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Letter from your MPNA Board

Hard to believe it's Fall - time for back-to-school, football, raking leaves and the Fall MPNA Newsletter. Summer proved to be fairly quiet on many fronts, but we'd like to recap and review happenings in our neighborhood:

The Capital View Farmer's Market was a rousing success!

Thanks to the hard work and diligent efforts of the Farmer's Market Committee, our Capital View Farmers' Market was a success. *The market was located along the park at the corner of Sharpsburg Drive and North Star Drive every Wednesday from 3 pm to 7pm.*

While the market season is now over, be sure to support our local market again in 2011 starting June 1st or think about becoming a sponsor of the farmers market. Have any suggestions or comments on the market? Send your feedback to board@MyMPNA.org.

North Star Park Tile Project Update

PROJECT EXTENDED! Do you want to immortalize your family, special pet, or a special event? You still have time this fall and winter to create your own tile for the water fountain beautification project in North Star Park. We plan on installing the project in 2011. Check out www.MyMPNA.org for more information on how you and your family can be a part of the tile project.

Many Thanks to our July 4th Celebration Sponsors

Thanks to our hard working MPNA board members, our popular July 4th Celebration was fun for all. Many thanks to our local City of Madison Firefighters for leading our Parade. We'd also like to thank the following businesses that made generous donations for this event:

Monona State Bank
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Other Issues Affecting Our Neighborhood

A New Restaurant Opening on North Star Drive?

The rumors are true – The Great Dane is looking at opening a new location in the Jovian Taphaus building. There are still steps that need to be taken until final approval is given by the City of Madison. Your MPNA Board will also be meeting with restaurant management to learn more about their organization and how they integrate their restaurants in the local neighborhood. The restaurant is projected to open in late November. Stay tuned for more details via www.MyMPNA.org.

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Far East Side Fire Station

Land was allocated in the Metro Center development (Milwaukee Street and Sprecher Road) for a new fire station a few years ago. The project has stalled for various reasons over the years. Due to recent home fires on the far east side, there is a greater urgency to move this project forward. The City's Board of Estimates recently passed \$1.5 million in planning and design funds for this project and it is now included in the City's budget for 2011. There are still additional steps that are taking place, including review of additional data to solidify the need, but the good news is there is forward movement with the project. See Alder Cnare's update for more details. And, check out our website for future updates on this important project.

Copp's Development Project

The Copp's grocery store development at the Doric Lodge site along Cottage Grove Road slowed down this summer – **we have no updates to report**. As noted in our Summer issue, we have been waiting for an official "revised plan" for review following the feedback received at the April 26, 2010 Urban Planning Commission meeting. To date, a formal plan has not been submitted for review.

We look forward to the next meeting with Roundy's to see how the concerns raised at the April meeting were addressed. Please be sure to get involved, be informed, and share your comments with Alder Cnare. We recommend signing up for her e-mail list at district3@cityofmadison.com to receive updates as the project continues to evolve.



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MPNA Annual Holiday Light Contest

It is hard to believe summer is over and we're getting ready to dust off our shovels in anticipation of the winter season!

We will once again hold our Holiday Light Contest. Three lucky winners will be selected to win a gift certificate.

Bigger and brighter isn't always better - we make our selections based on creative use of lights and decorations, themes, and extra points for going "green" by using energy-efficient lighting.

MPNA Board Letter cont.

Also check out our website at www.MyMPNA.org for more information – we'll continue to post important updates as we receive them.

MPNA Needs You!

Many of us volunteered for the board and various committees to make an impact in our growing and changing neighborhood. In light of recent development issues, our mission is more critical than ever. Our current MPNA board is primarily made up of residents from Grandview Commons. To insure all areas of our neighborhood are consistently represented, we need to recruit new Board Members from:

- * Covered Bridge
- * Jubilee
- * Rustic Acres
- * Birchwood Ridge



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Being a board member is not a big time commitment. We meet the first Monday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the conference room next to the front lobby at Oak Park Place. We welcome you to attend a board meeting and see how the process works!

Please remember, without MPNA, we lose an important voice and advocate for our neighborhood with commercial and residential developers, the City of Madison, Dane County governmental agencies and our fellow neighbors. Please check out our website – www.MyMPNA.org for current updates, membership forms, and to contact us if you want to volunteer and get involved!

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Alder Cnare Update

Hi, all:

Just a couple updates for you as we start October:

1 - The Great Dane is making plans to assume operations in the building formerly occupied by Jovian as soon as next month! While they can't brew on site (state law) they will have food, their locally brewed beers and entertainment at the site. While the leasing arrangements are private parties, the liquor license application is public process and will be heard on October 20. I have a couple questions to clarify and the managers will be visiting the McClellan Park NA at their meeting on Oct. 11 to discuss their plans and gather feedback. This is an entirely new management team and most of you know the Great Dane so have a sense of their business. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know and I can share them during the licensing process.

2 - The city's 2011 capital budget is nearing its final steps before Council full debate in November, and I have been successful with a great team of neighbors and neighborhood associations, and two other east side alders in moving the planning and design funds for the far east side station to the 2011 budget. Just under a half million dollars, we are awaiting confirmation from the fire dept. with some numbers to fully establish the need at this time. For most of us, our intuition says now is the time, but the Mayor is requesting data to confirm. That's a reasonable request for all projects and neither I nor the Fire Chief Amesqua foresee any problems with justifying the need. That leaves us to move the construction, equipment purchase and hiring to put in the 2012 budget. This is indeed one situation where the plan cannot sit on a shelf! The site is located in the northwest corner of Milwaukee and Sprecher Rd., in the MetroTech development

We start the operating budget debates in the next weeks, and I will be looking at proper staffing for streets, especially, along with other departments. (I do not think residents should have to shovel the bus pads - we should take care of it as a city so riders have access in the winter.) While everyone I know at the city is working his or her head off, in my short 6 years as an alder, I am beginning to sense that city departments have been cut to the bone and we are on the verge of not getting done what should be done in the proper amount of time without wearing out or killing staff! While labor is usually the biggest line item in any budget, we get a lot for our dollar and I will pay close attention to how city staff are expected to manage workload.

3 - Parks is innovating all the time, and here's another event of which you or your group may want to take advantage. Could be a great neighborhood association event!

Celebrate Halloween with a hayride in Madison Parks. Madison Parks is offering group hayrides in Elver and Warner Park on Oct. 30 and Oct. 31. Perfect for scout troops, church groups, or family outings – Madison Parks hayrides will treat your group to a tour of a beautiful park and enjoy friendly campfire with 'smores. Other dates are also available in October and November for hayrides in Olin, Warner and Elver Parks. Call 266-4711 to find available dates and times.

Each hayride trip is one hour: 30 minute ride, 30 minute campfire and 'smores. The wagon, pulled by a tractor, will take your group on a scenic tour of the park. Please note that participants will need to enter/exit the wagon using a step ladder.

REGISTRATION: Call Madison Parks Office at (608) 266-4711

COST: \$80.00 + tax per group (1-24 people). One hour Hayride Trip includes 30 minute wagon ride, 30 minute campfire. Advance registration required.

Halloween Holiday Fun with MPNA and Oak Park Place



WHAT: Halloween Event &
Treats at Oak Park Place

WHEN: Sunday, October 31
1:30 - 3:00 PM

WHERE: The Auditorium
Oak Park Place
618 Jupiter Drive

Join us on Sunday, October 31 for a Halloween costume event. Cookies and cider will be served (provided by Oak Park Place) along with goodie bags in the Oak Park Place Grandview Hall Auditorium

Dress up in your costumes and meet at the Grandview Auditorium at Oak Park Place. (Entrance is either the rear parking lot or the front lobby on Jupiter Drive).

We look forward to seeing you on the 31st!



See You There!

The McClellan Park Neighborhood Trick or Treat Hours for 2010 are on October 31 from 4 to 7 PM!



MPNA Neighborhood Association

Membership Registration Form



Grandview Commons ▪ Covered Bridge ▪ Birchwood Ridge ▪ Rustic Acres ▪ Jubilee

Join or Renew Today!
Your membership dues support MPNA!

Membership Benefits

Neighborhood Development ▪ Beautification ▪ July 4th Celebration ▪ Yard/Garage Sale
Holiday Lights Contest ▪ Social Events ▪ Neighborhood Forums ▪ MyMPNA Website

1. Membership Information

- Family Business
- Renewing Member New Member

Your Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Your E-Mail Address: _____

Adult #2 Full Name: _____

2. Your Interests

Are you interested in helping out with MPNA activities? Check all that apply:

- Join a committee
- Block Captain
- Welcome new neighbors
- Help out at events

3. Annual Dues

Membership is \$10 per year or \$20 for two years. Your support helps to defray expenses, including our quarterly newsletter and special events.

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

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