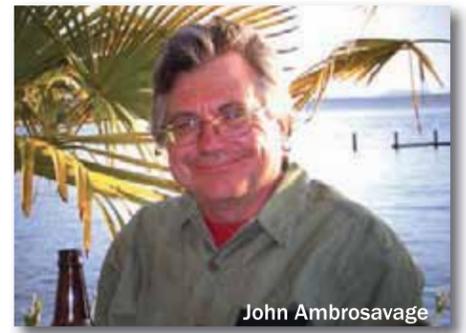


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Seattle-based cartoonist, John Ambrosavage, reflects on growing up on Madison's Northside and his new book, *Cartoon of the Word Volume 1*.

# “American Treasure” has roots buried deep on Northside

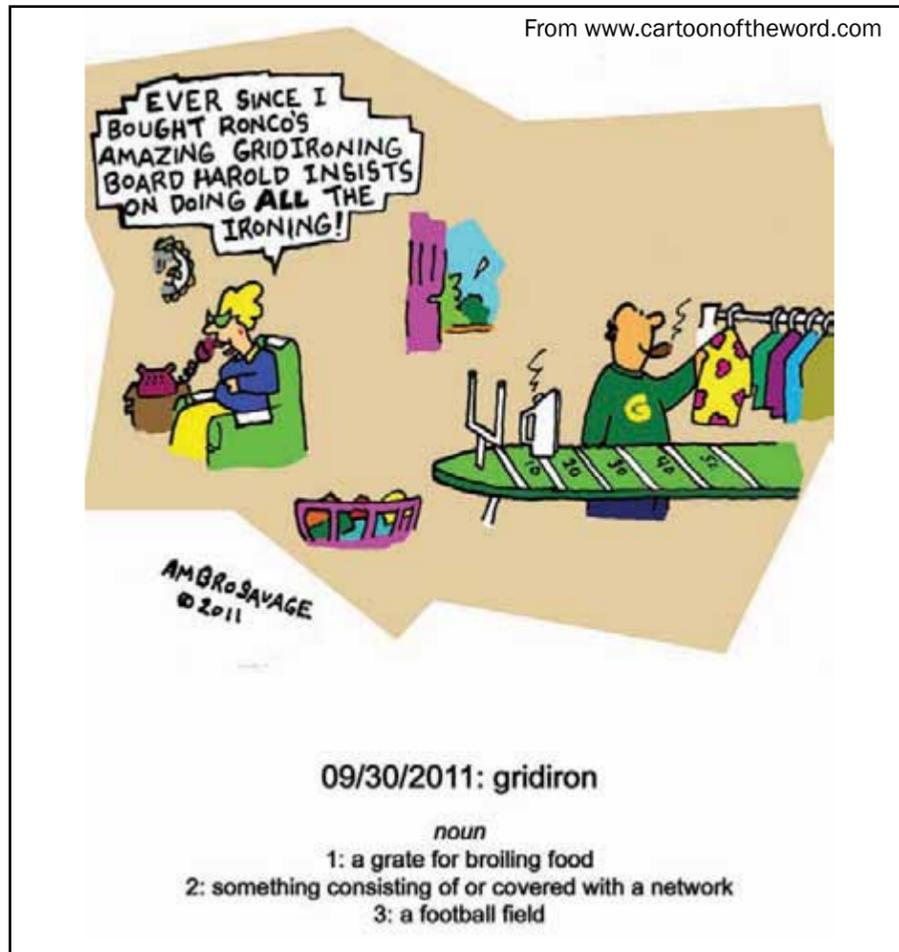
By Char Tortorice



John Ambrosavage

For years, word snobs and Scrabble players alike have avidly poured over the “Word of the Day” provided by the good folks working for the Merriam-Webster dictionary, gloating when it is a familiar word and quickly adding it to their personal lexicon when it isn’t. Originally published in newspapers, this daily dose of wordiness is now available online, just a click away under your “favorites.” But you may not know that there is also an added feature built around each word, also sitting in cyberspace awaiting the click of your mouse. For years, John Ambrosavage had the Word of the Day emailed to his in-box and one day thought, “Someone should do a cartoon for each word — wait a minute, I am a cartoonist!” So for the last year-and-a-half, each day, every day, John has highlighted the entry with a drawing and quip to tickle your funny bone (find them on [www.cartoonoftheword.com](http://www.cartoonoftheword.com)). He does get the words in advance from his editor, Ray C. Freeman III, but only one at a time, just so he doesn’t tackle only the easy words. With a daily deadline and a stream of words from Bob at Merriam-Webster, there are no easy words. John is a widely published, nationally syndicated and distributed cartoonist. He was the first hired to produce electronic cartoons for Amazon.com’s e-card section, and his long-running “Ambrotoons” was the first web-based cartoon offered by the “Seattle Weekly”. He has been called an “American Treasure” by Dave Lijengren, editor of Pandomag.com, a rock and roll webzine based in Seattle, and his works are featured in several Seattle galleries.

John currently lives in Seattle but he grew up running on the Northside of Madison. He and over 70 other kids called Sunfield Street their home turf. If you have ever wondered why Sunfield has curb, gutter and sidewalks when the rest of Lake View Heights does not, it is because John’s mom thought it would be safer for the kids to play on a sidewalk rather than in the street and persuaded the neighbors that the increased assessment was a wise choice, even with Lake View Heights Park right in their own yards, since you can bring a park to the kids but can’t necessarily bring the kids to the park. When the family of nine outgrew their house, they walked through the backyards and landed



The cartoonist’s Wisconsin roots are apparent in his take on the word “gridiron”, from *Cartoon of the Word*, the online Merriam-Webster “Word of the Day” series.

on Mayfield Lane, where three generations of the Ambrosavage clan still live. John comes back whenever he can and marvels that not much has changed. He knows the neighborhood well from his paperboy days. Many of the houses sport the same paint color that they did in the 1950s and ‘60s and although a number of his customers have passed away, the names on the mailboxes remain the same as a new generation of the same family takes over.

A free day would often take John and his buddies on a bike ride over to the airport. Not the sleek, busy terminal it is today, a blue awning welcomed passengers and often the boys were the only people there to greet them. He remembers such an occurrence the day he met Senator Bob Dole. Ever a perpetual candidate for something or another and never one to miss opportunity to

campaign, the Senator shook hands with the boys and asked them to “Say hello to your parents from Bob Dole.” But people watching and chance political encounters weren’t all that drew the boys to the airport. The lure of far away places gets its hold on you and you wonder where those planes are going. After graduating from UW-Madison, John decided to find out. He went to a New Year’s Eve party in New York City and decided to keep moving. Six months on the road took him to Seattle. His road trip ended when the highway ended, literally.

John’s career ebbs and flows with that of his adopted city. “My career pretty much

followed the trajectory of the Frank Sinatra standard, “That’s Life.” “I have been up in April and shot down in May so many times, I have grown to dread Spring.” There was a stint at the plant building airplanes that contain the number seven, but then an extraordinary thing happened — venture capital started to seemingly fall from the sky. “It was an upside-down world. Seattle was flooded with dot com’s that had money to burn and no identifiable intention of ever making a profit. It was party time — big time.” Even “non-tech, liberal arty people” could get jobs with software startup companies and that is just what John did. He and a co-worker then engaged in another Seattle cliché — they started a band. “We started the band at work. The software company was so small every employee was also in the band.” Sporting the moniker “Bro”, with his buddy, the aforementioned Ray C. Freeman III, now known as “Spud”, and friends/coworkers, Octothorpe performed in the local club circuit and sold cds through, you guessed it, a website. The band outlasted the company by quite a few years. But John needed more of a creative outlet. He and Spud produced “The Mighty Octothorpe Comic” (in which John becomes known as “Mad Dog” even though “Spud” stays “Spud”), documenting the workaday world as they experienced it in those heady days of boom or bust. John went on to produce a syndicated comic strip, “Where is My Slice?”, win Seattle’s prestigious Toonie Award and help Amazon move into the electronic card world. “The Cartoon of the Word” evolved from there.

John’s latest venture (February 2012) is a new book that shares his humorous take on words, “Cartoon of the Word Volume 1”, with Spud still on board as editor. You can purchase it from Amazon.com, or directly from [www.cartoonoftheword.com](http://www.cartoonoftheword.com). Just click on the “buy book” icon. It could prove to be the best \$12 bargain on your bookshelf — a treasure even — one that you will share with friends and never bury.

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Photo by Kate Schachter

Union Cab Cooperative goes green with new solar panels

## Union Cab becoming greener

By Jason Cuevas  
*Northside News*

The green movement is growing ever bigger and a local cab company is working hard to do their part. Union Cab Cooperative has just installed new solar panels on their roof to help reduce their carbon footprint.

In 2010 Madison had a contest for a solar give away. Union Cab received \$10,000 for the solar panels and contributed \$12,500 of their own to install the five kilowatt system. This system should offset the carbon footprint of two of the company's minivans.

Union Cab driver and Green Board Member Kate Schachter stated that the worker owned co-op started with a green team in 2008. They discovered 80 percent of their carbon footprint came from their fleet. They have now changed all of their sedans over to Toyota Prius models. This has led to the company saving \$38,000 a month on gas alone.

The company will soon have to deal with changing their radio tower due to new FCC regulations involving available radio

frequencies. While that makes up the biggest financial needs for the moment, it is not stopping them from still working on ways to be as green as possible.

"We're going to keep on working on the smaller things. The facilities, I think we've got most of the low hanging fruit," Schachter said. "Changing the lights to motion center switches, swapping out the toilets to low flush. Putting in T8 instead of T12 ballast and light bulbs in the buildings."

Schachter feels that being a co-op has made it easier to move this green movement forward. They have felt strong support from both former Mayor Dave Cieslewicz and current Mayor Paul Soglin in addition to many of the alders.

While there are people who don't believe in global warming Schachter is not at all a part of that group. She firmly believes society has to do something about the carbon being emitted.

"It's so critical," Schachter said. "I happen to believe that the naysayers need to come around and recognize how critical it is to the business and the planet."

## Sun lays an egg at Children's Museum

By Dan Tortorice  
*Northside News*

Summer is the sunny season here in Wisconsin and, with the kids out of school, it's almost always a good idea to get them out in the sunshine. A trip to the Madison Children's Museum is a great way to combine summer sunshine and flowers with a lesson on sustainable living and renewable energy.

We all know that obtain energy from multiple sources. These include fossil fuels and wind energy.

The Madison Children's Museum uses a solar energy installation in its rooftop garden as a bright spot in its mission to provide our kids with knowledge on a sustainable lifestyle.

The Museum, at 100 N. Hamilton St., has included energy conservation right from the start in their move to a remodeled building just off of Capitol Square. They installed modern insulation and highly-efficient lighting systems to the older building. And they provide children with concrete examples of how to build and live in a more sustainable way.

The Wilderness display, for children age five and under, is constructed entirely from materials gathered within 100 miles of Madison. They had a goal of constructing their second-floor displays with entirely recycled materials. Children get a broad knowledge of how our own lifestyle activities have an impact on the planet. This knowledge can create informed energy decision-makers in our future generations.

There is an exciting example of actual solar power production in the

rooftop garden. MGE built this demonstration project in 2010, when the building was restored. It includes 20 rolled-on solar collecting panels that generate power from the sun. There is a working converter on the roof to turn the DC produced by the panels into the AC that we get from our wall outlets. Children get a really fun example of how the panels work, because a Solar Chicken will lay "eggs" for them when the panels are producing energy. A field trip this summer on a sunny day could produce a lot of fun for kids.

This demonstration project has some real-world implications as well. Since the museum is located near taller buildings, it is not an ideal spot for solar. MGE is tracking the production there to demonstrate the feasibility of solar in such a setting. Live solar data are available on-line through the museum's website at madisonchildrensmuseum.org, or via MGE.com. On a recent Sunday morning that was overcast but bright the panels were producing 930 watts of power. In their lifetime they have produced over 3000 kilowatts of electricity — enough to power a television set for over 21,000 hours. This amount of solar production would keep over six thousand pounds of carbon gas out of the atmosphere.

The city of Madison has a goal of being a green city as we move into the future. There are solar collectors on several city buildings and some private businesses and residences. The next generation of citizens will have to be well informed about their energy decisions. Projects like the one at the Madison Children's Museum can help them get there.

### State of Northside from page 1

The Northside Community Survey asked about priorities for the Northside Planning Council (NPC). NPC is a unique organization that was formed almost 20 years ago to help the Northside become a more cohesive community. In recent years, NPC expanded its focus to look at the comprehensive health of the Northside, which includes business development – still actually the top priority of those that completed the survey. NPC's mission statement and

focus areas do encompass Community, People, and Business which also include activities such as supporting communications and connectivity with the Northside News, convening community events, advocating for services, and promoting the Northside as a great place to live, work, play and start a business. Survey responses indicate that all of these are important!

Please join us on June 11 to learn about your community and ensure that your questions are answered and your voice is part of the discussion.

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## The great cookie sale

By Dorothy Borchardt

That's how the cookie crumbles — Circle of Friends thinks the good news coming from the two extra elections this year is the opportunity to raise more funds for the Warner Park pool. JoAnn Walker and Randi Matthews had the oven going at 6:30 am on May 8 and will be back at it again on June 5. Look for warm, freshly baked, chocolate chip cookies every Election Day. Make sure you vote.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Aug. 25 and join the Circle of Friends for the Eighth Annual Pounding the Pavement for the Warner Pool. Sponsored by the Madison Parks Foundation and the Circle of Friends, this walk around the Warner lagoon will raise funds and awareness of Madison's second pool, slated to be in Warner Park. All we need is a few key donors to step

forward to kick off the citywide fundraising drive.

Don't be left out. Make sure your neighborhood, business, family or friends are listed on the 2012 walk t-shirt. All it takes is \$100 or 10 walkers to form a team. That's \$10 for each team member. Teams must be registered and have paid the \$100 before Aug. 1. Once your team is registered you can continue to add to your team right up to the time of the walk, but they can't be counted as additional team members after Aug. 15. Go for the largest team and win the traveling trophy from last year's winner. Don't have a team? Not to worry, you can still participate. You can register right up to the time of the walk.

Remember to sign up at Pierce's for Madison Parks Foundation and Circle of Friends to give credit for all your purchases to Circle of Friends. The more of you that sign up, the larger our donation.



### Lake View Hill Neighborhood Association

By Lorie Walker

Lake View Hill Neighborhood Association (LVHNA) is planning another fun and active year, filled with events and continued opportunities for neighbors to meet and get to know each other. The next opportunity to connect with neighbors will be the annual picnic in Sunfield Park on Sunday, June 10, from noon-2 pm. The association will provide plates, utensils and beverages. Please bring your favorite dish to share and a non-perishable food item for a local food pantry. This year as a special treat during the picnic, neighbors will get a chance meet

the firefighters from our own Fire Station 10. You will also have a chance see Station 10's fire engine up close.

The Madison School and Community Recreation (MSCR) Art Cart, a free traveling art program, will visit various Northside parks from June to August. Contact MSCR at 204-3021 for the scheduled dates and times that the Art Cart will visit Windom, Eken, Warner, Warner Beach and East Madison parks. Finally, during the August Ride the Drive, the LVHNA will show our Northside pride during the event.

Later in the year, as the weather begins to cool, the fun will begin to heat up again, with our very popular Fall Festival event in late October. Look for more information in the next Northside News edition.

Please join us this year by participating in one of the many opportunities to meet your neighbors, become involved in your community and in keeping Lake View Hill neighborhood the best neighborhood in the city.

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**NORTH DISTRICT POLICE**

Greetings from the North Police District. Our district had been blessed in the past 10 years or more with having comparatively few homicides and serious violent crimes as compared to other areas of the City. The shooting incident that occurred in the Brentwood neighborhood on May 2 has caused some to begin asking whether their neighborhoods are safe. Let me offer some plain talk from a police perspective to make the situation clearer.

The plain truth is that drugs and gangs are a citywide problem and these two variables are responsible for a great deal of the crime we experience. Heroin use is at epidemic levels, and the use of other illegal street drugs has not abated in any way. Drugs, and addicts' dependence on those drugs, drive a great deal of the theft and property crimes. The Madison's 2011 crime data showed that all types of crime are down, except for thefts, fraud and homicides. Both thefts and frauds are examples of crimes that are doubtlessly driven by the need for quick money among those involved in drugs.

Those who deal in drugs commonly arm themselves to protect themselves and their investments from theft from other armed drug dealers. When you hear of armed home invasions, this drug motive is most often the backdrop. Unfortunately, sometimes people make poor decisions,

like drug and gang activity. When such people have guns and become engaged in personal or "professional" disputes, they sometimes make more poor decisions; like to use weapons. When you hear about most of our shootings, like last year's and last week's, this type of armed stupidity is most often the backdrop. These types of incidents are a nationwide phenomenon.

Innocent people can become "caught in the crossfire" in these violent crimes, but that is the exception, not the norm. Those most likely to be victimized continue to be those who engage in high risk life styles, like embracing the drug and gang lifestyle. You continually hear the phrases "not a random act" and "the suspect and victim knew one another" in our releases. This is our way of communicating that we do not consider the crimes in question to reflect increased threat to the public.

Be concerned, be involved, but don't be afraid. At present, the Madison Police Department is actively working with the City Neighborhood Resource Team, and stakeholders throughout the Northside. We are assessing the status of each of our neighborhoods, analyzing the crime and disorder patterns, and working with our public health and safety partners to develop a plan to optimize our collective effectiveness. The key to the effectiveness of that plan will once again rely on each of you to continue to embrace your role as a partner in community safety. The advantage we have here is we have a highly engaged community, partnering with a highly committed group of service providers to collaborate on how we are going to fight to protect our community. Thank you for your willingness to be involved.

Take care and be safe.

## Center for Families seeks volunteers

By Ann Lynch

Northsiders are invited to volunteer at Center for Families, a welcoming organization that supports parents in their efforts to nurture, protect and teach their children.

### 1. What would be your position? Home Visitor Volunteer

### 2. What would you be doing?

You would lend support to a family as a friend/listener and provide information to help parents meet the needs of their children.

### 3. Where would you be volunteering?

Volunteering occurs one-on-one with a family in the parent's home.

### 4. What is the time commitment?

The basic commitment is four hours a month for at least six months. Specific times are decided upon by you and the parent

### 5. Would there be training and support?

Yes, there is an initial two hour training plus ongoing training and support from the Volunteer Coordinator.

### 6. Are there any special requirements for volunteers in this program?

Yes, you must:

- be 18 years old or older.
- have a car.
- undergo a background check and provide references.

### 7. What are the benefits?

The list is long ...

- Glowing letters of recommendation for hard-working volunteers;
- Great addition to your resume, particularly for social work, education and child care positions;
- Flexible schedule;
- Opportunity for networking, training and acquiring new skills;
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## Health Tips

## Gluten-free?

Gluten is a protein found in wheat, rye, and barley that our bodies are unable to utilize. Normally, our cells break down proteins into basic amino acids that are then reformulated to make new proteins that are used to make and repair our cells. Gluten does not break down entirely, leaving a protein called gliadin that our white blood cells recognize as a foreign invader. Our white blood cells then produce antibodies to attack and destroy the gliadin, which is how our immune system is designed to work. Unfortunately, gliadin is very similar to proteins in our cells, and the antibodies, not sensing the difference, actually attack our own cells. This is a classic auto-immune response.

Any of our cells are vulnerable to attack from the gliadin antibodies, but most commonly those of the nervous system are involved. You might know that celiac disease, which is a deterioration of the small intestine, is the end stage of gluten intolerance, but

only one in eight cases have gut symptoms. People who have been diagnosed with irritable bowel syndrome, osteoporosis, fibromyalgia, thyroid disorders, epilepsy, and even attention deficit disorders should be tested for celiac disease or at least try a gluten-free diet. The most common symptom of gluten sensitivity is tingling in the arms or legs.

Diagnosing gluten intolerance is difficult and frequently done only after all other possibilities are exhausted. Not only are the symptoms extremely varied, but, by the time symptoms are even noted, the process has usually been silently progressing for decades. Until recently, there has not been a definitive test for gluten intolerance, although the test for the final stage, celiac disease, is accurate. The new gluten sensitivity test is rather expensive and not commonly available. The best test is the total elimination of gluten from your diet, but it might take two weeks to four months to see results.

Gluten intolerance is becoming increasingly common. It is estimated that 77 percent of the population is sensitive. Genetic bioengineering has yielded higher gluten concentrations in the grain we eat, and flour/gluten is used in more processed foods than ever before. You will be hearing more about gluten, and you likely will be experiencing its effects in your lifetime. Next time, I'll be writing about the gluten-free diet. It may be exactly what you need!

## Northside water supply: It's about quality, quantity and conservation efforts

By Lauri Lee

Northside News

Because of the Eastside Water Supply Project, Northside residents will soon be receiving cleaner, safer water according to Madison Water Utility Principal Engineer Al Larson and Water Quality Manager, Joe Grande. The project will address well seven and 15 demand and water quality issues.

It's easy to take good water for granted. When the tap is turned on at a residence on the city water system, clear, cold, refreshing water pours out of the faucet into the glass.

Madison's Northside gets water primarily from well 13 (located on Wheeler Road) and well seven (near Shabazz school on North Sherman Avenue). A new pipeline put in on Anderson Street in Fall 2011 now allows the Madison Water utility to move some water from well 15 (located near East Washington Avenue) over to the Northside.

"Water from well seven contains high levels of iron and manganese, minerals that occur naturally in the aquifer," said Grande. Well seven serves the Village of Maple Bluff, Sherman, Sheridan Triangle and Maple Wood neighborhoods. When water is pumped out of the ground clear and comes in contact with oxygen, chemical reactions cause color changes that tint it brown, black, red or orange. This discoloration does not usually cause health problems and frequently occurs in well water.

The standard for iron content in well water is .03 milligrams per liter. "The water at well seven is at about 0.4 milligrams per liter," said Grande, "making it one of two wells in the system that exceed the iron threshold for discoloration."

There is no health concern in regard to too much iron, but iron and manganese may combine with other heavy metals in the distribution system, making the water less safe. Water containing iron or manganese above the secondary standards may cause staining of laundry or plumbing fixtures. Instances of colored water are random, infrequent and temporary; the water usually clears up in 15-30 minutes without additional action. Running a cold water tap at full force for a few minutes usually flushes out the minerals that cause the discoloration.

If residents experience discolored water flowing from the tap, they are advised to flush the tap until it clears and becomes good to drink. People should not use brown water for drinking or cooking.

The answer to the remediation of well seven, which has been monitored over a period of recent months, is to build a filter for this well.

Demand issues, primarily dealing with fire protection and reliability, led to the recommendation to add another well. "Projections show there will be an increased water demand over the next 20 years. It was the decision of the 15 dedicated citizens who

studied this issue that we need another well. Well seven is 75 years old and while we expect wells to last a long time, we want and need a reliable system so we can fight any fires that may occur. Until then, everyone should conserve water in their everyday use," Larson said.

A new well is planned for a property at Sherman Avenue and Schlimgen Avenue. The project involves purchasing the property adjacent to the well, relocating the property owners to another home and putting up a structure that will be architecturally pleasing to the residents of the neighborhood. That project is scheduled to start some time in 2013.

Of greater concern is the problem at well 15, which has some industrial/man made contaminants, particularly PCE and TCE. Well 15 does not have high levels of iron and manganese, it has volatile organic compounds (VOC) from dry cleaning, degreasing and solvents. The well also contains PCE contaminants within the three to four microgram per liter or parts per billion range, which engineers consider uncomfortably close to the PCE Maximum Contaminant Level of five micrograms per liter or parts per billion. "This level of contamination is considered a "lifetime cancer risk" which means a person would have to drink two liters of water a day for 70 years in order to increase their cancer risk," Grande said.

Because the VOC is a primary contaminant, work on a treatment system for volatile organic compounds for well 15, off East Washington Avenue behind Kinkos, will be undertaken as soon as possible and should be finished by June 2013.

Project H<sub>2</sub>O

Project H<sub>2</sub>O involves the upgrade of all customer water meters to a wireless technology network that will read and transmit water consumption on a daily basis. Every home and business in Madison will be visited by Madison Water Utility for either a new meter installation or retrofit of the existing meter. The completed system will empower customers to track water usage online, receive bills monthly, detect leaks and see savings from conservation efforts.

The Northside is a pilot area for Project H<sub>2</sub>O. The pilot area includes a small sliver of the area around Oscar Mayer, and the areas of International Lane, Packers Avenue, Anderson Street by MATC and Hwy. 51. The first step will begin at the end of June and be done by the end of August, starting with commercial accounts and then moving to residential accounts. Once everything is tuned, the water utility will move to the other six areas in the city over the course of the next year.

Project details and a map of the pilot area can be found at [www.madisonwater.org](http://www.madisonwater.org).

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political leaders Rep. Kelda Helen Roys, Mayor Paul Soglin, County Board Supervisor Paul Rusk, and Alders Satya Rhodes-Conway and Anita Weier.

The walk wound through the tree lined streets of Brentwood just south of the summer softball games going on in Warner Park. The Brentwood neighborhood contains a mix of single family homes and apartments with many long-time residents. Their recent annual association meeting included some that had lived in homes and apartments for more than 30 years. Many residents watched and waved from their porches and others joined in as the walkers passed by. The walk ended

at the park on Monterey where the kids quickly found the playground equipment and adults chatted with people they knew as well as the new Northside and Brentwood neighbors they had just met.

There is also more underway to address longer term needs in the neighborhood such as connecting the kids to summer programs, stepping up work on getting a community center, and expanding the Thursday Family Fun Night held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Warner Park. There may be more neighborhood walks or park gatherings in the coming weeks and all Northsiders are welcome. There are many neighborhoods on the Northside, but we are all part of the same community and together we are stronger.

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# Northside Farmers Market celebrates Dairy Month

By Dale F. Matthews

June is Dairy Month and the start of the summer season at the Northside Farmers Market. Along with special events at the market, the core draw is the diversity of local produce and goods sold by two long rows of vendors.

Patrons can enjoy a variety of local goods including baked goods, meat from grass fed animals, fresh vegetables and jams. Many of these are of the organic variety. There are also plants, seedlings and flowers.

Kicking off the month of June is "The Farm Animals at the Market," on June 3 and 10. The River Pantry will host the Summertime Brunch with all proceeds going toward providing food for needy families. Guests will enjoy a generous portion of classic breakfast fare, juice and coffee.

Celebrating the Mallards opening of the season, will be Father's Day at the market on June 17. Free Mallards tickets will be available for all Dads.

July brings more meals from the Northside Farmers Market kitchen crew with the Second Annual Vera Court Kids Community Dinner on July 8 with song and dance entertainment.

The Northside Farmer's Market operates each Sunday morning from 8:30 am- 12:30 pm. It is located at the corner of North Sherman Avenue and Northport Drive, in the parking lot of Pierce's Northside Market, 2817 N. Sherman Ave., in the Northside TownCenter.

All are welcome to enjoy this community crossroads Sunday morning meeting

place. Unlimited parking is available in the huge parking lot in front of Anchor Bank.

To locate a vendor or product, visit the information tent at the west end of vendors row. EBT Food Share is accepted. The market is open rain or shine, every Sunday, May through October. If you have questions about the market or vendors call (608) 695-0946, email [nfmvolunteer@charter.net](mailto:nfmvolunteer@charter.net) or checkout the website at [www.northsidefarmersmarket.org](http://www.northsidefarmersmarket.org).

## Cooking safety recipe from Station #10

Station 10 would also like to remind residents that most fires in the home start with careless cooking.

Here's an important recipe from the City of Madison Fire Department:

### Cooking Safety Casserole

- 1 large scoop of your full attention
  - 1-2 pot holders or oven mitts
  - 1 clean workspace free of combustible materials
  - 2 short or close-fitting sleeves
  - 1 pan lid to smother flare-ups
  - Working smoke alarms
- Combine ingredients carefully to prevent cooking fires.
- Have a safe and fire-free summer!



Photo provided by Lori Wirth

Northside neighborhood firefighters at Firehouse #10 at 1517 Troy Dr., (from l to r): Firefighter Carl Berridge, Firefighter/Paramedic Sam Cooke, Firefighter/Paramedic Patrick Tomko and Apparatus Engineer John Lucille.

## Favorite foods from your neighborhood firefighters

As the weather turns warmer, more cooks are letting salads take center stage as dinner entrees. Your Northside neighborhood crew at Station #10, 1517 Troy Dr., offers this favorite from their dining

table. It's a spicy twist on a healthy favorite, and firefighters and paramedics like it because even if dinner is interrupted for an emergency call, as it often is, food temperature isn't critical.

### "Padre" Caesar Salad

By Firefighter/Paramedic Patrick (Padre) Tomko  
Firehouse #10, 1517 Troy Dr., Madison, WI

#### Ingredients

- 1-2 head of romaine lettuce, chopped
- 8-10 chicken breasts, cubed
- 1 bag of croutons
- 1 sm. bag of parmesan cheese, grated
- 1 bottle of Caesar dressing or Italian vinaigrette

#### Dry Ingredients (Mix together):

- 4 T. chili powder
- 2 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 tsp. black pepper
- 1 T. garlic powder
- ½ tsp. cayenne pepper
- 2-3 T. sugar or 2 packets of sugar substitute
- ¼ cup vegetable oil

#### Directions:

- Mix all dry ingredients and taste to ensure a balance between salty, sweet and a bit of spice — adjust to taste. Add oil.
- Mix in cubed chicken and cook in pan on stove top till cooked and tender. Drain off oil.
- Put chopped romaine lettuce in big bowl, dump on croutons and parmesan cheese. Mix cooked chicken with lettuce. Pour dressing on salad, toss and serve.
- Serve with Pillsbury Grands muffins.
- Enjoy!

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## FOOD

## Dining out and summertime enjoyment go hand in hand

By Meg Nielsen  
Northside News

Whether your summer brings a hectic schedule or the casual relaxation of fun-filled days, the season offers ample opportunity (here read: excuse) to dine out. This article features several Northside eateries that deserve a second look and a sampling of interesting entrees. Banzo of Madison, brings new Mediterranean flavors. QQ Asian Buffet offers a broad variety of Asian foods. And, the Northside Café's updated menu blends the familiar with the innovative. Enjoy these and other Northside dining options throughout the upcoming months.

#### Banzo of Madison

One of the bold new places is Banzo of Madison at 2105 Sherman Ave. Best known for its vibrant green food cart on the library mall in Madison, Banzo's new Northside restaurant will feature Middle Eastern cuisine, including falafel, hummus and pita bread sandwiches when it opens in June.

The patio will offer a view of nearby parks and summer sunsets. Planters interspersed among the tables will produce herbs for fresh seasonings. New items will grace the menu.

"Every food cart has to have kitchen space. Ours was on Sherman Avenue. We loved the way this space looked and recognized its potential as a restaurant," said Netalee Sheinman, who owns Banzo's along with her fiancé Aaron Collins.

When Banzo's food cart opened last fall, good reviews helped to grow its success and soon necessitated the hiring of Chef Dan Schmitz.

"We've had great support from the Northside business community. Many have stopped by and shared advice and dropped off their business card. We love Madison," said Sheinman, who comes from Israel. "We love how the people here seem to appreciate the authenticity and the simplicity. We want to offer great food at good prices," she said.

#### Northside Café

A cozy little eating place in the Northgate Shopping Center, the Northside Café — formerly known as the Northside Family Restaurant, is currently undergoing a makeover. New chairs and tables and fresh paint brighten the dining area. In addition to the aesthetic changes to the restaurant, there are new menu items, such as banana Nutella crepes, cinnamon raisin apple-stuffed French toast and turkey burgers to tempt patrons' palates.

A weekend breakfast and lunch "All You Can Eat" buffet is offered for \$7.99 on Saturdays and Sundays and a new line of cakes and pies enhances the dessert offerings.

"We hope that by enhancing our menu and sprucing up the décor, we can improve our service while continuing to offer affordable prices to Northside residents," said the café's manager who goes simply by the name of Bob.

#### QQ Asian Buffet

The owners of some Northside eating places have always called Madison home. Others come from far away. Leo Lin, owner and manager of QQ Asian Buffet, came to the Northside via New York City and before that, China. He came to Madison in 2009 and settled on the Northside, which, he said, is a lot quieter than New York.

The QQ Asian Buffet menu serves up tasty traditional Chinese, Japanese and American dishes including mussels, shrimp, chicken, sushi, noodles, rice, salad bar, dessert and a lot more. Space is also available for private parties and family gatherings.

"Some people order traditional Chinese dishes from the menu, but most come for the buffet," Lin said, noting that the "All You Can Eat" buffet lunch and the dinner cost only \$7.75 and \$11, respectively. "People say we could charge more, but we don't want to raise our prices. We want to make eating here affordable to people of the Northside," he added.

## FEED thanks local businesses and volunteers for a tasty and successful fundraiser

By Terrie Anderson

The Food Enterprise and Economic Development Kitchens Eggroll Fundraiser was a terrific success. A dedicated team of volunteers canvassed local businesses for donations of ingredients for the eggrolls and gift certificates for the raffle. Additional volunteers worked together for four days under the supervision of Mai Zong Vue to chop, blanch, mix, fill, roll, fry and freeze the eggrolls in kitchen space generously donated by Peter Robertson of RP's Pasta.

On pick-up day, yet more volunteers, including scouts from Troop 27, helped set up and distribute the eggrolls and draw the winning raffle tickets.

We've heard great reports about the eggrolls, raffle prizewinners are excited, and the Northside Planning Council (NPC) took in over \$6,000 to help build the kitchens. Everyone looks forward to a future fundraiser when we can work in our own FEED Kitchen. If all goes according to plan and additional funds are raised, NPC hopes to break

ground on the Kitchens late this summer.

A special thank you to the following businesses, which made generous contributions to the raffle:

Absolutely Art, Ale Asylum, Gail Ambrosius Chocolatier, Arbor House Inn, Blue Mont Dairy, Diane Brown, Capital Brewery, Community Pharmacy, Cress Springs Bakery, Jennifer Darrow of Exclusive Inspirations, Food Fight Restaurant Group, Green Owl Café, Harvest Restaurant, Johnson Brothers Coffee, Mary Kay Consultant Erin Kraemer, Lombardino's Restaurant, Madison Sourdough, Marigold Kitchen, The Old Fashioned Restaurant, Old Sugar Distillery, Token Creek Eco-Inn and Wisconsin Historical Society.

Deep appreciation for everyone who

helped make and deliver the eggrolls:

Nadia Alber, Barbara Arnold, Ellen Barnard, Diane Brown, Cha Chang, Jenny Czerkes, Punky Egan, Karen Gilbert, Shoua Her, Charlene Hubble, Shirley Klinker, Julie Laundrie, Jan Lottig, Jon Meade, Martee Mikalson, Jodi Pathmann, Andrea Pitts, Bailey Sargent, Devin Sargent, Barb Switzky, Bao Vang, Mee Vang, Juliana Vue, Mai Zong Vue, Lisa Wiese, Sia Xiong and Nouzong Yang

Thank you to these fine businesses that donated ingredients, equipment and space to prepare and distribute the eggrolls:

Asian One, Fresh Madison Market, Hmoob Oriental Market, Johnson's Sausage Shoppe, Kessenichs, Lake View Lutheran Church, RP's Pasta and Woodman's.

## Mallards team up with FEED on June 13

By Ellen Barnard

The Madison Mallards is partnering with the FEED Kitchens Project to help raise funds for the Community Kitchen Incubator building. FEED has 250 tickets to the June 13 Mallards game against the Battle Creek Bombers. That night is also Police Appreciation Night, featuring Erik Estrada from the television show CHiPs.

How does it work? If you purchase tickets for the game online, from a FEED team member or Northside Planning Council Board member, FEED gets a share of the proceeds. We have 250 tickets to sell, and we want to sell them all.

If you'd like tickets, contact Cindy Crane at NPC by phone at 661-0060 Ext. 2. Or

order online at [www.feedkitchens.org](http://www.feedkitchens.org), and click on the Events tab at the top for a link to the ticket sales. Ticket price is \$10.75 online, or \$10 if you buy them in person. Online orders will be held for you to pick up at the gate.

Want to help FEED, but not able to go to the game? Buy some tickets and give them as gifts to friends or to show your appreciation for employees or service folks who may do work for you. Or purchase tickets and donate them to your favorite scout troop or youth group.

Thanks to the Madison Mallards and all of the folks in our community who are excited to see the FEED Kitchens project get built and serving our community.



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#### Madison College Baking Program holds dessert event for FEED

Students of Madison College's Baking/Pastry Arts program, led by instructor Punky Egan, held a Dessert Buffet on May 3 that raised \$1,640 to benefit the FEED Kitchens Project.

Graduates of the program are potential future users of FEED Kitchens. The availability of FEED's commercial kitchen space would allow these graduates to start their own business ventures without the need for upfront overhead to own commercial kitchen space.

FEED appreciates the support of these future users in helping to build the facility.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

From

**SATYA  
RHODES-  
CONWAY****DISTRICT 12 ALDERPERSON****Is it really time for  
summer already?**

Summer means all sorts of great things on the Northside — Farmer's Market, our beautiful parks, vacation for kids ... and, of course, Rhythm and Booms (R&B). This year, R&B is June 30, and will be a smaller event — no carnival, fewer stages, but still the same great fireworks. There will also be the "Run to the Rhythm" in the morning. So whether you're planning to set out a blanket early or get out of town, make your plans!

Another thing to plan for is the Warner Park Master Planning process. We're about to issue the RFP for a consultant, so the first opportunities for public input should be this summer. I'm eager to hear what you think the future of War-

ner Park should include.

One summer activity I'm looking forward to is enjoying a cold beverage at the new Ale Asylum location. This could happen by the end of this summer if there is steady progression in construction. We can't wait to welcome a new Northside business! We'll also have a new way to get there: the County is putting in a street between International Lane and Pankratz Street to improve access to the businesses on Pankratz. We may see a few more buildings in that area as well; I've heard of several possible projects recently. In the long term, we will extend both Pankratz Street and the pedestrian/bike path from where they currently end south around the corner to Shopko Drive. All this economic development is very welcome!

Speaking of economic development, the City is hosting a conference on the role of cooperatives in the Madison economy. It's June 6-7 at the UW Pyle Center. Everyone is welcome, and more information can be found here: [www.cityofmadison.com/business/coopconference/](http://www.cityofmadison.com/business/coopconference/) or by calling (608) 267-8737.

From

**PAUL  
RUSK****DISTRICT 12 SUPERVISOR**

I would like to thank the residents of District 12 who gave their vote of confidence to me in the Apr. 3 election to continue as their County Board advocate. It is important to note that on the local level at least, we can continue to talk in a respectful manner about what is good governance and what should be the priorities of the county. An especially encouraging result was a doubling in the number of voters participating since our last election two years ago. People are increasingly paying attention to local government, which is key to the future of our democracy. I enjoyed getting out and meeting many of you — the relatively warm winter was a significant advantage! Being elected to local office is an honor few of us experience. I'm grateful for your continuing support.

County Board Chair McDonell re-appointed me to the Public Protec-

tion and Judiciary Committee and the eight-member committee unanimously re-elected me chair. PP&J continues to be the most popular standing committee, with more supervisors requesting appointment to it than any other committee. We have four new members, so my first goal is to arrange for tours and briefing sessions with all aspects of our complicated criminal justice system. Although overall crime is down in Dane County, we have significant challenges ahead. The number of cases involving termination of parental rights is increasing, and reported child abuse is more severe since the recession hit.

By the time you read this the new 14,637 square foot campus for Lakeland College on Airport property on Pankratz Street (the back of the building faces Packers Avenue) will likely be fully approved. Construction will take six months and should begin in July. The construction jobs and attractive new building will add to economic development in our area.

Supervisor Rusk can be reached at [rusk@countyofdane.com](mailto:rusk@countyofdane.com) or 249-9667.

From

**ANITA  
WEIER****DISTRICT 18 ALDERPERSON**

Mayor Soglin has again conducted informational budget meetings so that residents have a chance to give input before the budget is written. Last year, the five sessions were well-attended, but this year very few people showed up. I'm not sure why — perhaps the unusual political season?

At the two meetings I attended, those who were present tended to focus on funding basic services such as public safety, as well as job training and neighborhood strengthening measures.

However, I would like to hear from more of you about your preferences. What are the two most important services provided by the city of Madison? What are the two least important? And what would you suggest city officials do to reduce costs and

therefore prevent or limit property tax increases?

Please send suggestions to me at [district18@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district18@cityofmadison.com).

I would also like to know your opinions on bike trails. Where should they be? What are the gaps? In particular, I am interested in determining interest in bike paths north of Northport Drive.

Decisions on the City Council are becoming more difficult, as we confront issues such as alternative development proposals on East Washington Avenue, whether Johnson and Gorham should remain one-way streets, a zoning map for the entire city, and pollution concerns that could affect our water supply.

The decision process can be heart-wrenching, because there are at least two sides to every issue, and someone is going to be hurt no matter which way I vote. The decision is especially hard at four in the morning, though thankfully we have only had one meeting that stretched on that long.

Keep in touch, and be sure to vote on June 5! Don't let negative ads prevent you from exercising this huge privilege.

From

**MELISSA  
SARGENT****DISTRICT 18 SUPERVISOR**

This May, the County Board Supervisors serving on Dane County Heath and Human Needs Committee unanimously elected me to serve as the committee chair for this two year term. The Health and Human Needs Committee (comprised of eight County Board Supervisors) monitors, coordinates and advises the County Board on all aspects of human service policy and delivery in Dane County. Human services represent roughly 50 percent of our county budget, or over 230 million dollars, and currently serves one in seven residents of Dane County. These programs serve people from birth to death and provide independence as well as promoting personal and community safety.

While the annual budget is always difficult, our county continues to face even greater challenges in providing services to the growing number of eligible neighbors, especially

given Governors Walker's budget that slashed both the funding for safety net programs and our portion of the Wisconsin Shared Revenues. I am honored that my fellow committee members know that I have and will always act on the belief that no matter what problems we face, they can be resolved if we work together. As chairwoman, I bring a passion, perspective and professionalism to the leadership of this committee and look forward to working closely with county staff, my fellow supervisors, as well as County Executive Parisi to ensure that Dane County continues to provide the high quality services that our community expects in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible.

I am dedicated to continuing to represent the Northside's voices, values and concerns on the Dane County Board. It is always good to hear from my Northside neighbors; please call or email me with your thoughts or concerns: [melissa4dane@gmail.com](mailto:melissa4dane@gmail.com) or 608-220-2273. I'm also on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/pages/Melissa-Sargent-Dane-County-Supervisor-District-18](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Melissa-Sargent-Dane-County-Supervisor-District-18).

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## ELECTED OFFICIALS

From  
**PAUL SOGLIN**



**MAYOR**

### Get involved

One of the many great things about Madison is the enthusiastic citizen involvement. I am asking you to consider being a part of that involvement. An ongoing task I have as Mayor is to make appointments to the City's many boards, commissions and committees. I would like you to take a minute to consider applying for one of these groups. You can learn more on the City website at [www.cityofmadison.com/mayor/mycommit](http://www.cityofmadison.com/mayor/mycommit).

Currently, the City has over 50 boards, commissions and committees, as it is one of the most effective ways for residents to influence City policies and activities. These groups play a major role in shaping the critical decisions regarding priorities, scope and levels of City

services. Additionally, the groups help conduct some of the preliminary work for the Common Council. The interest level and expertise needed for committee work is varied and diverse as we have committees that oversee everything from parking and community development to the library and community gardens. I urge you to look at the website and talk to your Alder if you have questions. It is also a good idea to let your Alder know you have applied.

There are very few restrictions for committee work. You must be a resident of the City of Madison, be at least 18 years of age and available to attend meetings as scheduled.

I am constantly working with Alders and City staff reviewing applications and openings as I strive to appoint the best possible applicant. I am always focused on appointing diverse groups. We are not only looking for diversity in race and gender but also in Aldermanic Districts.

Thanks in advance for considering my request and enjoy the warm Madison weather!

From  
**JOE PARISI**



**DANE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

### Dane County is a great "stay-cation" destination

Now that warmer weather is here to stay, many people's thoughts are turning to their next vacation. For those considering a stay-cation, Dane County has a number of fun, free or low-cost outdoor activities that everyone in the family can enjoy.

Dane County is home to more than 30 county parks where you can play disc golf, canoe or kayak, fish and swim, hike, or even go camping for a week to try a little bit of everything. With these options, it's not hard to see why our parks were visited by two million people last year. You can plan your next park visit online at [www.countyofdane.com/lwrp/parks](http://www.countyofdane.com/lwrp/parks).

Our parks also offer connections to our county's nationally recognized system of

bike trails. I authorized the expansion of this system in my 2012 budget and I am actively working with our cycling community to make our on-road trails safer and more accessible for cyclists. This summer, I will also launch a series family friendly bike rides to showcase many of our current parks and trails.

For those looking for a different kind of day trip, the county's Henry Vilas Zoo has always been a top destination for families – this spring zoo attendance is 30 percent higher than last year. The county has one of the few free zoos in the county, and if you haven't visited lately, you'll see a number of great changes.

The children's zoo alone offers an indoor carousel, train rides, updated playground, and a recently opened solar-powered goat barn. This summer we hope to break ground on a new medical facility with opportunities for the public to learn more about how we keep our animals safe and healthy.

With so much to see and do outdoors, Dane County remains the perfect place for an at-home getaway or your next four-day weekend.

From  
**JON ERPENBACH**



**STATE SENATOR**

### Cuts to education hurt kids and kill jobs

State cuts to Wisconsin public K-12 education system topped \$1.6 billion last year. Those cuts have hurt classrooms and caused job loss. State budget cuts to education not only mean fewer resources in the classroom but also fewer adults working with children in our schools and fewer teachers. We have seen job loss in every sector in the last year, including public employees. Former teachers and school district staff are now collecting unemployment like so many other hard working people in Wisconsin.

Despite the elimination of collective bargaining rights and subsequent cuts

to teacher salary and benefits, school districts statewide are cutting teachers to balance their budgets. According to the Department of Public Instruction required reporting system, 73 percent of school districts statewide have cut teachers this year; that is 2,300 jobs lost in Wisconsin schools this year. We know that over 1,400 teachers are no longer working in our classrooms, teaching our children. In the 27th Senate District over 73 jobs in school were eliminated; Fifteen of those job losses were teachers.

These job losses represent the first year of cuts to public education in Wisconsin, often thought of as the "good" year of the biennium for schools. The second year of the state budget will be an even bigger challenge to schools when they see deeper cuts in education. It is my hope that we can find ways to urgently support public education, our biggest asset, in the upcoming session.

From  
**KELDA HELEN ROYS**



**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

### Changes to voting

Recently, the legislature and Governor Walker have made sweeping changes to Wisconsin's election laws. These changes affect when, how and where you vote.

You may have already noticed that the presidential primary has been moved from the third Tuesday in February to the first Tuesday in April. The 2012 partisan primary also moved and will be held on Aug. 14 rather than in September. In addition, the recall election for Governor Scott Walker and Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch is June 5.

Wisconsin's Voter ID law has been found unconstitutional, but that decision is under review by the Court of Appeals. If the ruling is overturned, the Voter ID

law will become enforceable. If you do not already have a photo ID, you can obtain an ID from the Madison East DMV at 2001 Bartillon Dr. The location is open from 8:30 am-4:30 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Friday, from 8 am-4 pm on Wednesday, and from 10 am-5:30 pm on Thursday. Remember, you are entitled to a free ID for voting, so make sure to ask.

As a result of the redistricting process, Madison's Northside will be in the new 48th Assembly District and 16th Senate District. Your ward number and polling location may have changed. You can find your polling location by visiting <https://vpa.wi.gov/AddressSearchScreen.aspx>. The website, which is maintained by the Government Accountability Board, can also provide you with a sample ballot, or you can contact your local municipal clerk. As always, the polls are open on Election Day from 7 am-8 pm, and if you are in line by the time the polls closed, you have the right to vote.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact my office at 608-266-5340 or email me at [Rep.Roys@legis.wi.gov](mailto:Rep.Roys@legis.wi.gov).

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**By Steve Schmitt, Mallards Owner**

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But it doesn't stop there. This year we've got a new executive chef to up the yum factor. An executive chef who happens to hold a black belt in the grilling arts. In other words, if you're a hot dog, you can bet your bun that you don't wanna mess with this guy.

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## PARKS & RECREATION

# The Mendota Yacht Club

By Don Sanford

As if by magic on every Wednesday night or Sunday morning during the summer about 40 sailboats appear out on the middle of Lake Mendota. About two hours later they suddenly vanish. Maybe you've wondered what's going on out there, how can they be sailing so close to each other and where do they all go?

All of those boats belong to members of the Mendota Yacht Club, the oldest organized sailing club in Madison. The club has no fancy clubhouse or fancy yachts. What they do have is a fun group of teachers, electricians, physicians, politicians, landscapers, carpenters, attorneys and students with a passion for sailing. They race each week on Wednesday and Friday evenings and Sunday mornings from Memorial Day through Labor Day. They also run a spring and fall series and have plenty of parties and social events.

"We're always glad to have spectators around, especially on breezy days when boats occasionally capsize," said MYC Commodore D. J. Klauser. "Because racing sailboats don't have motors, you'll be a welcome sight to a sailor looking for a tow to Burrows Park on days when the wind quits."

The club headquarters are at Burrows Park. Since 1976, the club has rented a portion of the park for a rail system where E, I-20 and MC Scows are stored. Members with keelboats moor them at Marshall Park, the Memorial Union or the mooring fields in Shorewood.

If you'd like to get an up close and personal look at some of the boats, Burrows Park is the place to go. Show up about 5:30 pm any Wednesday or 9 am any Sunday morning. If you're out on the lake, the starting area is the best place to watch. Position yourself near the starting line where you can stay clear of the boats getting ready to race.

This summer, the Mendota Yacht Club will celebrate its 109th anniversary when it hosts one of sailing's largest events, the Inland Lakes Yachting Association Annual Championship Regatta. Six different classes of sailboats will compete during the regatta. C Scows, E Scows and I-20 Scows will race on the weekend of Aug. 9-12.

MC Scows, A Scows and 420's will race on the weekend of Aug. 16-19. Five races are planned each weekend.

Lake Mendota has a reputation as one of the finest sailing venues in the country. As many as 150 boats from Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois will be here for the regatta. Racing will take place on three different courses between buoys set about one mile apart. Most boats will be launched at Governor Nelson State Park, though the 420's will sail from Burrows Park.

"All of us in the Mendota Yacht Club are looking forward to this event," said Trey Sprinkman, regatta chair. "We last hosted the ILYA regatta in 2003 and we know that there are plenty of sailors who are looking forward to coming back to Lake Mendota. For spectators, there will be plenty to see and we're be happy to have spectators come out and watch," he continued.

Sailboat racing is a team sport and most boats need at least one crewmember, usually more. Skippers are often looking for extra people, especially on days when the wind is up. If you show up at Burrows Park on a windy day, you might be able to find a ride. If you do, you'll be hooked just like they are.

You'll find more information about the club, the ILYA regatta, special events and information for spectators and for those who'd like to assist during races at: [www.mendotayc.org](http://www.mendotayc.org).

### Northside sailing programs

In addition to the Mendota Yacht Club, two other sailing programs operate on Lake Mendota on the Northside. The Madison Youth Sailing Foundation offers sailing instruction for children 7-17. They are located in the Maple Bluff boathouse at the edge of Warner Park beach. Their website is [www.madisonyouthsailing.com](http://www.madisonyouthsailing.com). For further information, call Lauren at 335-7245.

The Madison Sailing Center, located at the south end of Warner Park beach, offers sailboat storage and sponsors Laser sailing on Thursday evenings and Skiff sailing on Friday evenings. Their website is [www.madisonsailingcenter.com](http://www.madisonsailingcenter.com).

## Madison Parks and Community Recreation (MSCR) 2012 summer programs on Northside

By Nicole Graper

### Kids Kamp

For children entering grades 1-5. The camp features arts, games, dramatic play, water activities and nature.

Weekly sessions run June 18-Aug. 17, Monday-Friday, 9 am-4 pm with an extended day option that takes place at Warner Park Community Recreation Center. The extended day option is available for an additional cost.

### Fascination Station

This is a chance for children to try something new or deepen the knowledge of something they love.

Children can engage in a variety of topics like Green Thumbs, Fun Fit Kids, Kung Fu Five, Swingin' Summer, The Secret Life of Trees and more. Morning and/or afternoon themes can be chosen, and Lunch Bunch is available for those who need full-day options.

Camp is held at Kennedy Elementary School for children entering grades 3-5. Weekly sessions run June 25-Aug. 17.

### Soccer Day Camps

One week sessions will be held June 18-Aug. 26 for three-year-olds up through grade 8.

The camps are held at a variety of locations. There are mornings or

full-day options available. On the Northside, children can attend camp at Olbrich Park and Elvehjem Elementary School.

### Tennis Lessons

Youth tennis lessons for children entering grades 1-9 are held at a variety of locations. On the northeast side, lessons take place at East High School, Warner Park and Olbrich Park.

Sessions take place June 18-July 12 and July 16-Aug. 9. Pre-beginner, beginner and intermediate programs are available. The classes have openings beginning at 9 am and are held through early evening.

### Wrestling camp

Want to learn to wrestle? This camp teaches the basic fundamentals of wrestling. The camp is available for children entering grades K-8 and is held LaFollette High School, July 9-12.

### Swimming

Youth lessons take place at East and LaFollette High Schools.

MSCR offers many recreation programs for all ages at affordable prices. Many programs have online registration. Please visit EZ-REG at [www.mscr.org](http://www.mscr.org). Please call 204-3000 or visit MSCR at 3802 Regent St. for more information.

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