

FESTIVALS

Whole Northside Block Party brings people together

By Lee Hayden
The Northside News

Lynette Jandl, planning coordinator for the first annual Northside Block Party, leaned back against the picnic table. Relaxing for the first time after a whirlwind of preparation tasks and media interviews she gazed at the festive scene spread throughout the Warner Park shelter grounds.

"It's like a dream," she sighed. "The weather is perfect, the people are perfect. We hoped that neighbors would come here and have a good time and get to know each other. What happened is exactly what we had hoped would happen".

In fact what happened on September 2 was that hundreds of residents reflecting the economic, racial and ethnic diversity of Madison's Northside came out for the first ever block party. Relaxing in the bright sunshine, they mingled with other partygoers and enjoyed the food, music and gorgeous late summer weather.

Popular disc jockey John Powell provided a lively background of recorded music and coaxed aspiring karaoke singers to come to the microphone to share their talent. He also introduced young performers including the Canopy Dance Student Ensemble, Hmong traditional dancers and the Olin Dance Troop of Hispanic folk dancers who entertained the gathering.

The enticing aroma of brats & hot dogs permeated the crisp autumn-like

air as lines of eager picnickers lined up inside the shelter to fill plates from an array of meats, casseroles, salads and deserts donated by block party attendees and also by Oscar Mayer, Gardner Bakery and other Northside businesses.

Right next to the shelter, the originator of the event, District 12 Alderman Brian Benford, spent the entire afternoon calmly grilling those same brats and hot dogs for his hungry constituents and chatting with the many friends and acquaintances who came over to greet him. He had known that "nothing brings people together like food and music," and personally took steps to insure that both were available in abundance.

Although he recognized that Warner Park is host to many special events throughout the year, Brian intended the Block Party to be a free and open affair that everyone could attend "to celebrate the rich cultural fabric of the Northside and talk to their neighbors." He especially hoped to establish a new neighborhood tradition that would

continue for many years.

Because this is Brian's last term in office as alderman the block party had a personal meaning for him. He regarded it as a fulfillment of hopes that he could pull people together not only to celebrate their differences but also realize the many things they have in common.

Still sitting at the picnic table Lynette Jandl, who had met Brian at the Northside Farmers Market and quickly became enthusiastic about his



Photo by Lee Hayden



Photo by Steve Olson



Photo by Abha Thakkar

Top left: Northsiders enjoy great food and music under the Warner Park Shelter. Bottom left: Ald. Brian Benford gets help from volunteers while he's hard at work at the grill. Above: Dancers inspire a young dancer-in-training to learn some moves.

idea, echoed his hopes that the block party would become a neighborhood tradition. Looking over again at the cheerful crowd she laughed and declared that "now it's time to start getting ready for next year."

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HOLIDAY

TRICK OR TREAT?

On a beautiful fall day we asked six Northside kids what they wanted to be for Halloween and why.

~ Compiled by J.D.Stier and Bethany Wild



Alyauna Bufford, age 4, wants to be Cinderella. What 4-year old girl wouldn't enjoy being Cinderella?



Tabias Wilson, age 7, wants to be Jason from the movie *Freddie Vs Jason* because he's "really cool."



Beatrice Elvord, age 8, wants to be a Vampire because "they're cool. And scary."



Julliette Elvord, age 2, wants to be a pumpkin. Because she is just so cute.



Aniese Souvanasone, age 2 (almost), will be celebrating Halloween for the first time and just can't make up her mind what she wants to be.



Langston Elvord, age 12, wants to be an NBA All Star because Michael Jordan is his favorite player.

Safety tips

Courtesy of staff and parents at Lindbergh Elementary School

- (1) Carry a flashlight
- (2) Avoid wearing dark clothing
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City of Madison Neighborhoods Conference 2006

The Department of Planning and Development is hosting the 2006 Neighborhoods Conference at the Monona Terrace on November 11th from 8:00-4:00pm. Everything you need to know is located at www.cityofmadison.com/neighborhoods/NeighborhoodConf2006/index.cfm.

This year's conference offers a wealth of wonderful workshops for neighborhood residents and people who care about neighborhoods. Come

build your skills and knowledge in such important areas as organizational development, neighborhood improvement projects, and working with city officials, developers and landlords. There will be over 30 workshops to choose from during the all-day event.

The four workshop tracts include: Track 1 - Neighborhood Building, Track 2 - Neighborhood Projects, Track 3 - Creating Great Neighborhoods, and Track 4 - Working with

City Government

Each track includes two to four workshops offered concurrently during each of three time slots: 9-10:15am, 10:30-11:45am and 1:30-3:45pm.

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Warner Park Center**

Contact Dan O'Kane at 241-8081 or Cyndi Wood at 220-7092 for more information.



CITY OF MADISON NEIGHBORHOODS CONFERENCE
Saturday November 11, 2006 from 8am to 4pm
Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center

A welcome from Mayor Dave Cieslewicz will be followed by over 30 workshops and colorful stories from Joel Bookman, the Keynote Speaker, who has over 25 years experience building community connections in Chicago including recent work with the Local Initiatives Support Corporation. You may register at: www.cityofmadison.com/neighborhoods/neighborhoodconf2006/ or by contacting Linda Horvath at (608) 267-1131, Ext. 219.

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Cub Scout Pack 127 does its best

By **Lori Mertens**

Cub Master

Cub Scout Pack 127 consists of 30 Cub Scouts ranging in age from 6 to 11 years old. Sherman Avenue United Methodist Church is our Organizational Representative and also where the Pack normally meets. Our motto is "Do Your Best" and we provide the scouts with many opportunities to do their best through community service and skill building activities.

Bell ringing for the Salvation Army, seed collection at Governor Nelson State Park, Fall leaf raking and help with the Cherokee Marsh clean up are some of the important service activities that instill in our scouts the importance of helping others, taking care of our environments and thanking those who have helped us.

Scouting is not just about service work. We work hard... but scouts also play hard. This past year Pack 127 and their families attended athletic events such as the Harlem Globetrotters Game, a UW Hockey game and a Mallards baseball game. In the winter months we enjoy our much anticipated Pinewood Derby event and recognize hard work at our annual Blue and Gold Banquet. In June we attended a 3-day, fun-filled Cub Scout summer day camp. Annual summer events also



Photo by Lori Mertens

Pack 127 Bear Scouts drink "Webelo's water" to give them courage to be Webelos Scouts.

include hiking, swimming at a pool, and family camping. We have plans this Fall to visit the National Mississippi River Museum.

The Leaders and Scouts of Pack 127 would like to thank the many area businesses who have supported Cub Scout Pack 127 this year, including Marling Lumber, Walgreen's, Road Ranger, Dean Health System, UW/Physician's Plus, D&J's Bait Shop, Miekles True Value, Jim's Meat Market and many others. With your support we are able to "Do Our Best!"

If your son is interested in joining Cub Scouts and would like additional information, please call Lori Mertens, Cub Master, at 608-246-0338. You can also visit the Glacier's Edge Boy Scout's District web site for additional information on other Packs within the District. Their website is located at: www.glaciersedge.org/



Camino del Sol protects lakes

Homeowners and neighbors gathered at Camino del Sol in late July to plant a community raingarden. The garden helps rainwater soak into the ground to prevent pollutants from running into lakes and streams. Over 200 native wildflowers and grasses were included in the garden at Camino del Sol, which was funded in part by the Graham-Martin Foundation and Dane County's Lakes and Watershed Program. Camino del Sol is a new neighborhood developed by the Madison Area Community Land Trust, located off Troy Drive. Come see our raingarden! ~ Photo provided by Sharene Wilcox

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EAST HIGH PRINCIPAL

Belonging

The recent events at high schools throughout the nation and in our state remind us how important personal connection is. At a conference I attended in the summer of 2005, a speaker shared a message that moved me. Norman Kuntz' message was simple. He said that as school leaders we should ask two essential questions every day: where does a sense of belonging get eroded? What ways does belonging get eroded?

Since then I have considered those questions, posed them to some staff and students, and observed our community here at East High. We do some things very well and also recognize we have many areas that we need to improve upon.

The recent events have emphasized that each person needs to belong to something constructive. Amid high-stakes testing, competitive college

entrance requirements, expanding societal pressures and the general questions that accompany adolescence, it is our responsibility to let each student know they belong.

We are fortunate at East High to have diversity. It is one of the two things most noted by all stakeholders as our strength. We are diverse racially, economically, linguistically, philosophically, in family make-up and in innumerable other ways. It is good that we see this as a strength, and it is also, like any strength, something we must be vigilant about working at. I believe it goes beyond the walls of the school. It is something that every member of the East community should embrace. Each of us can do something for someone to let them know, "we are glad you are here."

We have a great deal of work to continue to do in this area at East High. Our commitment is to continue to ask the questions, listen to the answers and take action where it is needed. We hope others will join us in this effort to listen and learn. It is important for every student to have hope. Hope is possible when a person belongs to something positive and feels a sense of purpose.

Recent East High grads excel in Ironman Triathlon



Photo provided by Sue Martin

Ironman Wisconsin finishers Rachel Penczykowski (time 12:12:15) and Bill Martin (time 11:39:45) pose with their awards.

marathon of 26.2-miles, through downtown Madison and the University of Wisconsin campus, which finished on Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Approximately 2,450 athletes started the race, and 2,172 finished by midnight. The cold, rainy, and windy weather conditions that day made the race even more challenging and contributed to the 9% DNF (did not finish) rate. Many people had to drop out due to hypothermia. Ironman Wisconsin is just one of 5 such races in the continental United States and 19 total worldwide.

Bill, a 20-year-old 2004 graduate of East, Cherokee neighborhood resident, and UW junior, finished at 6:39 pm. He finished in 356th place overall. He and his "IronBadgers" teammates Adam Book and Julie Sauer received awards for 1st Place in the Collegiate Mixed Team Competition. He is currently an officer of the UW Triathlon Team, whose membership has increased tremendously in the past few years reflecting the growing popularity of the sport.

Rachel, a 21-year-old 2003 graduate of East, an O'Keefe neighborhood resident, and UW senior, came across the line at 7:12 pm. She was the 2nd Place finisher in the Women's 18-24 Age Group Competition.

By Sue Martin

Bill Martin and Rachel Penczykowski, both Madison East High graduates and current UW-Madison students, competed in the Ironman Wisconsin Triathlon on Sunday, September 10. Each received an award at the Athlete Luncheon at Monona Terrace the next day.

The race started at 7 am with a 2.4-mile swim in Lake Monona. That was followed by a 112-mile hilly bike course traveling through Verona, Mt. Vernon, Mt. Horeb, and Cross Plains. Following the bike was a full

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Two East High seniors find meaning & friendship as *Amigos de las Americas*

Arco Iris, Costa Rica

By Hanna Braverman

This summer after my junior year in high school I participated in a program called *Amigos de las Americas* (for more information visit the Madison Chapter website <http://www.amigosmadison.org/>). It is a volunteer program, aimed specifically toward high school and college-age students. *Amigos* is like a mini Peace Corps. Students are sent to different Latin American countries to live in and be a part of a community, come up with and carry out (with the help of community members) a project that will benefit the community, and most importantly learn about and understand another culture. I spent six months out of the school year preparing for my trip. I was required to attend numerous trainings and fundraisers where I learned about everything from cultural sensitivity to how to purify water.

I lived in Arco Iris, Costa Rica, a small community of about two hundred people. My family consisted of two older sisters, a mom, and a little



Hanna with students from one of the day camp classes.

dog named "Scrappy." They were the people I lived with, but there was not one person in the community that I wouldn't now call "*mi familia*." I was placed with an *Amigos* partner who I had never met before, and she lived with a different family not far from my house.

My *Amigos* partner and I spent our weekdays with the kids in the community. We held youth day camps doing arts and crafts, playing games like jump rope, soccer, and Frisbee; and teaching them useful English words. The children were by far the best thing about my summer because they were incredibly lovable and non-judgmental. We showed them affection and they gave it back a hundred times stronger. Spending so much time with the kids made me realize that all you need to be happy is an open heart, open mind, and a wide imagination.



Jocelyn, Caitlin, host brother Gabi, *Amigos* supervisor Natasha, and host brother Jaime.

The ages of the children ranged from 4-12 years old. My *Amigos* partners and I taught the children about the environment and why it is important to keep it clean, about trees, water conservation, and other fun things like sports, games, and art. My *Amigos* partners and I also orga-

nized a CBI (community based initiative) in which we painted the community's "*cancha*," a concrete area where the children and youth held their recreational activities. We also made trashcans out of empty plastic bottles to promote a clean environment.

On my downtime I would usually hang out with my *Amigos* partners or play with the kids. I spent a lot of time watching the youth in the community play soccer down at the *cancha*. I met a lot of great people in Mexico, as well as from all over the United States. It's hard to sum up such an incredible experience in only a few sentences, but I encourage everyone eligible to try and get involved in *Amigos de las Americas* or in some sort of youth leadership group. You won't regret it!

The six weeks I was in Costa Rica flew by faster than anything I have ever experienced. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity I was given to be a part of another culture. I feel very lucky that my community was so accepting of me and that they were willing to share their lives with me. I developed so many life-long friendships over the summer and learned lots of new things. I now realize there is a very big world out there and hope that one day I can see more of it.

Michoacan, Mexico

By Caitlin Drifke

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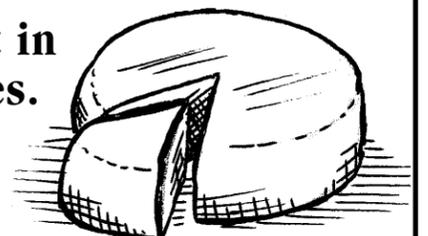
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Life in the 1930s and 1940s was, in some ways, quiet and simple compared to today. But that era held many challenges for teenagers. As kids in the '30s, they experienced hardships in the Great Depression. As teens in the '40s, they lived through World War II. John Imhoff attended St. Bernard's grade school on Atwood Avenue in the 1930s. He recalls fun times with neighbors who became life-long friends. By the time he entered East High in 1937, though, money was tight, so John left school after two years to work. As the war intensified, he wanted to defend his country, and enlisted in the Navy in July, 1942. After only two months of training, he was thrust into some of the deadliest conflicts of World War II.

Memories of East: I had good friends there. We liked to go to the stores and restaurants that were right across the street from East. There was the Tower Store, where we could get lunch and school supplies. And there was the Purgolder, which was a restaurant. We had good times there.

Leaving school: It's what I had to do. I worked at Oscar Mayer before joining the Navy. I enlisted with a good friend, Bud Chamberlain, who later was Dane County Coroner for many years.

In the Navy: I was a baker, and I enjoyed it. The bakeshop was a popular place. The guys would come in to see if they could get something good to eat. We would make cakes for special occasions.

At war: When people ask if I served in Europe or in the Pacific, I say both! In September 1942, I was assigned to the USS Suwannee, an escort aircraft carrier. I served on her for three years. My first action was later that year when we provided air cover for the invasion of North Africa. Then we went through the Panama Canal to the Pacific, where I was in 13 campaigns in historic places such as Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands and the Battle of Leyte in the Philippines.

Kamikaze attack: On October 25, 1944, we were near the island of Leyte when a Japanese plane flew into our sister ship, the Santee, a half-mile away from us. It was the first kamikaze attack of the war. We hadn't heard of a kamikaze before that. Two minutes later, we got hit. We came through it fairly well but the next day, we had another direct hit. The ship was badly



John Imhoff (left) and his friend, Bud Chamberlain (right), with their Navy recruiting officer (center), in 1942.

damaged, the dead and wounded were all over and there was panic and confusion. Out of 1,100 men on board, 200 died and many were wounded. I worked with 6 other bakers; 2 of them were killed and 3 were wounded. All but two cooks were killed.

Nagasaki visit: The atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki on August 9, 1945, and the Suwannee arrived on September 19. The bomb killed 40,000 people outright, and injured 25,000. If you want to know what the city looked like, go out to the dump; it was that devastated. Just as we arrived, I got my orders to go home. A transport was



John Imhoff, with a photo of the USS Suwannee. He spent three years on the ship during World War II, serving in both the European and Pacific fronts.

leaving, so I got on it. I never got off the ship in Nagasaki.

After the war: John married his wife, Lorraine (EHS class of '41), and they raised 6 sons and a daughter. John worked at Oscar Mayer for nearly 40 years; Lorraine was a nurse. They are retired and live in Monona.

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Emergency Supply Kit

A basic emergency supply kit should include the following:

- Water—one gallon of water per person per day, for drinking and sanitation;
- Food—at least a three day supply of nonperishable food;
- Battery-powered radio and extra batteries;
- Flashlight and extra batteries;
- First Aid Kit;
- Whistle to signal for help;
- Can opener; and
- Garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation.

This list is not all-inclusive. Individuals should also think about any unique items that their family might need such as medications, pet food, diapers etc.

Family Emergency Plan

When a disaster strikes, individual members of a family may not be together at one location. Individuals should plan on how they will contact each other and discuss what they would do in different situations. You can consider a plan where each family member calls the same friend or relative in the event of an emergency. Individuals should be aware that it may be easier to make a long distance phone call than a local one, so an out of town point-person may be the best option to communicate with separated

family members. Other issues to consider when making a family emergency plan are:

- Planning how you will assemble your family if evacuated from the family home, or if they cannot go back to their home, and anticipating where they would go; and
- Keeping at least a half a tank of gas in your car at all times.

Awareness of Potential Threats

Individuals should familiarize themselves with the potential threats in their community whether they are man-made or natural. You may be aware of some of the threats in your community, while others may surprise you. In Wisconsin, we are aware of the recent tornadoes and to some degree flooding. Ice storms can have a tremendous impact on the community.

Taking the time to develop a plan will go a long way to reducing stress and increasing the safety of individuals and their families. Additional information on emergency preparedness can be found at the website www.ready.gov.

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- ✦ Set the thermostat down 5-10 degrees at night and when you leave.
- ✦ Keep furniture away from heat registers so warm air flows into rooms.
- ✦ Turn off lights and TVs when you are not using them.
- ✦ Open drapes on sunny days to allow sunlight to warm the room.
- ✦ Close drapes at night to help keep warmth inside the room.
- ✦ Use your furnace to heat your home. It's dangerous to use your stove.
- ✦ Call the Home Energy Line at 252-7117 or visit mge.com with questions

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- ✦ LED crank-powered flashlight, great in emergencies, never needs batteries and uses efficient LED technology
- ✦ Cozy fleece blanket - snuggle under this while watching TV and be comfortable at a lower thermostat setting
- ✦ An assortment of five compact fluorescent light bulbs that last 6-10 times longer, and replacing five of them in your home can save 75%
- ✦ A refrigerator, freezer thermostat to check your equipment for safety and efficiency
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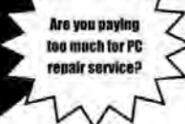
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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

From
BRIAN BENFORD



DISTRICT 12 ALDERPERSON

Dear Friends and Neighbors,
I would like to start off by publicly thanking all the good folks who put this paper together. By their efforts, we as a community have a great tool to keep us informed and a link to bring us together.

As many of you know, I am not a traditional politician by many definitions. Male, pale and stale is best used to describe most of our current policy makers. With that said, I also acknowledge that we are all products of our realities. We know what we know and we are who we are. What we value as individuals often comes from our experiences.

Currently, the Mayor and the Common Council are in the process of formulating next year's budget. In my mind, the budget is a reflection of what we hold dear as a community. For example, do we spend more money to hire additional police officers, or use a

fraction of this money to fund prevention programs to prevent youths and others from choosing a life of crime? Do we fund quality childcare programs so folks can go to work or school to reach their full potential, or do we shell out that money for additional parking ramp signs? As a community, are we willing to continue to let the poorest and neediest struggle in our indifferent society in order to save taxpayers the cost of a cup of cappuccino?

While it is noble to use taxpayer's money prudently, it is insidious to pit homeowners against those in need. That is exactly what has happened during the three years I've served on the Council. I know that there are great, kindhearted people who, if they knew the need, would not object to a slight raise in their tax bill to help others. All I hope is that my colleagues will take the time to ask their constituents and themselves this question. I think you can be fiscally responsible and, more importantly, morally caring in setting a budget. But that's just my reality. Let me know what you think.

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From
DAVE CIESLEWICZ



MAYOR OF MADISON

A New Duck Pond?

One of the great things about Madison in the summer is Mallards baseball. The team plays hard, the tickets are affordable and the hot dogs are excellent. In fact, the Mallards have been so successful that success is breeding challenges. The team is looking to replace its current home with a newly configured stadium on the same site. This gives us a chance to think about how the facility is used, what we can do to address some of the parking challenges we've experienced and how the stadium can work as an even better neighbor to the community.

Later this year I will convene a committee of neighborhood representatives, team officials, city parks staff and others to work through all of the many issues surrounding the current and new facility. The goal is to have a consensus plan in place by the spring, with implementation to follow.

Warner Park Pool Starts to Come Into Focus

The Goodman Pool, Madison's first municipal swimming pool, marked its first season with attendance outpacing expectations. We had anticipated 55,000 visits, but about 77,000 visitors enjoyed the pool this summer. While it is a great facility, its location near the Alliant Energy Center is a long way from the Northside.

That's why we've planned a second city pool for Warner Park. A group of active Northsiders has started the Circle of Friends campaign to build support and raise money for the pool. I have put a placeholder for a Northside pool in

my five year capital budget, but success is contingent upon finding another major donor or donors like the Goodman Brothers. The Goodman Pool was built with a partnership of 75% private resources and 25% public. We'll need the same kind of generosity in place before we can move ahead with the Warner Park project.

A Chance to Make a Difference

The Northside has sent terrific representatives to the City Council. Paul Van Rooy and Brian Benford have served their constituencies well and they've been tremendous advocates for the Northside. Now they've each decided to move on to different kinds of public service when their terms end in April and I wish them well. The election in April will send two new alders to the Council from the Northside.

I have heard about the potential candidacies of several fine people and I encourage anyone with an interest in this level of civic involvement to consider running or to get involved in one of the campaigns. Paul and Brian will leave big shoes to fill, but there are many Northsiders equal to the challenge.

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From
PAUL VAN ROOY



DISTRICT 18 ALDERPERSON

The Mayor has introduced his annual capital budget, and by the time you read this he will also have introduced the operating budget. The capital budget continues the Mayor's focus on public safety, with plans to build a new Westside Fire Station in 2008. The Eastside Police Station was just opened this past July, and the police will add additional tasers so that in four years all officers will be equipped with this alternative to deadly force.

The Capital Budget also continues funding to upgrade major streets like University Avenue and Mineral Point Road. The City is doing several things to save money on streets in the coming years. Streets will be upgraded when possible by replacing single lanes at a time rather than closing the street for a complete rebuild. This technique saves money and is less disruptive for traffic.

Another innovation in street maintenance involves an experimental program, which was implemented in the 18th and 20th Aldermanic Districts

this summer. A number of streets in these districts were treated by chip-sealing before they reached the point where they needed to be repaved. This process will add many years to the life of the street and save many thousands of dollars per mile in repair costs.

The Streets Department has also purchased new street repair vehicles that make pothole repair much faster and less labor intensive. The new units allow one person to repair potholes with the new trucks while past practice required two vehicles and four people. This will save time and money in the future.

Other money-saving activities in the budget include the automating of the trash collection system which will be the same as the automated recycling program that was implemented last year. This system is already saving money and decreasing the amount of waste going to the landfill. Automated trash collection will be implemented in September 2007.

If you wish to comment on the budget, watch for the hearing schedule in October and November. The City Council will adopt the budget in November.

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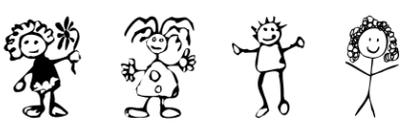
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