



A Quarterly Newsletter of the McClellan Park Neighborhood Association

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**THE GREAT DANE: GREAT BEER, GREAT FOOD, GREAT NEIGHBORS**

MPNA Board Member Bob Hogan recently had the pleasure of meeting with Haley Bergum; the manager of our Great Dane. Here's a little of what they talked about:

(Bob) How long have you been with The Great Dane and what is your current position?

(Haley) I have been with the Dane for 9 years. I started at Fitchburg shortly after they opened their doors in December of 2002. I expedited, served, supervised and was a bartender there. I then moved to the Hilldale Great Dane when it opened in November of 2006 to supervise. It was there I became a full time floor and bar manager. I worked there until the East side opened last November. Currently I am the General Manager here. Needless to say I have experienced a lot of the positions at the Great Dane.

(Bob) How has business been since opening in the neighborhood? Has business been below, at or above expectations?



(Haley) Business has been great! It has exceeded our expectations by a lot. Obviously something we always strive for, as with any business, is to build a following and bring back guests in addition to gaining new customers. We try to do this with certain standards at all Danes: great beer, great food, and great service!

(Bob) The expansion upstairs looks great. How has this affected the wait times during peak hours? Any additional renovations/expansions planned?

(Haley) We love the expansion of the upstairs bar and private dining room. It has made the wait time significantly shorter on busy nights, I have not seen it go past 15 names since we have re-opened it. It also provides another bar atmosphere for guests to enjoy, it has a more intimate feel. The large party dining room has been

great for parties too, we rent it out 3 ways: the entire room seats 75, the larger half seats 50, and the smaller half seats 25. We can also fit up to 100 people in there for drinks and appetizers. At this point we have no future plans for more renovations.

(Bob) The Easter Egg Hunt in the spring was great. Are there any upcoming events planned? (Football/Halloween/Christmas etc).

(Haley) We had so much fun planning and hosting the Easter Egg Hunt. That will be an Annual event. Upcoming we have Halloween, which everyone around here goes a little crazy for. We will have trick-or-treating for the kids and decorations galore. For the Holiday season we do a really great fundraiser called Adopt-A-Family. We take a couple of local families that struggle that time of year and provide

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(continued) them with a Christmas. We will start accepting donations for that the day after Thanksgiving.

(Bob) Any football related specials? Shuttle bus to the Badger games details.

(Haley)-We have a free shuttle running to all home Badger Football games. It leaves an hour and a half before kick-off. There is no cost, and all you have to do is check-in at the bar to get your ticket from the bartender. We also have Rose Bowl Chili as a special every football Saturday during the season, it is served in a sourdough bread bowl and topped with sour cream, jalapenos, olives, and cheese, so yummy.

Parting Comment-The Great Dane just wants to thank all of our neighbors for being so welcoming. We feel so proud and lucky to be able to occupy one of the prettiest locations in Madison!

## NORTH STAR DECORATIVE TILE AND WATER FOUNTAIN PROJECT EXTENDED!

The concept provides for natural stone seating under large pergulas on the south side of the water fountain. The two columns on either side of the walkway (from the water fountain to the play area) will display the decorated tiles for all to enjoy. Landscaping space is reserved around the seating areas and pillars to provide natural integration with the space.

The graphic below is one of the final plans being considered. This creative work was generously donated by Grandview Commons neighbor, Jason Stangland. Jason created several excellent options and this one is currently being reviewed by the city of Madison. Big thanks Jason!!!

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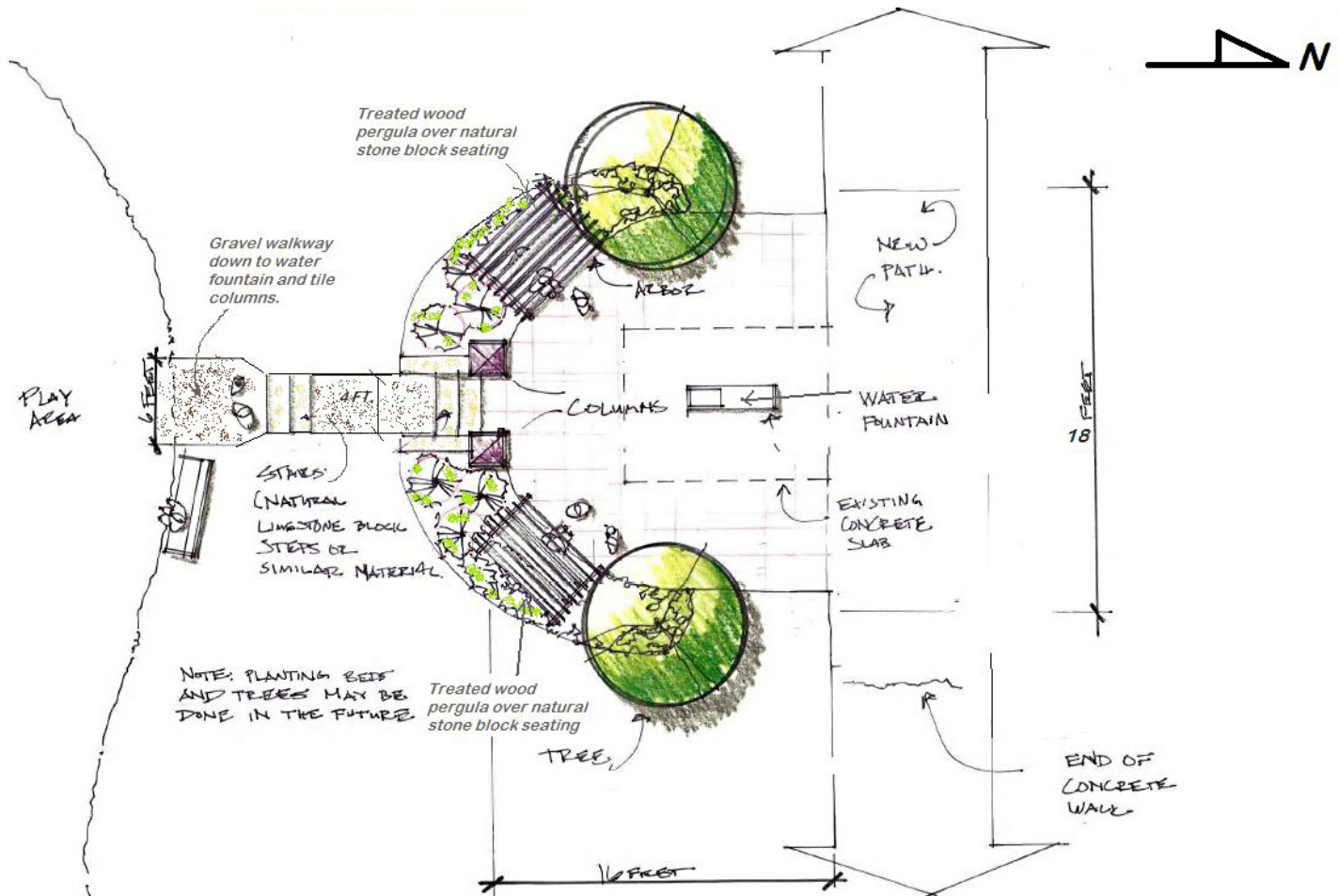
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# GRANDVIEW COMMONS GROCERY STORE UPDATE:

The Veridian Homes development team plan to submit formal project plans to the City in October. These plans are to include a rezoning application, Sprecher Neighborhood Plan Amendment, and Comprehensive Plan Amendment request for the Grandview Commons Town Center project. This combined application will detail the amendment components for each level of approval, including the detailed site plans and use proposal.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

The following dates are subject to change:

Request Submittal: October 19, 2011

Plan Commission Meeting: December 19, 2011 • 6:00pm

Common Council Meeting: January 3, 2012 • 6:30pm

For anyone wishing to attend/participate in these meetings, the meetings are held at:

City-County Building  
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room 201

Here is a link to the city calendar website so you can check in for any changed dates: URL: <http://legistar.cityofmadison.com/calendar>



## HALLOWEEN FUN AT: OAK PARK PLACE!

Join us on Friday, October 28 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)..

### WHAT:

HALLOWEEN TREATS AT OAK PARK PLACE

### WHEN:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 3:00-5:00 PM

### WHERE:

THE AUDITORIUM • OAK PARK PLACE  
718 JUPITER DRIVE

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comfortable and energy  
efficient while adding value



- New program from the City of Madison for homes to help offset the cost of making energy improvements.
- Work with a local energy advocate that will help guide you through the process.
- Get a professional evaluation, testing and written recommendations from Focus on Energy, Wisconsin utilities' statewide program for energy efficiency and renewable energy.
- Get access to low-interest financing from Summit Credit Union ([summitcreditunion.com](http://summitcreditunion.com)) to finance your project and Cash-Back Rewards from Focus on Energy to help offset the cost of eligible improvements.

Call Green Madison at 877-399-1204  
or visit [cityofmadison.com/greenmadison](http://cityofmadison.com/greenmadison)



## MPNA ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHT CONTEST!

The MPNA board is happy to announce that the ever popular Holiday Lights Contest will be held again this year. Three lucky winners will be selected and a gift certificate will be awarded.

Originality, creativity, theme, decorative impact and energy-efficient lighting are all part of the evaluative process. "Green is good"!!!

**A "LITTLE LIBRARY MAY BE COMING TO THE MPNA NEIGHBORHOOD SOON!**

Have you seen them around Madison? The little neighborhood library box not much bigger than a bird house? Since last summer over 20 of these little neighborhood gems have popped up all around Madison. You'll find them along bike paths, near coffee shops, parks and even in the yards of private residences!

What is this all about? The concept is simple enough. Plop a post in the ground and top it off with a charming, little house for books! Get it started by filling it with 10 or 20 books likely to be of interest in your neighborhood and start spreading the word. Tell friends and neighbors and let them know that they can share in the experience by enjoying books left by others and sharing from their own, home collections. Make the Little Library a regular stop on your family walks through the neighborhood.

"Stop by and see what others have left

in place of the first books. Drop off the latest good book you've read. Pick up one you haven't. That's a free library, for anyone, any time, anywhere. Literacy promotion in a box."

Our Little Library would be constructed to withstand a Wisconsin winter with recycled materials, be identified through GPS and even have it's own Facebook page!

We already have people in the McClellan Park Neighborhood Association that have volunteered to serve as early stewards of the Little Library to ensure a successful launch. We have teachers, librarians and others that have access to books that will keep our little collection fresh and interesting. Not only that but we also have a volunteer that is an experienced grant writer willing to assist the MPNA board in finding possible sponsors to get our Little Library started. If you're interested in being involved with the MPNA Little Library, contact the board at: [board@mypna.org](mailto:board@mypna.org). We hope to "break ground" in the Spring of 2012!

10% Discount with this ad!

**Time to Refresh Your Home?**

**There's an Interior Designer in the Neighborhood!**

**Over 30 Years of Experience!**

Contact Bonnie Guest of New Directions in Design for help with:

- Color consultation
- Room restyling
- Staging homes for sale & more

**608.233.9567**  
**[newdirdsn@aol.com](mailto:newdirdsn@aol.com)**

**MPNA Neighborhood Association Membership Registration Form**  
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Join or renew today!  
Your membership supports the neighborhood association and includes so many benefits!

- Neighborhood Development
  - Beautification
  - 4th of July Parade & Celebration
  - Annual Garage Sale
  - Holiday Lights Contest
- Neighborhood Social Events
  - The mympna.org website
  - And SO much MORE!!!



**Membership Information**

- Family
- Business
- New Member
- Renewing Member

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Dues Information**

Membership is only \$10 per year. Or, \$20 for two years. Your membership helps support the costs associated with our website, newsletter and producing special events such as our 4th of July Celebration, Halloween Party and more.

Please make checks out to:  
"McClellan Park Neighborhood Association"

Mail to:  
"MPNA Membership  
Box 8725 • Madison, WI 53708-8725"

Questions? Email: [board@mypna.org](mailto:board@mypna.org)

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