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## Neighborhood Association Membership Registration Form

Join or Renew Today!

*Your membership dues are essential to support neighborhood activities!*

### Membership Benefits

Neighborhood Development • Beautification • Newsletter • July 4th Festival • Yard/Garage Sale • Holiday Lights Contest • Social Events • Neighborhood Forums • Email Updates and Notices

**I. Member Information**  Family  Business  
 Renewing member  New member

Your full name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your email: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Adult #2 full name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adult #2 email: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Your Interests**  
 Which MPNA activities are you interested in participating in? Check all that apply.

	Interest You	Adult #2
Join a Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership Drive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Block Captain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Welcome New Neighbors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Help Out at Events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sponsor an Event	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**3. Annual Dues**  
 Membership is \$10 to defray expenses and contribute to a special events fund.

Please make out your check to the McClellan Park Neighborhood Association.

Mail or drop off checks to:  
 Alisa Allen-734 North Star Drive, 53718.

Questions?  
 For more information, contact Alisa Allen, at 608-233-0397.



Thank you! Your involvement keeps our neighborhood thriving.

MPNA use: Date rec'd:      Amt: \$      Check: #      Registration

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## Important Updates from Alderperson Cnare

### Taking Our Temperature Madison's Neighborhood Indicators Project

In an effort to better track and quantify changes related to quality of life and also better apply resources to neighborhoods, the City of Madison has invested in the Neighborhood Indicators Project to collect and categorize data for annual snapshots of the unique Madison neighborhoods.

The 2008 data went live this fall, using a wide variety of "indicators" or measurements about neighborhood "health" that ranged from income levels and home values to the softer data, like shop and work opportunities, transportation and education that are equally important in measuring that "quality" of life. Some data are still being collected and will appear in 2009. The city is looking for feedback about usefulness or ideas, so please feel free to share your thoughts via the e-mail or phone links.

Hop on the city's Web site at this link: [www.cityofmadison.com/ni](http://www.cityofmadison.com/ni) to take a look at us, neighboring neighborhoods and even those across town. At the main page, near the bottom of the page, click on "to view a snapshot of a neighborhood" to look at a specific neighborhood by name. At this next page, see the bar with Madison Neighborhood Associations and use the pull down menu with "City of Madison" in the gray bar to see the alphabetically organized list of all the associations,

While the measures for McClellan Park NA are little old (note the population numbers – no way!!) the area will impress you, especially in this difficult economy. For example, home values are still high (av. \$243,46), families living in poverty is low and about 2% were unemployed. Almost 100% own cars, which affects the whole bus line thing. And, it's a more diverse area of the city when comparing age, and race or ethnicity than many areas of District 3.

It's still light in youth opportunities, and of course, services: gives us something to work for!

Take a look at the Website occasionally; the city will be using it to determine areas of need. Sometimes, it will assist planning as projects are proposed for an area. Other times, it may be a crucial rapid response for community services or crime prevention/attention. The next census will certainly change these numbers – I think continuing a good pattern.

On the subject of services, a regional grocery store is exploring sites on this side of the highway for a new grocery store. The decision is complicated by the differing opinion about appropriate sites: the city has an approved site in the neighborhood plan near North Star Drive; the grocery store prefers another nearby site that is planned for residential. Your NA Board is very attentive to this issue, attending meetings and helping to mold the best decision possible for the area. I support the current site near North Star because it is an integral part of the overall plan. A little like an ingredient in your favorite casserole – take away one element and while still edible, it just won't have that same delicious appeal. And, it impacts the other dishes you serve. It is likely that, if the developer wants to pursue the unapproved site, we will have a very large neighborhood/area meeting to discuss the issue. If the developer chooses the approved site, we'll still have a meeting to inform/discuss, as well as the usual public hearings that projects undergo.

Thinking of Spring: I am working with neighbors east of the highway to establish a Far East Farmer's Market located in the circle park across from Jovian Taphaus (the old Cloud 9) in the Grandview Commons Neighborhood. We are planning a full-service food fest at this market – ideally vegetables and fruits, a baker, a cheese and/or other dairy purveyor, mushrooms, plants, homemade treat, and meat(s).

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## Important Updates cont....

Update from Alder Cnare contunued...

We've spoken to vendors at the Monona Market, and have gotten incredible interest for a weekday afternoon/evening market and have taken the first steps of city permission. Next step is to establish a board and bylaws. Stay tuned; we are hoping to be offering tender lettuce this spring at the new and convenient market.

As always, thanks for being a member of your neighborhood association – it's another measurement of a great place to live. Get on my e-mail list by e-mailing me at [district3@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district3@cityofmadison.com). Call to chat at 226-0987.

### Meet the MPNA Board

The current MPNA Board members are:

Alisa Allen	Roger Anderson
Mike Austin	Michael Cerro
Karen Lovelien	Tina Hauser
Tonya Nye	Jayme Paquette

You can contact us via email at [board@mymrna.org](mailto:board@mymrna.org)

### More from Alder Cnare...

#### The Food Future Is Looking Brighter!

In addition to the Farmers' Market project that will bring local freshness and harvest to the area, a Wisconsin grocery store chain, Roundy's (AKA Copp's) is taking steps toward fulfilling the neighborhood plan with a grocery store in the commercial area accessed by Northstar.

The developer has been working with DSI, has visited the city planning division for a quick check in and scheduled a follow-up meeting with the Development Assistance Team, and scheduled an introductory meeting with me to discuss plans. With "general direction" go ahead al from the City's Planning Staff, the next steps are to rub the rough edges off the proposal, assuring it meets the spirit and purpose of the neighborhood plan. Then, unveil the proposal (not the final product) at a neighborhood meeting for feedback. At that point, the project starts its journey through the approval process. It's too soon to say precisely when you'll be attending a grand opening event, but I feel very positive about the project at this point. Look forward to a neighborhood meeting, likely in February, to learn the latest news.

**CHECK THE ALL NEW MYMPNA.ORG WEBSITE OFTEN FOR DETAILS ON THIS EXCITING DEVELOPMENT!!**

## Mmmm... Dept. Buffalo Chicken Dip



### Ingredients

1 package 8 oz cream cheese, softened  
1 container 16 oz - sour cream  
1 cup blue cheese salad dressing  
1/2 cup buffalo wing sauce (I like Red Hot buffalo wing sauce)  
2 1/2 cups shredded cooked chicken (I usually fry 3 chicken breasts in a little olive oil then shred them but it's much easier to buy an already cooked rotisserie chicken from the deli and shred instead)  
1 - 8 oz block provolone cheese - shredded

In mixing bowl - beat cream cheese, sour cream, salad dressing and buffalo wing sauce until well blended. Stir in chicken and provolone cheese.

Pour into a greased 1 qt baking dish. Cover and bake at 350 for 25-30 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Serve warm. (I typically transfer it to a crockpot at this point. If it doesn't taste spicy enough to me - I add a few shakes of Cholula Garlic hot sauce.)

Serve with celery, carrots and crackers.

### MPNA EVENTS

It's cold and there is a lot snow on the ground but Spring and Summer are quickly approaching. Here are some events MPNA will be working on. Check out the all new [mymrna.org](http://mymrna.org) website regularly to get the latest information regarding these events. If you would like to get involved and help out with any of the events please contact us at [board@mymrna.org](mailto:board@mymrna.org).

- **MPNA Neighborhood Meeting (Pending)**
- **MPNA Dominion Pond Beautification Project (Pending)**
- **North Star Park Water Fountain Project (Pending)**
- **MPNA Garage Sale (June)**
- **MPNA Independence Day Parade (July)**
- **MPNA Family Block Party (Pending)**
- **MPNA Halloween Party (October)**



Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS) works to empower those affected by domestic violence and advocate for social change through support, education and outreach. Our vision is a non-violent community that actively promotes safety, peace, justice and hope. We have been in Dane County for over 26 years working to make our community a safer, more just, more equitable place for people who have experienced domestic violence, their children, and the people who love them.

We offer many support services, and volunteers are essential in providing these services to our clients and are involved in every aspect of the work we do. Our volunteer program increases support services to victims by two-thirds of what staff alone can do.

The following are ongoing DAIS Volunteer Opportunities:

Crisis Line Advocate  
Crisis Response Advocate  
Shelter Advocate  
Children's Advocate  
Marketing and Media Advocate  
CAPE (Community Awareness and Prevention Education) Advocate

One-Time Service Projects  
Donations

**If you are interested in volunteering with DAIS or for more information**

**please contact:**

**Kira Young**

**Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator**

**Domestic Abuse Intervention Services**

**[kiray@abuseintervention.org](mailto:kiray@abuseintervention.org)**

**251-1237**

**<http://www.abuseintervention.org>**

## Check out our new website!! MYMPNA.ORG

We have totally redesigned our neighborhood association website! New look, new feel, new content!! You can find current information on news and events in our neighborhood, district, and city. There is Information on development in and around our neighborhood, neighborhood projects, and much, much more. You can download newsletters, membership forms, and the MPNA bylaws. You can also submit questions to the MPNA board by filling out the new web form. The web site is for all of us in the McClellan Park Neighborhood. If you have pictures, articles or information about our neighborhood, please email them to [board@mymrna.org](mailto:board@mymrna.org). Check out the all new [mymrna.org](http://mymrna.org) site today!

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### Newsletter and Web Content

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