

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

SVCA quarterly meeting

Thursday, June 7, 6:30 pm  
Sequoia Branch Library

Neighborhood Garage Sale

July 27 and 28

Midvale Plant and Bake Sale

Saturday, May 12, 9:00-1:00  
Midvale Elementary School, Cafeteria  
502 Caromar Drive  
Contact Julie Gentz 223-7660

Hoyt Park Area Joint Neighborhood Plan  
Public Meeting #3

Wednesday, May 30, 6:30-8:30  
First Baptist Church, 518 N. Franklin

Ice Cream Social

Saturday, August 4, 1-4 p.m.  
Lucia Crest Park with ice cream and beer

Bethany Church Rummage Sale

Saturday, April 21  
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Hilldale Mall, west parking lot, at Segoe Rd.

Westside Community Market

Saturday, 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. Starts April 21  
Hill Farms Department of Transportation Parking Lot



Sunset Village Voice

Your Neighborhood Newsletter

Spring 2012

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Next SVCA neighborhood meeting:

Thursday, June 7th at 6:30pm  
at The Sequoia Library

Greetings Neighbors,

As your new president, I’d first like to thank Janice Antoniewicz-  
Werner for her fine service, our SVCA officers and newsletter  
carriers, and everyone who coordinates events such as our ice cream  
social, garage sale, Easter egg hunt, and Halloween parade. Those  
are the things that make our neighborhood so great! I encourage  
everyone to attend the upcoming events, and likewise to volunteer  
your help.

During the next couple of months I envision most of my efforts going  
into the Hoyt Park Area Joint Neighborhood Plan, and I welcome  
your input. Many of you have asked me questions about this, so I  
will answer your three most frequent: *What are your views on new  
development projects?* It depends on whether the scale, form and  
use are appropriate with and enhance our neighborhood, and most  
importantly, that it is desired by the neighbors rather than driven by  
outside interests. *What were the results of SVCA neighbors’ votes on  
the proposed ‘Focus Areas’ at the last SVCA meeting?* The full data  
are available upon request, but briefly, the percentages who voted for a  
maximum of 2-stories in each area were: Hill St-30%, Harvey St-50%,  
Univ. Ave-26%, Midvale-48%, Palomino/Eugenia-89%, Stevens/  
Bluff-78%, Speedway/Mt Olive-85%. *Will the neighborhood plan  
reflect that input?* The draft is still preliminary, a work in progress.  
A point of flux is the extent to which neighborhood or other desires  
should prevail. Two important events are the May 30th 6:30PM  
HPAJNP meeting soliciting public comment on the neighborhood  
plan, and the June 7th 6:30PM SVCA meeting.

I encourage you to participate in these and all meetings – we welcome  
your ideas and suggestions on neighborhood needs and activities,  
and always appreciate new participants. Finally, I hope you’re  
enjoying this fantastic spring - it’s the prettiest one I can remember,  
and judging by the smells of barbecue throughout the neighborhood,  
you’re all making the most of it!

Ken Raffa

## Hoyt Park Area Joint Neighborhood Plan Update

A quick review: The City of Madison Department of Planning & Community & Economic Development is working with the Sunset Hills, Sunset Village, VanCheMasShe Neighborhood Associations, Hilldale Homeowners Association, and interested residents, businesses and stakeholders to develop a 5-10 year plan for the Hoyt Park Area Joint Neighborhood Plan study area. The Hoyt Plan is a supplement to the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan and provides more detailed land use and design recommendations, with the possibility of suggesting amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. Vandewalle & Associates, a private consulting firm based in Madison, is assisting the City and the community to prepare the plan under a \$50,000 City of Madison neighborhood grant.

The quarterly SVCA meeting on February 17 gave participants another chance to comment on the potential redevelopment areas discussed in the Hoyt Plan second public meeting back in December--Bluff/Stevens St., Midvale Blvd., Mineral Point/Speedway, University Avenue East and University Avenue West. Another focus group meeting on March 1 at Bethany Church was devoted to discussion of recommendations for the Mineral Point/Speedway area, which includes the Mt. Olive site.



Quarry Park walk-around photo taken by Jean MacCubbin

A Quarry Park walk-around on March 26 brought together neighbors of the park and Hoyt Plan area residents making their first visit to this 16 acre wild park in our midst. Si Widstrand, retired from the Madison Parks Department, was on hand to answer questions and help lead the walk around the park. The informal consensus of this group was to leave the park more or less the way it is. A volunteer has collected a list of people who may form a Friends of Quarry Park at some time.

Components of the plan are in *draft* stages and will be released between March and May for additional public input. Mark your calendars for the **3rd Public Meeting** to take place on Wednesday, **May 30th** at First Baptist Church, 518 N Franklin, from 6:30 -8:30 pm. All components of the plan will be ready to be reviewed.

For more information, contacts, maps, FAQ, to get involved, upcoming meetings, neighborhood survey results, neighborhood photo inventory: visit the city website: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/planning/hoytParkPlan/>



## Stormwater and Street Spring Cleaning

From City Engineer Rob Phillips

Even after an exceptionally mild winter, the City's spring cleaning efforts require considerable coordination. Three departments— Engineering Operations, Streets, and Water Utility—work together to implement a praiseworthy street cleaning program. The steps include street

sweeping and catchbasin cleaning before hydrant flushing begins. This program has been in place for about 3 years and has prevented a significant amount of trash and sediment from reaching our waterways. If we didn't flush our hydrants onto relatively clean streets, not only would the debris wash into the lakes, it could also clog storm inlets and cause localized flooding.

The Streets Department got an early start on street sweeping due to the unusually mild winter. We had two street sweepers and a smaller bike path sweeper out two months ahead of schedule. All nine of our street sweepers have been out since March 3rd. Sweepers work double shifts until every street in the city is swept twice. In 2011, we collected 6,525 tons of debris through street sweeping.



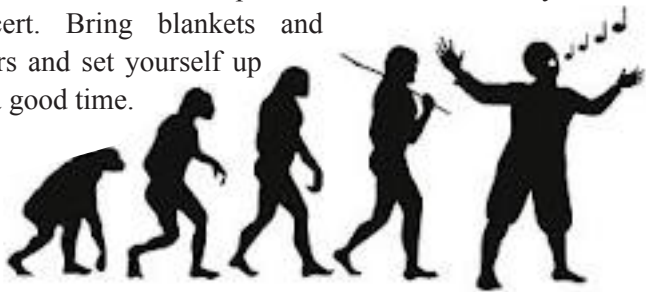
### Thanks SVCA Newsletter Carriers!

They deliver all four seasons to every door in Sunset Village. They are: Liz Middleton, Linda Fahy, Jody Guentzel, Donna Morrissey, Kim Peterson, Brian & Karen Kuhn, Ann Raffa, Anne Fuller, Kathryn Maloney, Jane Jimaleh, Liz Vowles, Andrew Bernhardt, Bozena Wacławik, Janice Antoniewicz and a new carrier Robyn Mistele. One newsletter route is currently open—Alden/Standish/Hammersley/Mineral Point—comprising 65 residences and Bethany Church. Please contact Liz at 231-0481 or [lizlloyd@chorus.net](mailto:lizlloyd@chorus.net) if you'd like to volunteer for this route.

### Opera in the Park

**Saturday, July 21, 8:00 p.m., Garner Park  
FREE ADMISSION**

Madison Opera presents the 11th annual outdoor Opera in the Park concert with the Madison Opera Chorus, Madison Symphony, and outstanding opera soloists. The concert will feature familiar opera arias and Broadway tunes as well as selections from the 2012-2013 Madison Opera season. All ages and all manner of food and drink and good cheer allowed. Garner Park opens at 7:00 a.m. the day of the concert. Bring blankets and chairs and set yourself up for a good time.



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## Madison Parks Earth Day Park Clean Up Challenge!

Madison Parks invites you to celebrate Earth Day with your neighbors and friends by cleaning up your local park and neighborhood on **Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 9am-noon**. Join this communitywide effort in April to make a difference.

Madison Parks Department is encouraging groups and neighborhood leaders to host an Earth Day Challenge Project in their local park. Projects should be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012. The volunteer project organizer can determine the starting and ending time, as well as the scope of the project. Past projects have included garbage cleanup, weeding, mulching, and maintaining flower beds. If you need ideas, please feel free to contact the Parks Office. The Parks Division may be able to provide some supplies for your group including trash bags. If you have questions please contact, Anne Whisner at:

awhisner@cityofmadison.com or 608-267-4919.

## Paper or Plastic? Go “Neither!” on April 20 at Metcalfe’s and get a free reusable shopping bag.

Article provided by Sustain Dane

With a staggering 100 billion plastic bags used each year in America, they are a major contributor to our nation’s overflowing landfills, amounting to a reported 15% of all garbage in America. Plastic bags are lethal: Animals, especially birds and fish, often mistake the bags for food and choke on them – or in them. Moreover, as petroleum products, manufacture of plastic bags drains tens of millions of gallons of the finite, polluting substance each year.

Fortunately, the proliferation of plastic bags is one of the easiest environmental problems to address – we can choose not to use them! That’s why for Earth Day 2012, local classrooms, Sustain Dane, and Metcalfe’s Market are working to reduce Madison’s use of plastic: All groceries sold at Metcalfe’s Market on Friday, **April 20th** will be bagged in reusable, recycled bags, each of which will feature a one-of-a-kind design by a Madison-area student.

“It is a wonderful opportunity to get young people thinking about the impact their everyday choices have on our planet and our future,” says Jen Vena, a sixth grade teacher at Spring Harbor Middle School. Her students have been particularly alarmed to learn that there is a mass of swirling plastic debris in the Pacific Ocean larger than Texas.

More than 3500 bags will be decorated by students between April 13 and April 19.

For more information about the Reusable Bag Give-Away, email Sustain Dane’s Sustainable Schools Program, Rachel Martin at:

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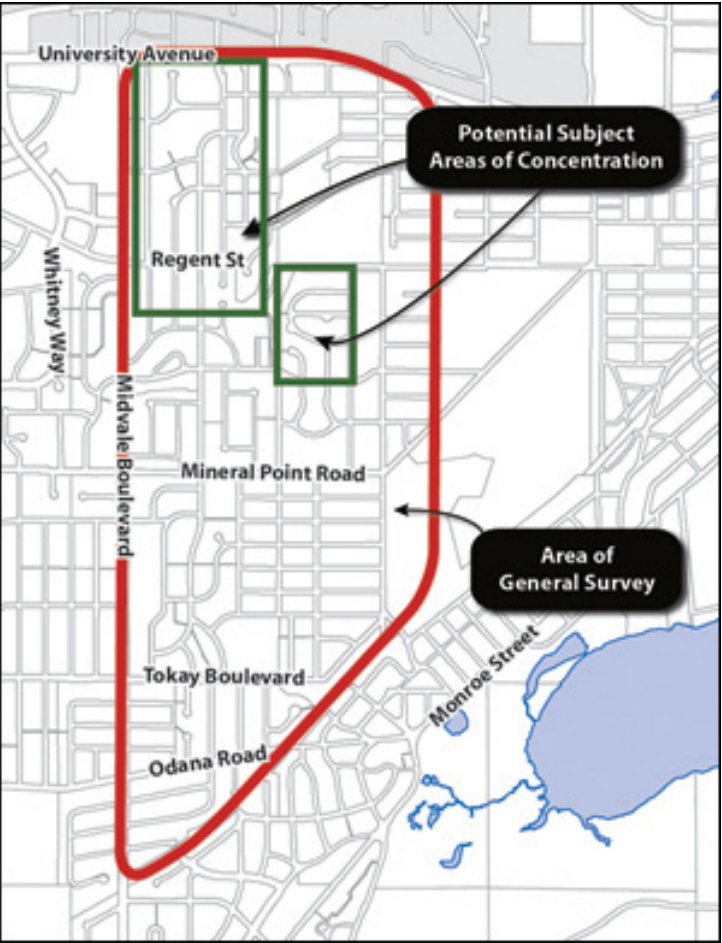
## Architectural Survey Meeting

Thursday April 26, 2012, 7:00 PM  
Bethany United Methodist Church  
3910 Mineral Point Road

The City of Madison was awarded a grant from the Wisconsin Historical Society to conduct an architectural survey in the neighborhoods near Hoyt Park to identify properties of architectural and historical significance. The study area is indicated in the map.

A public informational meeting has been scheduled at which representatives from the City, the Wisconsin Historical Society, and the consultant who will conduct the survey, will be present so you and other citizens can be informed of the details of the project. The informational meeting will be held on Thursday April 26, 2012 at 7:00 PM at Bethany United Methodist Church, 3910 Mineral Point Road, Madison, WI.

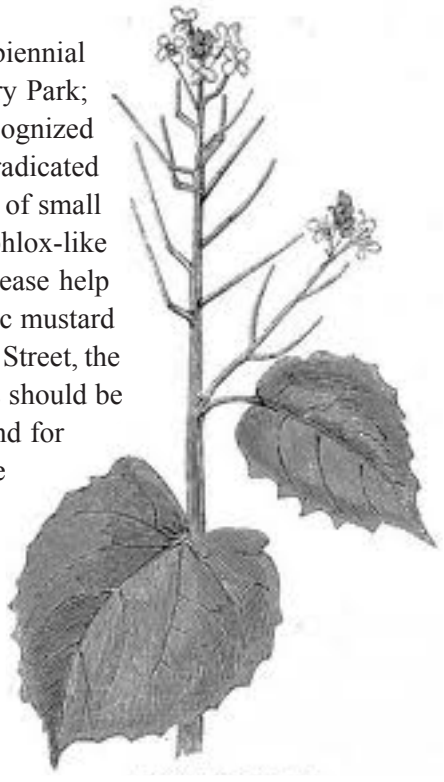
Please contact Amy Scanlon, Preservation Planner, at [ascanlon@cityofmadison.com](mailto:ascanlon@cityofmadison.com) or (608) 266 6552 with any questions or for more information.



## Garlic Mustard in Quarry Park

It’s that time again—garlic mustard in our parks and woods. Garlic mustard is a biennial herb that invades and spreads rapidly in wooded areas and roadsides, such as Quarry Park; it is termed “ecologically invasive” by the DNR. Garlic mustard is most easily recognized when it blooms in early May (more likely mid-April this year), and is controlled or eradicated by pulling in April and May, before it goes to seed. It can be identified by its cluster of small white flowers at the top and its round toothed leaves (not to be confused with the phlox-like Dame’s Rocket). If your Eugenia or Rocky Ledge yard backs onto Quarry Park, please help by pulling the garlic mustard in your purview (and please don’t pile brush over garlic mustard stands). Garlic mustard grows throughout the park, with concentrations along Stevens Street, the far west end, northwest ridges, northeast corner, and several central locations. Plants should be pulled getting the entire root and then bagged for disposal, or left in piles to be found for later bagging; please don’t just fling them around, as they may still form seed from the flowers. For good illustrations and more information contact Liz Vowles, 231-0481, [lizlloyd@chorus.net](mailto:lizlloyd@chorus.net) or check these Web sites:

- <http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/fact/alpel1.htm>
- <http://dnr.wi.gov/invasives/fact/garlic.htm>
- [http://www.ipaw.org/invaders/garlic\\_mustard/GarlicMustardHandout.pdf](http://www.ipaw.org/invaders/garlic_mustard/GarlicMustardHandout.pdf)



## Neighborhood Garage Sale: July 27 & 28

It’s time to start cleaning out those closets, garages, and basements, getting ready for the SVCA Neighborhood Garage Sale! This year’s sale will be held on July 27 and 28. We’ll be putting together a map of sales in the neighborhood to help shoppers navigate the neighborhood and locate our abounding bargains. If you’re planning to participate and would like your sale to be included on the map, please email Amanda Struckmeyer at [amandacmoss@gmail.com](mailto:amandacmoss@gmail.com) by July 1.

Volunteer Opportunities at Henry Vilas Zoo

Submitted by Lynn Pawelski

Volunteering at Henry Vilas Zoo is an amazing opportunity for people of all ages to get involved and give back to the community in a fun, family-friendly environment. The Zoo offers many different volunteer positions in a variety of areas around the Zoo including guest services, conservation education and special events. Volunteers enjoy the chance to make new friends, network within the community and explore personal interests, all while getting the chance to spend some time at the Zoo.

“Face of the Zoo” volunteers greet zoo guests, helping ensure that they get the most out of their Zoo visit. Volunteers work for two hour shifts weekly or twice monthly from March through October (as the weather allows). These are volunteers who love the Zoo, have strong customer service skills, and like to be outside. This position is perfect for families and small groups; children are encouraged to volunteer accompanied by an adult. Businesses and organizations can also “Adopt a Shift” at Face of the Zoo.

Volunteers also run the Zoo Train and Conservation Carousel, providing an entertaining and educational experience for Zoo visitors of all ages. Train and carousel ride sales directly support the operations of the Henry Vilas Zoo. Volunteers work either from 9:30am-1:15pm or 12:45pm-4:30pm. Shifts are available weekday afternoons or weekends between March and October.

“All Aboard” Zoo volunteer preview sessions are the first step in training new volunteers. Henry Vilas Zoo has a one-Zoo one-team philosophy. It is important for volunteers to know about the Zoo and the different ways people can support the Zoo: Membership, fundraising programs and special events. Many a new member has been made by casual conversation with the public by our friendly volunteers! To learn more email [volunteer@vilaszoo.org](mailto:volunteer@vilaszoo.org) or call 258-9490 and ask for Lynn.

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Find a New Best Friend at the Shelter

Article provided by Dane County Humane Society

Each year Dane County Humane Society (DCHS) receives approximately 3,000 dogs and cats brought to the shelter as strays. In 2011, the total was 1,109 dogs and 1,915 cats several of which came from this neighborhood.

Most of us never expect our beloved pets to be lost or stolen and we hope that leashes, fences and doors will be enough to keep them safe at home. The reality is that accidents do happen, and when they do, many owners are unprepared. Animal Service Officers report that the two biggest reasons dogs and cats become strays is because children and workmen inadvertently let them escape from the house or yard. Microchip is the best way to reunite lost pets with their owners because tags can get separated from the animal. The combination of a tag and microchip give the best of both worlds by providing a visual ID and an implanted ID. Have your veterinarian check your chip yearly to make sure it remains up to date and in place. No pet should be allowed outside its house without identification. Microchipping can be done on a walk-in basis whenever the shelter is open or by your veterinarian.

There is a wealth of information on the DCHS website ([giveshelter.org](http://giveshelter.org)) where one can search to determine whether your lost pet may be there or to learn how to search for and find your pet. Just click on the “Owner Support” link.

Sometimes circumstances arise that result in owners becoming unable to keep their pets. Some people release their pet into the wild or near a farm with the false belief that it will settle in and find a new home. Doing this is actually a very stressful experience and is an inhumane solution. If you need to find a new home for your animal, DCHS provides a free rehoming service via their website. Or, you may make an appointment to surrender your animal to DCHS for a small fee which goes to the care of the animal.

And for those of you looking to add a new pet member to your home... “don’t shop – adopt!” at Dane County Humane Society, 5132 Voges Road, Madison WI 53718.

Community Budget Conversations

Please join your neighbors, city staff, Mayor Soglin and alders to help develop the city’s 2013 budget. In these challenging times, citizen involvement is more important than ever. You can take an online survey at [www.cityofmadison.com/budgetprocess/survey.cfm](http://www.cityofmadison.com/budgetprocess/survey.cfm) or attend the remaining three conversations in person.

Thursday, April 26, 7-9pm	Monday, April 30, 7-9pm	Tuesday, May 2, 7-9pm
Madison Senior Center 330 West Mifflin Street	Wright Middle School Gym 1717 Fish Hatchery Road	Toki Middle School 5606 Russett Road

There is NO such thing as FREE Mulch

Free mulch is no longer available at Madison city parks. The City will now sell the wood mulch it produces, expecting to bring in \$85,000. You may still pick up 30 gallons of mulch (six 5-gallon buckets) for free at the Streets Division Transfer Station at 121 E. Olin Avenue, from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Larger amounts cost \$10 per front-end loader bucket (3 cubic yards). More information at: [www.cityofmadison.com/streets/yardWaste/woodMulch.cfm](http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/yardWaste/woodMulch.cfm)





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