

Hi, Neighbor!

A Quarterly Newsletter for the Eastmorland Community Association Fourth Quarter 2012



Pictured above is the area where the new swings will be placed.

New Swings for Eastmorland Park

Recently Eastmorland Community Association met with Kay Rutledge of the Parks Department concerning the issue of playground equipment in the Eastmorland Park (directly behind Woodman's). If you are not already aware, Eastmorland has been trying to upgrade playground equipment in the park for a number of years. The next phase of the project is to add swings next to the new playground equipment. We have been trying to raise funds for this phase for some time. Recently we were informed by the Parks Department the existing swings at Eastmorland did not meet the new safety standards for the landing area (surface area) under the playground equipment. ECA will

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Increasing Concerns at Eastmorland Parks

Vagrancy, vandalism, trash, liquor, thefts and the presence of homeless are all occurring in some of our Eastmorland Parks. Ontario and O.B. Sherry Parks have been having problems. Larry Palm, our Alderman, has been forwarding to ECA the emails he has received about goings-on there.

The Parks Department is in the process of writing policy on acceptable behavior in City of Madison parks. Things are a bit in limbo, at this time.

However, people who are emailing or calling Larry ALSO need to contact the police department, and the park rangers about what they see. One of our neighbors mentioned that the homeless who were kicked out of O.B. Sherry Park showed up at

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Santa Visits & Cookie Plates

It seems like summer switched right to wintery days so it's easier to write about the upcoming events.

Our Santa visit will be coming to your house on Sunday, Dec. 9, if you have your children or grandchildren registered to Glennis 244-8195 or Bernie 244-8958 by Friday, Dec. 7. All that is required of you is to have your membership to Eastmorland Community Association [ECA] current & your child, the age of 10 or younger. Please have your porch light on & your drapes closed. He will be coming to visit between 5:30 & 8:00 p.m.

Another visit the same weekend is the distribution of cookie plates to our special neighbors that need just a little TLC. These are folks that are ill, lost a loved one, or in need of special care. If you know of anyone that you feel needs to be added to our list, please call Glennis or Bernie. Contact phone numbers are above. What we need of you is to volunteer a little of your time to bake, make a small, craft, or have time to help construct these plates, or help deliver them. We will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 3633 Richard St. When we have many volunteers, it no longer is a job, but a loving project. We will be waiting for your call to let us know you would like to get involved in this project, and many neighbors will be very happy that you helped!

An Interview With Officer Xiong Regarding Loud Vehicles and Other Noise

Officer Dao Xiong has been the community policing officer in the Eastmorland neighborhood for two years. He works with residents and community groups on quality of life issues that range from halting drug sales to smoothing over persistent conflicts between neighbors to dealing with excessively loud vehicles. Are there vehicles roaring, rumbling and growling up and down your street? Officer Xiong talked with "Hi, Neighbor!" about what you can do about it.

Q: What do city ordinances say about loud vehicles?

A: We use both city ordinances and state statutes to deal with loud vehicles and loud music coming from vehicles. Vehicles with loud mufflers, defective mufflers, tuner (high-performance) vehicles with modified mufflers that are very loud – these laws cover those modifications.

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Kathy's Komments



Hola, Neighbors!

On Oct. 13, I spent 8 1/2 hours at the Mayor's Neighborhood Conference in Monona Terrace. The lunch was good, and I attended 4 workshops: Neighborhood Leadership, Neighborhood Sustainability, Neighborhood Placemaking, and Public Places Matter—plus the keynote speech by Fred Kent. Jennifer was there also and we each went to separate workshops. It was interesting talking to some of the 120+ who attended. Come to the January ECA meeting and hear about the information Jennifer and I gathered from the Mayor's Neighborhood Conference,

Also, *Girl Scout cookies are in NOW!* We have them, so if you want them, call your favorite Girl Scout, or give me a call. My two Girl Scouts are looking for orders.

How are things going with you? Things are going pretty well with us. Patrick has managed to play golf in spite of the either very hot or quite cool weather. Our newest grandkids are growing like little weeds, and—boy!, does Katia (7 mos.) ever have an attitude at times! She chatters a mile—a-minute also, seems to go through her whole repertoire usually! Fun to listen to. Grandpa gets calls a few nights a week from Diego. Diego says that he wants to come and play at our house, right now!. Considering the last time he came it was the end of July, and Diego helped Grandpa water all the plants outside, - each other, Melissa, Luis, and me—we had fun. They went to Eastmorland Park, and we also enjoyed Diego's first trip to Ella's Deli. (The adults had a good time watching both Diego and Katia's enjoyment of the visit.)

Notice in the newsletter that it is time to sign up for a Santa visit, if you want one, and to help with the Christmas treats for our TLC neighbors, if you want to. I enjoy helping with this every year, Every year, about 40 or so of our neighbors receive a goodies plate filled with luscious treats from many of us who baked early.

Would any neighbors be interested in helping out a neighbor who needs his or her snow shoveling done this winter? Let me know. No one has called yet about it, but I am sure that someone will need help soon as the snow weather arrives.

At our last ECA meeting, we discussed Pinney Library moving, but not until 2017, according to Mayor Soglin's budget. We also talked about a letter of support to Tom Maglio, of the City Parks Department, saying that we support the improvements to the

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Kathy's Komments — *from page 2*

ditch along the bike path west of Walter Street. From November through January, our bike/pedestrian path from Walter to Fair Oaks Streets will be closed. Machines will be on the bike path, or near it—making lots of noise along there. ECA wants to be part of the planning process in any of the replanting process after City Engineering removes trees, roots, and then changes the depth of the deepest part of the ditch.

Next we discussed the fact that some neighbors have made memorial donations to Eastmorland Park, in memory of friends or neighbors. ECA neighbors gave the new park bench by the new playground in Eastmorland Park. The park could use another bench near the new play structures.

Lastly, Monty showed us how one could install 3/8" Pex instead of galvanized or PVC pipes carrying your hot water from the water heater directly to each of the faucets that would be hooked up to the Pex cable.

When you look around our neighborhood, what do you see that causes you concern? I need to know so we can set up meetings with city officials that can help us carefully assess some of the "land mines" in our neighborhood. Let me know. .

Gas Leak! It can happen! I went shopping early on Saturday morning and actually came home earlier than Patrick expected also. He came out to the car to help me and then we went into the house. As I came into the house, I told him that I smelled gas! He said that he had smelled something "funny" in the basement also. My nose is better than his, so he told me

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JOIN ECA TODAY!

To be a paid member of ECA costs \$10.00 annually. Monies collected are used for general operation expenses and for special neighborhood events, such as the spring park clean-up and fall leaf-raking parties and potlucks. Paid members have additional benefits, including participation in the annual ECA garage sale and Santa visits. As an all-volunteer organization, ECA relies on your support. Please mail this form with \$10.00 to ECA, P.O. Box 14584, Madison, Wisconsin 53708. Thanks for being an active member of the community!

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Discovery! Thursdays

The Greatest Lakes on Earth

Thursday, November 29 at 6:30

The world's largest freshwater system, the Great Lakes, is in our backyard. The lakes have shaped Wisconsin culture for hundreds of years. In contemporary times, 175,000 Wisconsin jobs are tied to the lakes and countless people enjoy lake-related recreational opportunities. Before all this, massive ice sheets that stretched across North America shaped the lakes themselves. This presentation will offer a closer look at the greatest lakes on Earth.

Duke Otherwise Family Concert

Saturday, November 10 at 2:00

Music to tickle your funny bone and make you want to get up and dance! No registration required.

Yoga for You

Monday, November 12 at 7:00 OR Monday, December 10

Just in time for the busy holiday season, join instructor Katie of Lotus Roots Kundalini Yoga in a 75 minute introductory level Kundalini Yoga class for adults. Learn de-stress techniques to use throughout the upcoming busy season. Each participant should bring a yoga mat or towel. Wearing socks and comforta-

ble clothing that allows for freedom of movement is recommended. Teens 13 and older are also welcome to register. No experience necessary. Please register for only one class (either November 12 or December 10).

Go Big Read discussion of Radioactive

Tuesday, November 27 at 7:00

Chosen as UW-Madison's 2012 Go Big Read, this graphic biography adeptly combines the author's vibrant cyanotype drawings with a narrative story of Marie and Pierre Curie and their discovery of radioactivity and its applications in the last century. Weaving her own narrative and images together with historical documents, photographs, and artwork, Redniss has created a reading and viewing experience that uniquely blends art and science.

Gingerbread Cookie Fun

Saturday, December 15 at 2:00

Catch stories, games and more at this fast-paced family event. Participants will get to take home their own decorated (sugar) cookie. Children age 6 and under need to be accompanied by an adult. Registration begins 12/1.

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays, September 12 through December 12 at 9:30 and 10:30 am.

Stories, songs, finger plays and more for children ages 3 to 5. Younger siblings welcome.

Book Baby

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. September 18-November 13. Stories, songs and activities for babies ages 0-15 months. One adult per baby is required. Call 224-7100 to register.

Toddler Time

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. September 18-November 13. Stories, songs and rhymes for children ages 16-35 months. One adult per child is recommended. Call 224-7100 to register.

Thursdays at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. September 20-November 15. Stories, songs and rhymes for children ages 16-35 months. One adult per child is recommended. Call 224-7100 to register.

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First Mondays at 2:30

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Chess Club

First and third Thursday, 4:00

Learn how to play chess and play against other children with varied levels of experience. For children in grades K-12. Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

Friday Flicks

October 5 at 6:00: The Avengers
 November 9 at 6:30: to be announced
 December 7 at 6:30: to be announced

Job & Computer Help

Wednesdays, 3:30 - 6:30

Call 224-7100 for an appointment. Free one-on-one coaching sessions for writing projects of any kind.

Teen Book Group

Third Mondays at 3:00. No registration.

Pinney Book Group

Fourth Tuesdays at 7:00. No registration.

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From Our County Supervisor



Jeff Pertl *District 17*

Fall in Dane County means seeing beautiful leaves, walking in great apple orchards, and having fun with Trick or Treating. However, it also means elections (don't forget to vote Nov. 6th!) and county budget time. It's been a busy time on the county board as we work to complete the budget by November.

County Board Adopts New Contracts for Public Workers

Last month, Dane County Circuit Court Judge Juan Colas ruled unconstitutional several parts of 2011 Wisconsin Act 10, which essentially ended collective bargaining rights for public workers. While that decision is being appealed (and could take years to resolve), the ruling effectively reinstated most aspects of collective bargaining.

As such, the Dane County Board and Executive met with county workers and union leadership to discuss new contracts and potential cost savings. Working together, Dane County's elected leadership and public workers have saved over \$4 million in the last two annual budgets.

The new contract, which was ratified on September 20th by a vote of 29-8, could save Dane County up to \$5 million, while respecting workers and protecting their rights.

During last Spring's election, 8 out of 10 folks in our neighborhood voted in favor of the collective bargaining referenda question. From talking with all of you, it's clear to me that folks in our neighborhood expect our public workers to be treated fairly and for county government to deliver a fair deal for taxpayers. I'm proud to say this contract did both.

County Executive Introduces 2013 Budget

Last month, County Executive Joe Parisi announced his 2013

budget, noting that it "addresses community priorities by allocating more dollars to improving highways, stimulating economic development and more 'green' jobs, protecting public safety, and enhancing the county's commitment to local foods." The proposed budget also holds property taxes to the lowest increase in four years.

Notably, the human services budget is over \$242 million, which is nearly half of Dane County's budget and greater than the entire City of Madison operating budget. Parisi noted that the budget "increases the county's investment in human services for vulnerable citizens by \$5.3 million over last year with new initiatives to address the achievement gap in our schools, child abuse and neglect, the public safety problems posed by drug and alcohol addiction, and reducing the time people with disabilities wait for services."

I am particularly excited about the joint proposal among Dane County, United Way, and Madison Metropolitan School District to launch an "Early Childhood Zone" in the Leopold School neighborhood to help address the achievement gap in our schools by providing early supports to kids and families and help them transition successfully into four-year-old kindergarten.

Additionally, I will be working with other members of the County Board to (1) increase funding for the East Monona Senior Center, which provides adult day care to seniors in our neighborhood; and (2) create a bike path "wayfinding system" of uniform signs and a mobile app to help folks navigate and enjoy the bike trails in Dane County.

A modern bike wayfinding system will enhance the quality of our bike trails and make them easier to navigate. Notably, Dane County is currently working to connect the Capitol City Trail (the paved, "off road" portion currently ends in the Rolling Meadows neighborhood near Hwy 51 and Cottage Grove) to the Glacial Drumlin Trail (near Fireman's Park), which will be a significant asset for our Eastside neighborhoods.

How to Contact Me

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New Swings — *from front page*



not have to pay for that. In this same area there is a cement pad which was built for a park bench (sample shown in picture above). We have been asked if we want to spend monies we have allocated for playground equipment to place a bench on the pad. We still have other equipment we would like to put into the park in the future and are not sure we want to spend money for the bench at this time. We did come up with another idea for a park bench. Often in memoriam or in honorarium, people have donated money for benches throughout the city. If someone, or a group, would like to donate money for this we understand that the city/parks foundation will match the donation, dollar for dollar, also for the bench. We are not sure what a new bench would cost but we think somewhere around \$1200, so a donation of \$600 would pay for a bench. If anyone is interested in making a donation, please contact one of Eastmorland's Directors listed in the newsletter.

Concerns at Parks — *continued from front page*

her neighbors' homes and asked to be able to stay in the yards. When Officer Xiong heard this, he immediately said that asking like that is panhandling, and by City ordinances, it is illegal. So, the neighbors should have called the police—and also have said, "No" to the request.

Sometimes, inviting in one of the homeless to your yard means that they mark your house as a soft touch. Soon, more than the first one who came, will approach you expecting your help or a favor.

ECA 2012-2013 Calendar of Events

- Tuesday, 11/13/12 ECA meeting*
- Saturday, 12/8/12 Cookie Delivery
- Sunday, 12/9/12 Santa Visits
- Tuesday, 1/8/13 ECA meeting*
- Tuesday, 2/12/13 ECA meeting*
- Tuesday, 1/10/13 Deadline for submissions for Feb. 2013 "Hi, Neighbor!"
- February 1, 2013: "Hi, Neighbor!" delivered to Block Captains

*Eastmorland Community Association meetings begin at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month (no meeting in December) at Lakeview Moravian Church, 3565 Tulane, across the street from Schenk Elementary School. Use the entrance on Hargrove St. nearest Dennett St. Call an ECA director if you have a topic to discuss, need information, or have questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Chris Taylor
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Hello Neighbors,

Like so many of your families, my family has been in transition with the start of a new school year. My 6 year old is getting settled into first grade and my 2 year old has started preschool. As our children have headed back to school, it is a good time to look at the status of children in our state, and I have identified several pro-active policies I am championing to improve the status of Wisconsin children.

Unfortunately, according to a recent study by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the status of Wisconsin children is declining in several key categories, including an increase in poverty, in which 1 in 5 Wisconsin children live. This leads to housing instability for thousands of Wisconsin families. As a result, many Wisconsin children head off to school each day not from their own beds or homes, but from a shelter or from the couch of another family or relative.

According to the Wisconsin Division of Housing, more than 10,000 Wisconsin children each year turn up in homeless shelters, transitional living facilities, and other homeless support services each year. In addition, an estimated several thousand more children avoid being homeless by “doubling-up” with friends or relatives. These children bounce around from couch to couch spending a few weeks at one house and then a few more at another home.

And homelessness among children continues to increase. The Dane County Homeless Services Consortium reports that the number of unsheltered families with children and unaccompanied youth is 4 times greater in 2012 than it was in 2011, rising from 237 to 324. The Madison Metropolitan School District identified 1,157 4-year kindergarden through high school stu-

dents who were homeless compared to 485 in the 2004-05 school year.

The Institute on Poverty and Children reports that research links housing instability to a range of child and adolescent challenges, ranging from lower school achievement to poorer social and emotional adjustment. For homeless students who change schools, it often takes 4 to 6 months to recover academically with each school change.

Homeless youth who are on their own, referred to as “unaccompanied youth,” face even greater challenges. These youth are literally on their own, fending for themselves and trying to find their own shelter, and their numbers continue to increase. Last school year, 62 youth were identified as unaccompanied, homeless youth in Madison. Yet Dane County has no emergency youth shelter where these children can go to seek care and support. In fact, there are only 5 emergency youth shelters in the entire state, with the closest shelter being in Milwaukee. And when a homeless youth is lucky enough to get to an emergency youth shelter, he/she can only stay for 15 days, which is simply not enough time to provide the support and planning these youth need.

With community advocates, I am working on several initiatives to provide state funding for more emergency youth shelters and to extend the time youth can stay in these shelters up to 28 days. Every homeless youth should be able to go to a safe and caring place where they can get the help they need while continuing their education. This is really the very least we can do for these homeless children.

MAKE THAT CALL !

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So, make that call!

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CALL 911!

Report what you see. I know of at least one occasion in our neighborhood when a neighbor wasn't home, a truck drove up, parked in the driveway and drove away with the neighbor's big screen TV and a coin collection.

CALL the police!

News from Our Schools

The 2012-13 school year at Schenk Elementary has gotten off to another record-setting start! This year Schenk added even more classrooms to accommodate the growing population of about 465 students this year, up from an average of about 400 which has been relatively consistent over the last 10 years, and 15 more than 2011-12's record setting year. To record enrollment trends, on the third Friday of September each year, all schools in the Madison Metropolitan School District collect statistics on total enrollment according to racial/ethnic groups, low income, special education and English as a Second Language learners. It is interesting to see the enrollment trends at Schenk and how they have changed over the years. You can find this information at the following address: <https://infosvweb.madison.k12.wi.us/stats>. As an example, this year about 50% of the Kindergarten population speaks English as a Second Language (ESL) and approximately 30% of Schenk's entire population is ESL. Ten years ago, the ESL population was approximately 2% of Schenk's population!

Any family interested in receiving news about Schenk Elementary and PTO events is encouraged to send an email to schenkpto@gmail.com to be added to the PTO listserv. All families are automatically members of the PTO and there is no membership fee!

Ways to support Schenk:

Whether or not you have a child at Schenk, there are ways you can support your community school that don't cost you money! Schenk collects General Mills Boxtops for Education (we receive 10 cents for each one!) and Campbell's Labels for Education (which are used to purchase much needed equipment). Even if you don't have a child at the school, donations of these

items are much appreciated. If you cannot drop them off, please give them to a neighbor whose child attends Schenk or send an email to schenkpto@gmail.com so someone can arrange to pick them up. You could also volunteer as a tutor.

We are also proud to partner again with Just Coffee and offer high-quality, fair trade products while supporting one of Madison's favorite local businesses. In addition to nine varieties of coffee, we have added tea (both loose and bagged) and hot cocoa mix. Coffee orders are due on the last Thursday of each month, through May 2013. Please feel free to email the PTO at schenkpto@gmail.com if you would like to receive an order form or if you have any questions.

We are looking forward to another great year. Thank you for supporting Schenk!

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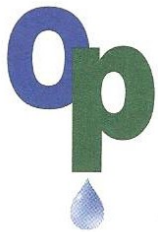
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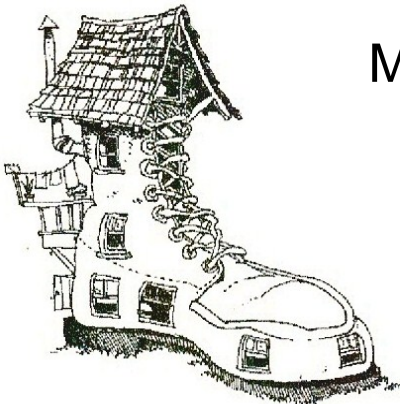


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County Executive Announces 2013 “Clean Lakes, Clean Energy” Budget

New technology to eliminate 100% of lake polluting phosphorus, expanded lake clean-up partnership, “CNG by 2023,” and Solar Powered “Green Highway Garage” among highlights

Near the shores of Lake Monona today, Dane County Executive Joe Parisi announced his comprehensive 2013 “Clean Lakes, Clean Energy” plan to be included in his 2013 county budget that will be introduced to the County Board on Monday.

“Cleaning up our lakes, preserving our lands, and investing in green energy like solar, wind, and alternative fuels are shared values that enhance our quality of life we enjoy in Dane County,” Parisi said. “My budget reflects a continued commitment to protecting and enhancing the resources that make our home such an attractive place to live, work, and visit,” he added.

One of the cornerstones of Parisi’s \$4.5 million capital lakes

clean-up initiative, is brand new technology that successfully removes 100% of the pollutant phosphorus from animal waste. Parisi’s budget will have \$300,000 to install this cutting edge system as part of the new manure digester being built in the Town of Springfield in early 2013.

“Technology is rapidly evolving and this system not only keeps our county on the cutting edge of lake clean-up, it also could be the gateway to developing additional manure digesters in areas where we know phosphorus run-off is a problem,” Parisi said.

Phosphorus is the main culprit for smelly, unsightly lakes. One pound of phosphorus removed from our watershed prevents 500 pounds of algae growth in our lakes.

The system would be the first to operate in Wisconsin, and was the winner of a Top Ten New Farm Technology Award at World Dairy Expo in 2011.

Parisi also announced that his administration, along with Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) and the 30 cities, villages, towns and private partners comprising the Yahara WINs pilot project, are proposing to triple their lakes clean up and phosphorus reduction partnership next year.

As part of the proposal, Yahara WINs will fund \$180,000 in county-led work next year to ensure timely implementation of phosphorus-reducing practices on farm fields. Yahara WINs is a first-in-the-nation effort to reduce phosphorus at one-quarter of the normal cost.

By using simple, low-cost practices like planting buffer strips on farm fields or building roofs over animal feeding areas, farm families are partnering with the county and Yahara WINs to save taxpayer dollars. This proposal is contingent on the support of the Yahara WINs Executive Committee.

“Our partnership with the county and others in Dane county is allowing the District to achieve real improvements in the quality of our lakes and streams and to be cost effective with our limited dollars,” said Chief Engineer and Director of MMSD, Michael Mucha.

The County Executive’s budget also addresses a top recommendation from the Lakes and Watershed Commission by adding new staff to enhance the county’s clean lakes phosphorus reduction efforts in rural and urban areas. The staff will monitor the implementation and effectiveness of various programs



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"Clean water is key to our economy and quality of life," said Lakes and Watershed Commission Chair Melissa Malott. County Executive Parisi's investment in our lakes is a clear demonstration of his commitment to a healthy, prosperous future in Dane County."

Another item in the County Executive's budget expands the promise for cleaner lakes through an innovative \$50,000 pilot project. The pilot will test the effectiveness of using alum, an everyday house-hold canning product, to prevent phosphorus from leaving our farm fields.

A laboratory bench-scale test will be conducted using water samples from county-owned farm land operated by the Endres Berryridge Farm in the Town of Springfield. Alum will be applied to water taken from a drainage ditch on the property, and the runoff will be tested to assess the alum's effectiveness in neutralizing phosphorus.

"Dane County's farm families are good stewards of the land and have been long-time partners in our efforts to reduce phosphorus and clean up the lakes," said Parisi. "Lake runoff comes from urban and rural areas, and my budget takes a comprehensive approach to address both sources."

Parisi also announced Thursday that his budget will include another new initiative – 'CNG by 2023' – the county's commitment to expanded use of this cheaper, cleaner fuel, and the conversion of the county vehicle fleet to run on CNG over the next decade.

To kick off the initiative, Parisi will fund the purchase of a pilot fleet of snow plows in 2013 that will run on CNG. Dane County will become the first county in Wisconsin to invest in these new trucks, currently in their final stages of development.

Parisi's budget also includes an additional \$50,000 for a study that will provide a roadmap to accelerate converting county vehicles to CNG. The study will include evaluating existing county facilities for the potential development of additional CNG filling stations, including at the county's future community digester sites.

The county currently has 16 CNG vehicles, and plans to nearly double its CNG fleet by the end of the year. This switch to CNG will offset the use of approximately 20,000 gallons of diesel and gasoline, saving county taxpayers roughly \$40,000 annually.

The current CNG fleet fills up with fuel generated by decaying garbage at the county's Rodefild Landfill. Dane County is the first location in the state that's fueling vehicles on landfill gas.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, CNG

reduces carbon monoxide by 90 percent, ground-level ozone emissions by 75 percent, and greenhouse gas emissions by 25 percent. Because CNG burns so cleanly, natural gas vehicles cost less to maintain. CNG vehicles show significantly less engine wear, spark plugs last longer, and oil changes are needed less frequently.

Parisi's budget also continues his commitment to cleaner energy and the creation of more green jobs throughout Dane County.

The budget includes \$500,000 to construct a new solar-powered system on the roof of a new highway garage the county plans to build next year near the Rodefild Landfill. This new "green garage" will complement the largest municipally owned solar project in Wisconsin that will debut at the Dane County Regional

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Garden News Eastmorland Fall 2012

Our weather has been very difficult. An early spring, no rain and extreme heat this summer, plus torrential storms in the cold autumn have thoroughly confused the plants. It has been troubling to try figure this all out. The gardeners have tried their best with some mixed successes and some absolute failures. This season might help us to appreciate the more common, temperate years and not complain about the natural cycle of things.

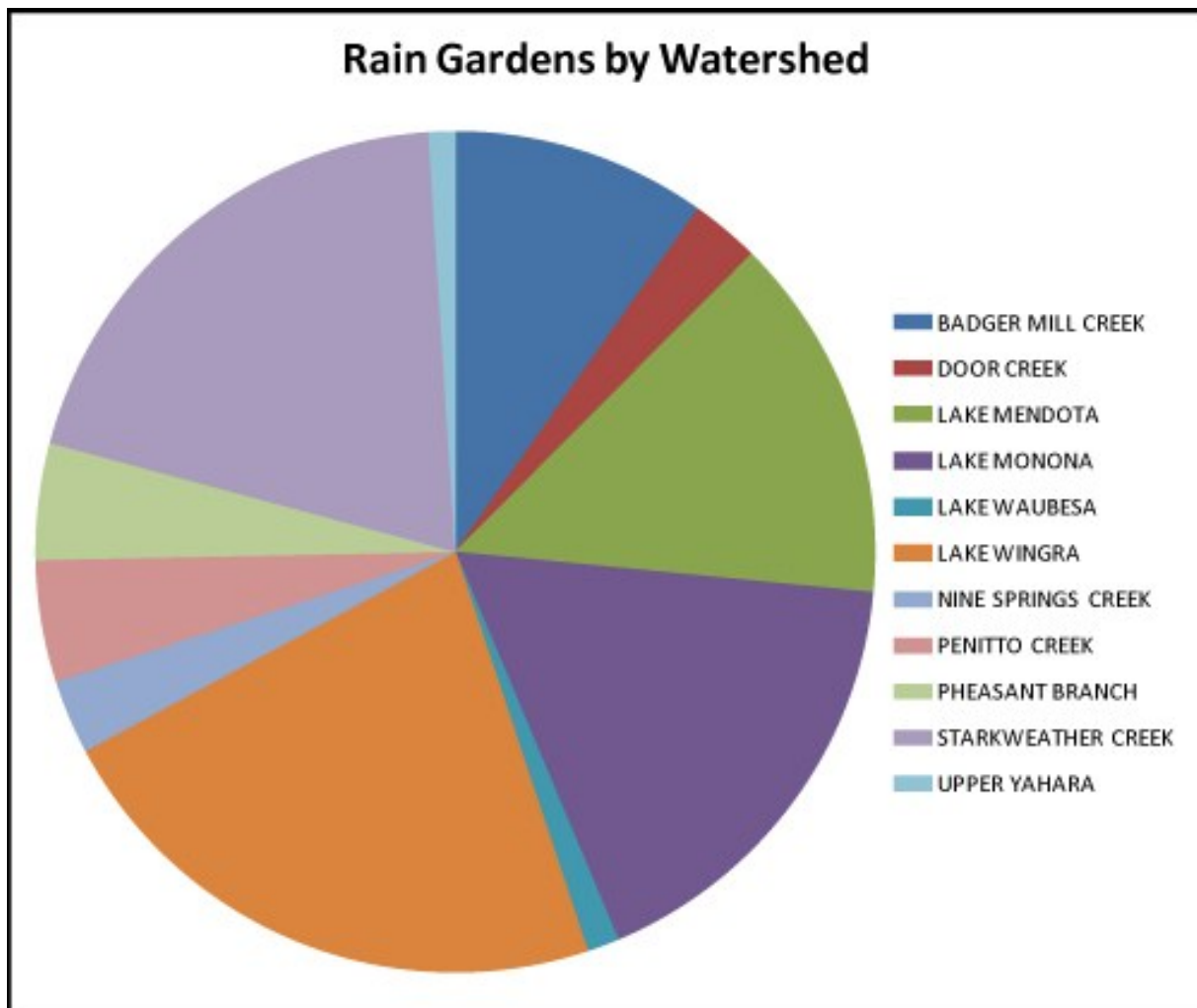
Looking forward to next year, there is a program everyone can participate in. The City of Madison has instituted a great initiative which, after this summer, we might all appreciate more. They would like to have 1,000 rain gardens on private property in the City of Madison to help retain some of the precious precipitation which many times runs directly into the storm sewers. The community garden plots on Hargrove and Walter feed into the Starkweather Creek. Even though we are very close to Lake Monona, all of our water goes into the drainage ditch and directly into Starkweather Creek. Over by Lowell Elementary School, Oakridge splits halfway between Welch and Luddington with Welch going to Starkweather and Luddington has a swerving boundary which partly goes into Lake Monona. The first three blocks of Center Avenue go to Starkweather and the rest to Lake Monona watersheds. On the other side of Cottage Grove, the Java Cat Coffee Shop begins the drainage into the Lake Monona watershed. Everything towards Cottage Grove Road away from Java Cat goes to the Stark-

weather Creek watershed. As you can see from the pie chart, the section from about 9:30 to just before high noon if this pie chart was a clock, is the number of rain gardens which are in the Starkweather Creek watershed. That is impressive since the Airport is even included in Starkweather's watershed.

There is an initiative called Plant Dane which is a cost sharing program to obtain the plants and information on how to make a successful rain garden. Marcia Hartwig, who works with the Lakes and Watershed Commission and a watershed educator, can be reached at 224-3746. In the spring, there is an opportunity to order these rain garden plants at half the cost. Last year's information can be found at this website: <http://www.myfairlakes.com/plantDane.aspx>. The ordering will open up very early this next year, in March, and is anticipated as the deadline so that delivery will occur before Memorial Day. This will allow school groups to join in and plants to settle in before any heat waves occur. Since the inception, the prices have not changed. In this economy and age of unpredictable weather, some stability is welcome relief. With many gardeners putting their current crops and soil to sleep, this might be a great time to dream of a new direction for next year.

The City of Madison is currently at about 500 rain gardens documented on their website. You can get your garden on the map of rain gardens by calling Genesis at 266-4059. She will count your plot and ask for your rain garden story. Let's help get Madison to 1,000 rain gardens. Our lakes and waterways could certainly use every drop they can get!

— Bonnie Moreland



Parisi — from page 11

Airport in 2013. Once built, the garage will be heated with gas generated by the county's landfill and powered by solar energy – taking it completely off the grid.

The County Executive's cleaner energy measures for 2013 also include a \$150,000 investment to explore and implement a pilot wind power project to be installed at a county facility to be determined. One of those facilities that will be evaluated will be the Springfield Highway garage.

Green jobs mean big business in Dane County – the county/Madison metropolitan area ranked 7th in the nation in the number of green jobs as a percentage of all jobs in the region according to a 2011 Brookings Institute study. The report found there are 12,337 green jobs (representing 3.5% of the total workforce) and that our green economy ranks 43rd among the 100 largest metro areas.

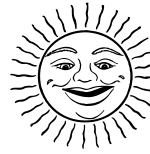
Parisi's budget will also include –

Expanding the county's successful Streambank Easement Program to open up more areas for public fishing access. Previous easements have created some of the best public trout fishing in the country and made a name for Dane County in outdoor recreation. Dane County will host the 2013 National Trout Unlimited Convention in 2013. Parisi's budget will include \$150,000 for this effort.

Investments in new technology to enhance the experience of Dane County's parks. A \$150,000 WiFi pilot project at Lake Farm and Babcock County Parks will increase high tech access and mobility for park users in the campgrounds and on the trails. New staffing resources will develop mobile web apps for campsite reservations, hiking and biking trails, and more.

Additional staff added to help keep Dane County's network of parks and trails clean and accessible to all residents and visitors.

"My budget initiatives are an investment in our quality of life," said Parisi. "As these projects are implemented, we'll see a return on those investments in the years ahead through taxpayer dollars saved, jobs created, and a cleaner environment."



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Carrie Ezzell — speedy recovery from surgery

SYMPATHY

To Russell Thompson on the passing of his mother
To Eldon Hoel and Family on the passing of Eldon's wife Audrey.

New Site of Pinney Library A Concern?

Mayor Soglin has made future plans to move Pinney Library. We assume the new library will be built on the Royster Clark site as part of the master plan that was conceived by the Eastmorland and Lake Edge Communities Planning Group. However there is no guarantee that the replacement library will be built there. Soglin gives no indication that the new library will be built at the Royster Clark site as Eastmorland and Lake Edge have planned.

A Big Welcome to All Neighbors who have recently moved into the Eastmorland Community!


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Phishing Fraudsters Hook Cell Phone Users

According to the FBI, a fraudster will send an alert or recorded phone message to a person saying that “your ATM card needs to be reactivated.” The message further instructs the individual to call a phone number or communicate in some way to correct the problem. The fraudster will then make contact and ask for personal identification numbers, account information and possibly credit card account numbers. For this information, the fraudster can establish credit accounts in the victim’s name or possibly access their account to make

withdrawals and wire money to other financial institutions. This is a “SMiShing” scam.

Here are examples of a SMiShing from the FBI:

*Account holders at a credit union, after receiving a text number in the text, gave out personal information and had money withdrawn from their other bank accounts within 10 minutes of their calls.

* Customers at a bank received a text saying they needed to reactivate their ATM cards. Some called the phone number in the text and were prompted to provide their ATM card numbers, PINs and expiration dates. Thousands of fraudulent withdrawals followed.

Subscriber Cellular Fraud

According to the FCC, subscriber cellular fraud is the “primary type of cell fraud,” costing carriers more than \$150 million per year. The scam originates when an individual fraudulently obtains personal information of victims and uses it to open up new cell phone accounts in the victim’s names. Each victim, who ends up with two cell phone accounts, is charged for his or her legitimate calls and the fraudster’s phone calls as well. Then it is up to the victim to prove there was a scam! Check your cell phone bills. So be careful!

— POCU newsletter

Bake and Craft Sale at American Legion Post 501

The American Legion Post located at 105 Dempsey Road is holding a Bake and Craft Sale on November 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Picture of the drain ditch behind Woodman’s grocery. Concrete is all broken up and in chunks, along with accumulation of soil and standing water that does not drain as intended.

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Officer Xiong — *from front page*

Q: How do police become aware of loud vehicles?

A: Traffic enforcement officers might set up on East Washington Avenue or wherever they've heard complaints of or seen a lot of loud vehicles. And if other officers come across a loud vehicle on the street, we'll stop it, inspect it for an equipment violation and issue the appropriate charges.

Q: Where do residents come in?

A: For loud music, there's something called "boom car" training for residents that entails learning to identify a violation. You have to be able to hear the music when the car is 75 feet away for it to be illegal, so residents learn how to measure out 75 feet, and how to identify the vehicle and get the plate numbers. That information is forwarded to the officer in charge of boom car violations, who goes and makes contact with the owners of those vehicles. We go out and say "Your vehicle has been reported as going through this neighborhood consistently having loud music," and that usually does the trick. If they persist, we issue the appropriate citations.

Q: What if the boom car lives next door?

A: If someone does not have boom car training, then we will go out and make contact with that person with the loud car.

Q: What about cars with loud exhaust systems – not rusted out mufflers -- but mufflers designed to make a car louder? Are those illegal?

A: Yes. But it's up for interpretation by the officer. The law (Wisconsin Statute Section 347.39(2)) says it is illegal for a muffler to have a cut out, bypass, or similar device to ignite exhaust gases or modify to amplify or increase noise. So, if you look at majority of vehicles, and a particular vehicle is excessively noisy in comparison, you can issue a citation.

Q: The Madison city ordinance (24.09(4)) says it's illegal to operate a light motor vehicle in the city limits with a noise level of more than 80 decibels, with the measurement made at 15 feet or more. So do you use sound meters to measure the level of noise?

A: Actually, we don't have sound meters. It's all done by officer training and experience. Based on that, we can deem "this muffler is way too loud."

Q: Besides the specific noise limit, the city ordinance says that it is illegal to operate vehicle and cause excessive noise as a result of a modified exhaust system. Does that mean it's illegal to operate a vehicle with a modified exhaust system?

A: If you have a modified exhaust system within the decibel limit – the Department of Transportation has a standard for

what a muffler must do, keep the noise within a certain level -- whether it's an after-market or stock muffler, you're within the parameter. If you have it modified so that it creates noise levels beyond acceptable decibels, it's illegal. And the statute also covers tire squealing and engine revving to create excessive noise.

Q: I've seen small cars, like a Honda, that have exhaust pipes that have got to be 4 inches across – that muffler didn't come on that car.

A: That's a modified muffler; if it's louder than the parameters, it's illegal.

Q: The only way to determine that is for the officer to hear it?

A: Correct. When you have issues with a loud vehicle going through your area, make a complaint and we'll spend some time in the area and see if we see what you reported. Recently there was a complaint about a loud moped going down a certain street at a certain time and I was able to stop the moped and issue a citation for a defective moped.


Q: What about motorcycles?

A: The laws apply the same way. A neighborhood officer recently got a complaint about loud Harleys with modified exhaust pipes that are extremely loud and can be heard blocks away – they were dealt with the same way as other vehicles.

Q: Do you think that excessively loud vehicles are a big factor in quality of life in a neighborhood?

A: Absolutely. It is your right to enjoy peace and quiet in your neighborhood. That's affected if you're bothered by a loud vehicle. It's a priority for us to deal with that kind of quality-of-life issue. That's mainly what the community policing team does. But if you don't call it in to the district, we won't know about it.

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A Recent Test of Well Water in the Eastmorland Area



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The USGS Wisconsin Water Science Center and its partners monitor ground-water levels in hundreds of wells in Wisconsin. They determine ground-water resources from well measurements, by flow indicators at ground-water boundaries, and through indirect methods of measurement such as surface geophysics. Ground-water-level data are collected and stored as either continuous time-series data from automated recorders or discrete field water-level measurements.

Kathy's Comments — from page 3

to come down to the basement with him to see if we could find the problem—**actually NOT a good idea!** We have a gas dryer in the SE corner of the basement. The gas was thick there, so Patrick turned off the gas to the dryer and we went back upstairs. He then called the emergency gas leaking number for Madison Gas & Electric. A tech. with a meter arrived and came into the house and opened the basement door. He stopped and told us we had to leave the house NOW; called the fire department, and turned off the house gas outside. The F.D. came and pulled the gas out of the house with their fan. We're OK, and so is the house, but **we did some things wrong today. When you smell gas in your house, you need to LEAVE the house and then call Madison Gas & Electric.** Our house could have exploded. We were very lucky. :) *Kathy*

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