do not have good education you going to struggle, but we could not get education for our children. At any time, they could arrest you and put you in jail because of what clothes you had on



Photo provided by the Bading family

The Bading family, from left, Nyataba, William, Veronica holding Nyajal, Nyantik (in pink), Linda (in red) and Chol.

that day. Maybe they come to the family at night and take someone to fight. We are not going to go and fight other Africans, just like us, we will not do it. So, we went to Egypt."

After living in Egypt for two years, Catholic Charities helped the family relocate to the United States.

Veronica remembers the first morning in their new home when

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**NPC Meeting Highlights
January 23**

With new and retiring members in attendance, the Council enjoyed a full house for its combined Annual and Monthly Meetings.

Friends of Cherokee Marsh was accepted as a new member organization.

Mike Basford, Dayna Dalton, Ray Hellmer, Dan Hovey, Jill Jokela and Chris Odt “retired” from the Council and were recognized for their years of service.

Janet Adams (Lakeview Lutheran, *alt.*), **Rebecca Kemble** (EAAPTO Coalition, *alt.*), **Sterling Lynk** (Lakeview Lutheran), **Sataro Sato** (Troy Gardens Community), **Muriel Simms** (Friends of Cherokee Marsh), and **Miguel Weathers** (Berkley Oaks, *alt.*) were approved as new members.

Stepped down from the Executive Committee, **Laura Vogel** was recognized for serving as Secretary and Treasurer for the past year. **Ellen Barnard** will join the Executive Committee as Secretary with **Co-Chairs-- Lisa Wiese & Helen Marks Dicks** and **Vice Chairs-- Jeff Shokler & Michael Shinnners.**

David Carpenter was elected the NPC representative to the Warner Park Community Recreation Center Advisory Committee.

Terrie Anderson was elected the NPC representative to Friends of Troy Gardens.

The Council meets the fourth Wednesday of the month, 6:30 pm at Warner Park Center. The next meeting is Feb. 27, and is open to the public.

For more information, call 661-0060.

PROFILE

Michael Shinnners

Age: 59
Born: Appleton
Neighborhood: Brentwood Village
Occupation:

Nurse Case Manager
Volunteerism: Michael serves on the Executive Committee of the Northside Planning Council and is the representative for Brentwood Village. He helped start the Northside Community Co-op, which was involved in a community-wide effort to bring Pierce’s to the Northside.

Why is what you do for the Northside important: “It is democracy in action. I am often disheartened by peoples’ lack of involvement. It is the people showing up to meetings who make the decisions in our community.”

Hobbies: Michael bikes everywhere, even in the winter! He is also a member of a cycling club named Mad City Velo Club.

Greatest Northside pleasure: Lake Mendota and Warner Park
If you could change one thing on the Northside: “I would get people more involved in their community.”
If you could change one thing about the world: “All of us would do a better job of really listening to one another.”

~ Compiled by JD Stier

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Northside Timebank

For creating a community ~ neighbor to neighbor ~ by building a Timebank in Madison, Dane County and on the Northside. (Stephanie Rearick (left) and Terrie Anderson accepted the award from guest presenter John Quinlan.)

2007 North Stars
Warner Park Center, December 7

Photos by Marcia Yapp

Over 120 Northside residents and community members gathered to honor fellow neighbors at the Fifth Annual North Star Awards on December 7 at Warner Park Community Recreation Center.

Each year, the North Star Awards honor Northside residents and organizations that make the Northside community a better place to live. Recipients are nominated by fellow community members.

The awards recognize those who take pride in their neighborhood by contributing time and effort to help neighbors and strengthen community. This unique community celebration highlights the dedication of those whose contributions often go unnoticed or unrecognized.

This year's awards presenter was Northside resident John Quinlan (host of Forward Forum). Piano entertainment was by Stephanie Rearick (who is also the Dane County Timebank Director and Coordinator). "Olin", a Mexican children folk ballet troupe, performed traditional Mexican dances.



Photo by Jim Powell

Kelly Donahue

For exceptional commitment to her profession as a neighborhood officer for the community in which she lives and serves (Kelly is pictured with NPC member Pat Steele, left.)



Black Hawk Spirit Club

For improving life for Northside residents through intergenerational-focused service (The club is pictured with Helen Marks Dicks, co-presenter, back center.)



Lynette Jandl

For leadership and commitment to bridging the economic, racial and ethnic communities of the Northside



Ronnie Inda

For being a "behind the scenes" miracle worker on the Northside



Andy (pictured) & Jenny Czerkas

For fortifying Northside families through the River Food Pantry and the Northport and Packer Community Learning Centers (Andy is pictured with Lisa Wiese, co-presenter.)



Sherri Buck Baldwin

For beautifying the Northside by maintaining the gardens at the Maple Bluff Beach



Robert Reuter

For bringing positive change to the Northside through leadership in the business community



Sandy Wojtal-Weber

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Olin

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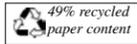
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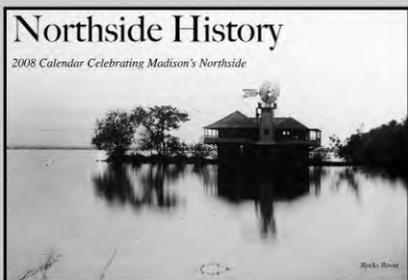
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From
DANA SLOWIAK



NORTHSIDE NEWS EDITOR

Lessons Learned

I've been with the *Northside News* for three years. I've been fortunate to learn from great mentors in my time here, and I've learned a few things along the way to prepare me for my new role as editor.

1. The photocopy machine will always jam before a *Northside News* meeting. Always send good mental vibes to the machine.

2. It is impossible to make everyone happy all of the time. We may not always agree, but an open and respectful dialog is key to positive growth.

3. The *Northside News* is a key community asset. It is important to continue to strengthen this asset and represent the entire community.

This is where you, the reader, comes into the picture. We truly welcome comments of all kinds. The *Northside News* is FOR and BY the community. You tell us what you want. We have over 30 volunteer writers, photographers and support staff and always welcome more.

Mallards Stadium

Many enjoy Mallards games for a variety of reasons. Others, however, are troubled by the growth of the Mallards. How does this growth affect our community? There are negatives and positives; examining all issues carefully is key to building a successful relationship between the community and the Mallards. While this examination may slow the renovation process, it's better to do it now.

The Mallards are successful. The Northside should also benefit from this success.

What do the Mallards gain by this multi-million dollar renovation? Why invest so much into a stadium the team will never own?

What does the Northside really gain? Are there tangible -- and positive -- community and economic benefits?

Now is the time to figure out these answers. Even if the vocal majority support the Mallards, it is important for all questions to be answered. Just because a question is not asked in public does not mean it should not be answered. Five years from now, do we want to sigh when we see the season schedule, or do we want to feel the Mallards truly enhance and support the community we all call home?

This is interesting. Rough estimates indicate the City spends \$180,000 annually to operate the stadium. The Mallards paid about \$21,000 to the City for use of the stadium in 2007. Even with additional revenue, the City "lost" about \$100,000-\$120,000 on the stadium in 2007.

My point is the Mallards should pay their fair share, however that is determined, especially if there is an operational deficit for the very park they call home. To create a true win-win, all parties -- the Mallards, the City and the Northside -- should find a balance that best suits everyone.

Northside History

I'm happy to say the first history calendar is a great success. I look forward to creating the 2009 calendar. This is where I need your help. Please share your images of Northside history! Start digging through your photos and slides and share your stories.

Northside Artists Group

On a personal note, I encourage you to visit the Overture Center for the Arts. The Northside Artists Group presents Reflections of the Northside in Gallery III through March 23. I am proud to say that the Northside is home to many talented artists. Read the story on page 16, and check out the show and support your local arts and artists.

Dana Slowiak became the editor of the Northside News in 2008.

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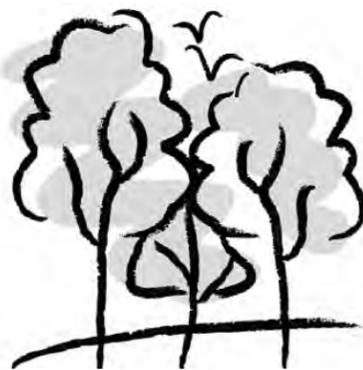
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Learn news skills in leadership workshops

By Amy Mondloch

Grassroots Leadership College

The Grassroots Leadership College is now accepting applications for the Spring 2008 workshops. These are one time workshops designed to build skills and relationships in a supportive and challenging environment. Snacks and childcare are provided at all sessions. Transportation support and scholarships are available on request. Each workshop costs \$20. Timebank hours are also accepted as payment.

Applications are available at www.grassrootsleadershipcollege.org or by calling 441-0085.

Applications must be received at least one week prior to the session.

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Hope for violent and disconnected youth

By JD Stier

The Northside News

United Way of Dane County has partnered with the Madison Metropolitan School District to form the Delegation on Disconnected and Violent Youth.

The Delegation established four overriding goals:

- Increase student engagement
- Increase parent access to tools for emotional and social supports
- Increase early identification and treatment of mental health issues
- Re-engage youth who have dropped out of school.

The United Way of Dane County was restructured in early 2004 to consist of Community Solutions Teams that would carry out its mission. A Community Solution Team is made up of one United Way staff person and approximately ten United Way volunteers. Volunteers range from students to adults in the political, non-profit and business communities.

The Delegation, spear-headed by Community Action Teams, will tackle the root causes of why some of our community's youth are disconnected and violent. The delegation has as its greatest asset a well-established relationship between the United Way and the school district.

The United Way readily acknowledges that the most effective public relations policy is for parents to inform

other parents and students to inform other students.

Angela Jones, Director of Community Building with United Way, believes breakthroughs happen when educators, parents, and students see that, "This is a nationwide problem. It is great that our community is starting to tackle this. People are hungry for relationships, they really want that connection."

One service the delegation will provide is the treatment of mental health issues. Beginning with screening at all Northside middle schools, students with identified needs will receive group treatment for specific mental health issues. FaceKids, a twelve-week program, will pair parents with their middle-school age children in group therapy.

"The kids really like it because it allows them to connect with an adult from their family," said Jones. The Delegation administers FaceKids inside the schools to help with transportation and attendance issues.

To re-engage Northside students who already dropped out of school, the Delegation is seeking current high school students, as well as other adults in the community as volunteers. The Delegation knows that it is citizen volunteers coming together to reach out to their own friends and family that will effectively re-engage dropouts.

"It is through mentorship programs, job placement, initiatives going on

with groups that represent employers, as well as organizations like Operation Fresh Start," that Renee Moe-Salus, Vice President Resource Development/Marketing with United Way and Northside resident, believes that we can reconnect to our youth.

In addition to the construction skills obtained through Operation Fresh Start, the Delegation is introducing a healthcare academy that will train dropouts to be professionals in the healthcare field.

"This is exciting because it gives young adults more choices when coming back after dropping out. Kids really want to be successful [in school] but cannot always make the connection as to why algebra is so important [to job success]. They get bored and want to drop out," said Moe-Salus.

The Healthcare Academy consists of part-time school and part-time job training to help students make that connection.

To volunteer please contact the Delegation on Disconnected and Violent Youth by simply dialing 2-1-1 on your landline phone (246-HELP by cell phone).

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Northside Timebank

How does it work for us? Let's count the ways!

By Terrie Anderson

The Northside News

Success has come Dane County Timebank's way on many, many fronts.

The international conference hosted here in November garnered local, national and international attention, including that of many Dane County residents, who became Timebank members to get in on the successful exchange system. There are over 620 members currently!

In December, the Timebank was honored to receive a North Star Award, given by the Northside Planning Council. This award celebrates people and organizations that make the Northside a great place to live.

With the New Year, some funding options becoming realities and there are some new faces to welcome to Dane County Timebank. First is Gary Messinger, formerly the Timebank's contact at Options in Community Living. He has been hired as the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Coordinator.

The Timebank Youth Court is receiving funding from the State Office of Justice Assistance. It will share a grant with Youth Services of Southern Wisconsin to expand Youth Court options throughout Dane County. Ken Haynes is now working as the new Youth Court Coordinator.

Lorrie Hurckes has joined the staff as a quarter-time administrative assistant. The Timebank will be able to serve you better now that it has this terrific team of employees in addition to the many volunteers who help out for timedollars regularly.

The January annual meeting was a chance to greet new members, elect another strong board of directors, and for young and old alike to enjoy some board and card games.

February is so short, its' welcome event crept into March! There will be an informational meeting and Open Mic to invite eastsiders to join on March 1. Everyone is welcome. It will be at the Wil Mar Neighborhood Center, 953 Jenifer St., from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

Mark your calendars for March 22—Tax Assistance and Stress Relief—10 am to 2 pm at Lakeview Branch Library. Some of our members will help you file tax returns, and then others will help you forget the pain with chair massages, reiki, and more.

In April, Northside Kitchen Cabinet elections will be held. This group consists of neighbors who help plan and put on welcome events, set policy, and act as liaisons between the Timebank and the community. They earn timedollars for the work they do. Call 663-0400 to find out more.

Haven't heard the buzz about timebanking until now? Check out www.danecountytimebank.org and come to the next event.

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River Food Pantry doubles number of families served



Photo by Andy Czerkas

Up to 165 families enjoy dinner on Friday nights at the River Food pantry.

By Andy Czerkas

The River Food Pantry

2007 saw increases at The River Food Pantry in households using the pantry as well as meals served.

Average monthly pantry usage increased from 442 families to 649 families per month, a 46% increase.

Dinners served went from an average of 798 per month in 2006 to 1084 per month in 2007, a 36% increase.

We estimate that we are distributing about 7000 pounds of food weekly. The pantry has logged in excess of 7000 volunteer hours for 2007.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks all of the volunteers and donors for contributing to a great year of service to the northside and to all of Dane County.

Through July of last year, we hosted the First United Methodist Church Pantry. They were temporarily without space while their building was being renovated. It was a privilege to partner with them.

The River added a second night of service in September, to alleviate the crush on Friday nights when we frequently served up to 165 families. We are now serving between 50-70 fami-

lies on Tuesdays and between 110-140 families on Fridays.

Our food and clothing pantries are open on Tuesday from 5-6:30 pm. Registration on Friday is from 5-7 pm. The pantries and the meal start at 6 pm on Friday until everyone is served.

Thanks to the generous support of the Westmont Legal offices, the pantry now has a free legal clinic on the first Friday of the month. A visiting nurse clinic is being planned. Please contact us if you are interested in helping out.

We encourage our northside neighbors to help us serve the less fortunate among us. The River Food Pantry, located at 2201 Darwin Rd., is supported through private and corporate donations. Donations are tax deductible.

Please call us at 442-8815, email us at riverfoodpantry@yahoo.com, or check out our website, www.therivermadison.org.

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LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT

NORTHSIDE PLANS

What's in the works?



Have you noticed how much the Northside is being studied lately? The neighborhood planning process just kicked off (see box below), several plans and studies are moving forward in 2008, and some private development plans are slowing or on hold consistent with market trends.

Here's a quick reference guide to keep you informed about what's in store for our community. These processes include public participation, so we'll do our best to make opportunities for public input known to you as they occur.

<p>Mallards Stadium The consultant's cost estimate for renovation came in \$1.6 million higher than expected. Public meetings were held in January. Potential to be done in time for 2009 season unknown. (See front page story)</p>	<p>Warner Park Updating the park master plan (green space, ball fields, stadium, Center, future pool, parking) would be so far in the future that the Warner Park Advisory Committee instead requested a 2008 feasibility study for facility expansion.</p>	<p>Business Market Study The City expects to hire a consultant in spring 2008 to analyze the Northport-Packers-Sherman areas and airport corridor to determine what kinds of businesses might succeed in the area.</p>	<p>Lake View Hill The overall property (buildings, woods, lawn) of the county park, now zoned conservancy, is being analyzed. The County will announce in February the consultant hired to create a master plan including public input to be completed later this year. (See story on page 13)</p>
<p>N. Sherman Ave. Traffic Safety Resurfacing N. Sherman Ave. is in the City's 2008 budget. Relevant agencies are coming together to respond to walking audit results and consider ways to increase pedestrian & bike safety in conjunction with resurfacing.</p>	<p>Northport/N. Sherman Traffic Study The City will create a baseline for traffic and safety around Warner Park before the 2008 Mallards season begins and then during games. This will help determine the impact of Mallards games on the area.</p>	<p>North Mendota Parkway Environmental and transportation study underway through late spring of 2008 will identify key natural, agricultural and recreational resources worthy of preservation and possible transportation corridors.</p>	<p>State Highway 113 The State will repave (and renovate?) Northport Dr., also known as State Highway 113, in 2011. Other planning processes that are occurring right now will influence this road reconstruction.</p>
<p>Tennyson Terrace, LLC Developers held a public meeting in January before applying for a demolition permit at the old Tennyson Warehouses & Industrial Park. The proposal is to construct multiple business, non-residential condominiums (at Tennyson & Packers Aves behind Lake View Elementary).</p>	<p>Cherokee Park Inc* The developer met with Cherokee Park neighbors to unveil plans for 47 single family homes in the "5th Addition" (at the north end of Wheeler Rd.). Three duplexes proposed on Burning Wood Way have been scaled back to three single family homes. Public input sessions TBA.</p>	<p>N Sherman/Packers Development* The 40 acres south of Whitetail Ridge and north of Lake View Elementary is a farm field and rolling hills owned by the Raemisch family. No early 2008 plans have been unveiled as previously anticipated.</p>	<p>Packers Ave. Farm Field The old farm field south of the Oak Park Terrace neighborhood is owned by the manufactured homes landlord. The southern half was divided into a separate parcel, but no plans have been unveiled.</p>
<p>Economic Development The City's Economic Development Commission will seek public input on the draft plan expected in February. Final plan-- the City's first update since 1983-- to be completed in 2008.</p>	<p>Dane County Regional Airport Weather conditions this winter have slightly delayed construction on the \$30 million parking ramp expansion and "green" exit plaza slated to be completed December 2008.</p>	<p>Maple Bluff The "Gateway Revitalization" mixed-use redevelopment plan is in progress for Maple Bluff's business district (at N. Sherman and Commercial Aves.). A public hearing to get input on the draft plan is expected as early as February.</p>	<p>Town of Burke Annexations* As property owners seek to develop parcels in the Town of Burke, they will be annexed into the City.</p>

*Once annexed, these properties (and school district taxes) will be a part of the Waunakee and/or DeForest, not Madison, school districts despite being inside city limits.

Northside Neighborhood Plan Update

The City of Madison kicked off the update to the 1992 northside neighborhood plan in January. **Phase I** deals with the Northport Drive corridor and surrounding areas. Beginning in 2009, **Phase II** will cover the North Sherman and Packers Avenue corridors and surrounding areas. The update will cover topics such as community services, land use and redevelopment, economic development, parks and open space, safety and transportation.

Steering Committee: The Mayor appointed the following to a neighborhood-based Steering Committee to lead this planning effort: **Lydia Maurer / Jodi L. Hanna (alt.)** - Berkley Oaks & Whitetail Ridge & the Oak Park Terrace Manufactured Homes Park. **Pat Steele / Nicole Moriarty (alt.)** - East Bluff & Northport, Packers & Woodland Park apartments. **Benjamin Cashin/Lorie Walker (alt.)/Olga Cardenas** - Lake View Hill & Kennedy Heights. **Cyndi Wood/Pacia J. Harper (alt.)** - Troy Gardens, Nobel Park & Vera Court. **Madeline Scherb/Jolena K. Presti (alt.)** - Brentwood Village, Sheridan Triangle, Sherman, Maple Wood, & Mendota Hills. **Diane L. Jetzer/Mary A. Schumacher (alt.)** - North Lake Mendota & Lerdahl. **Karen M. Thompson/Donald B. Bruns** - business community. **Thomas C. Blake/Julie Savidusky (alt.)** - At Large representatives. **Betty Thompson** - Multi-family property owner.

The public is welcome to attend upcoming **Steering Committee** meetings: **Vera Court Neighborhood Center**, 614 Vera Ct.: Feb. 7, 6-8 pm, Feb. 28, 6-8 pm. **Packers Community Learning Center**, 1927 Northport Dr.: Mar. 13, 6:30-8:30 pm; Mar. 27 - 6-8 pm; Apr. 10, 6:30-8:30 pm; Apr. 24, 6-8 pm.

What makes you want to stay? What would you like to change? **Share your thoughts:** www.cityofmadison.com/northsidePlan; write: **Linda Horvath**, Planning Division, P.O. Box 2985, Madison, 53701; or e-mail: lhovath@cityofmadison.com.

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County Board Candidates Questions

QUESTION 1: What has been your involvement in the Northside community? What issue concerning the Northside community are you personally most passionate about, and why?

QUESTION 2: Dane County faces increasing budgetary pressure due to expanding population and service needs, with reduced state aid. Health and Human Services, with about half of the County's \$400 million budget, is particularly strained. Many Northside residents rely on service agencies supported by the County. Would you maintain, cut or increase the health and human services budget, and why?

QUESTION 3: How will you work to empower the Capital Area Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (CARPC) to foster a sustainable future for the county? What policies will you implement to preserve undeveloped land and protect waterways while welcoming new residents and economic development? Be specific.

QUESTION 4: What is your vision for meeting the County's growing regional transportation needs in a way that is less reliant on the automobile and more reliant on alternative forms of getting around including transit, walking and bicycling? What is your position on using a referendum to create a regional transit authority (RTA) with the power to levy a sales tax to fund transportation options?

Ted Krez



Candidate for District 12 Supervisor

1: I have tried to give back to my community when I can. I volunteer for various neighborhood and community activities. I sit on Maple Bluff's Public Works committee. I am a member of the Northside Business Association. My wife and I are Broker/Owners of Lakewood Realty and have helped many people in this community buy and sell their homes. I am active in my professional organization.

On the Northside we must prioritize our needs, not our wants - public protection, good roads, clean groundwater and public services for children and families in need come first. The most important issue is working for the citizens of this district and prioritizing these core services.

2: I certainly could not see cutting the health and human services budget as it does provide key services to children, seniors and families in need. However, I would support re-examining the priorities in the budget to insure that the most essential services are adequately covered.

I would encourage continued and expanded consideration of consolidation of services. The purpose of consolidation would be to improve services while freeing more funds to maintain or even expand priority programs.

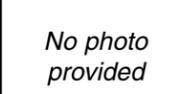
3: I support regional planning. I would continue to try and convince surrounding counties to work with Dane County in a truly regional entity. The policies I would support include using incentives to help cities and villages develop with greater density to use less open lands.

I would also encourage and use incentives to promote the use of clustered development in the towns to allow housing, but with the use of less land and with less impact on ground and surface water. I would support the preservation of environmental corridors and attempt to link these corridors when possible.

4: We may want to look at having smaller systems that interact with one another. This process would involve the County working with other governmental units to make it happen. In doing so we could look at expanding Madison Metro, utilize smaller buses that are more fuel efficient, and using alternative fuel.

To help take traffic out of the Isthmus area, I would support the North Mendota Parkway. I am concerned that commuter rail, which will be very expensive, will have little benefit for most of the Northside, while an enhanced, flexible bus system might serve us much better. I support a referendum to determine if an RTA is to be created.

Will Sandstrom



Candidate for District 12 Supervisor

No answers submitted.

Paul Rusk



Candidate for District 12 Supervisor

1: My Northside community involvement is extensive and is a key reason why I was first elected in 2002: Friends of Lakeview Library & Expansion Committee since 2001, NBA since 2004, NPC Charter Member 1993-2002, North/Eastside Senior Coalition 1993-2002, Brentwood Association president 1995-2000, East Bluff president 1986-1992, and two community CDBG planning processes in the 1990s.

I was a leader in the long effort to build Warner Park Center (board chair 1997-2002). I am passionate about the need for strong Northside neighborhood and community organizations so that we can continue to enhance quality of life for all. Even with my busy schedule, I try hard to help others with their important work to build a better future.

2: As chair of Public Protection and Judiciary, we are working diligently to create additional efficiencies and to find creative funding sources so we can increase our most effective health and human service programs, many of which are nationally known for excellence. We have hundreds of new criminal justice audit recommendations to tackle. Helping troubled kids and families enhances lives and lessens crime while saving significant taxpayer dollars in the long run.

Two of my initiatives--more child support space in the new Courthouse and transferring child abuse and neglect cases so we could get more federal resources--are already saving money while increasing critical services for "at risk" children.

3: Coordinating land use, transportation and water quality planning through local and county-wide planning processes is critical to a sustainable future. It is important for the new RPC to continue with its proposed farmland mitigation policies.

I support our new county comprehensive plan which designates areas for development and preserves natural resources. Our new transfer of development rights program is an additional tool that allows development to pay for preservation. I supported the new Land and Water Legacy Fund that will help our waterways.

4: I support the regional transportation concept but there are many preliminary steps that are needed first, including state authorization legislation and additional buy-in from the community and neighboring counties. If commuter rail is included, we would need a 50% cost share from the federal government.

I will only support the sales tax local option if it were to pass in a county referendum. The RTA concept is excellent, and as gas prices rise and congestion increases public support will grow. We need better transportation planning and a regional approach.

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