

2012 WORKSHOPS

**Federal and State Historic Preservation Tax Credits —
January 10** Jen Davel, Wisconsin Historical Society

**Repair and Maintenance of Historic Wood Windows —
February 14** Iver Bryan, historic window specialist

**Plumbing and HVAC in Old Homes —
March 13** Regan Howe, Howe Brothers Plumbing
John Novak, RA Heating

**Working with an Architect or Contractor: What to Expect —
April 10** San Breidenbach, TDS Custom Construction
Elizabeth Cwik, architect

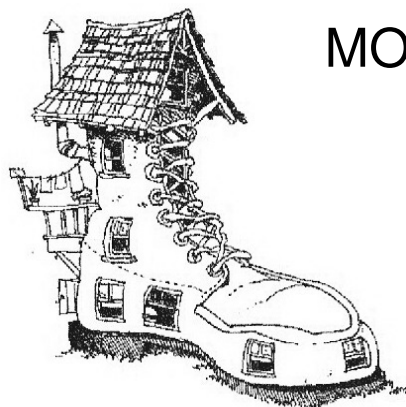
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Thank You Bernie Hanson for the Memorial Cash Donation for LUCILLE KLIPP, which was donated toward the ECA playground fund.

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Discovery! Thursday Adult Science Programs

The fourth Thursday of the month starting, March 22 at 6:30 pm.

This adult science program will be led by faculty or graduate students from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Topics will vary but will always be interesting and fun! No registration required.

First Friday Flicks

Visit the Pinney Branch Library on the first Friday of every month to view a newly released popular movie on a big screen. Most movies will start at 7:00 p.m. Movies may be rated PG-13. Anyone under 14 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Please call up to two weeks ahead to find out the title. Light refreshments will be served.

AARP Tax Assistance

Tuesdays, Feb. 2 – April 10. 1:00pm - 4:30 pm . By appointment only. Free assistance from AARP volunteers to help you fill out and file your Wisconsin and Federal personal income taxes. Call 224-7100 to reserve a half-hour appointment. Availability is limited. Please note that preparers cannot assist with preparing Schedule C, E, F, or Married Filing Separate returns.

Pinney Writing Group

A monthly meeting of people interested in writing and working with other writers. Normally meets on the second Thursday of the month.

Special Children’s Programs:

DIY Valentines

Monday, Feb. 13, 3:00 – 4:00 pm. Use special papers, glitter, stamps, punches, markers and more to make one-of-a-kind cards. Ages 5 and up. Children under 7 must have an adult helper. No registration required.


Ice Age in Wisconsin

Saturday, Feb. 18, 2:00 – 3:00 pm. Presented by the UW-Geology Museum, learn about how glaciers moved and what kinds of animals lived during the Ice Age. Check out a model glacier and replicas of the teeth of some of the largest mammals to ever live in Wisconsin! No registration required.

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Musician Fred Turk

Saturday, April 21, 2:00 pm. Join Milwaukee County Zoo’s favorite children’s entertainer for a sing-a-long with puppets. No registration required.

Special Event:

Celebrate Earth Day

Saturday, April 21. Bike rodeo events are in the planning stages. Safety checks, door prizes, give aways, displays, and much more. Call the Pinney Branch at 224-7100 or check the library website under Events at <http://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/calendar/pinney-branch> in late March.

Eastmorland Park Playground Committee Report

The Eastmorland Park Playground Committee is up and running again. We are happy to report that we are about three-quarters of the way to our fundraising goal. But in order to reach our goal we need help! We are looking for committee volunteers and fundraising event volunteers. If you are interested in joining the committee or volunteering for a fundraiser please contact Rikki Conwell at rikkiconwell@gmail.com or 608-213-0494. If you are interested in making a donation to the playground fund. Please contact Rikki.



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Pinney Branch Library Events

Pinney Branch Library is now open on Sundays from 1-5 pm from September 2011 through May 2012!

Preschool Storytime

Wednesday mornings at 9:30 and 10:30, Jan. 18 – April 25. Stories, songs, fingerplays, a short movie based on a children's book and a craft for children ages 3-5. Younger siblings welcome. No registration required.

After School Chess Club

First and third Thursdays at 4:00 pm
Learn how to play chess and then 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.

One-on-One Job and Computer Assistance

Every Wednesday from 3:30 – 6:30 pm
Need help looking for a job? Want to develop your computer skills? We can help you: work on your resume and cover letter, set up an email account, locate Internet job sites, apply for jobs online, or improve your computer skills. Call 224-7100 to make an hour-long appointment.

Humanitarian Knitting

Every other Thursday at 6:30 pm (call for updated schedule)
Knitting for charity. Assistance is available for those wishing to

learn to knit or to improve skills. Yarn is provided.

March Shamrock Book Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Pinney Branch.

Books, magazines, dvds/videos, books on cassettes, music cds, and more for all ages. Friday from 9 – 10 am is the Friends of the Library Members Only presale. You can join at the door if you are not already a Friend. Sale Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. on Friday; 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Saturday with a Bag Sale (\$5 per bag) starting at noon on Saturday.

R.E.A.D. to Dogs (Reading Education Assistance Dogs)

Saturday, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 17, April 21 at 10:30 am
Sign up for a 20 minute session to read aloud with a furry friend. Twenty minute time slots available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Pinney Book Group

The fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.
The Pinney Book Group will discuss The Scent of Rain and Lightning, by Nancy Pickard on Feb. 28; The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio, by Terry Ryan; Oryx and Crake, by Margaret Atwood. No registration required, simply show up ready to discuss the book.

Toddler Art Class

Tuesdays, April 10, April 17, April 24, 9:30 and 10:30 am



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Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Open House showcases farms

MADISON, Wis. – Southern Wisconsin residents interested in receiving fresh foods from a community supported agriculture (CSA) farm are invited to meet local farmers in person at the Madison Area CSA Coalition's 20th Annual CSA Open House event. It takes place on Sunday, March 18, from 1-4 pm, at Monona Terrace in Madison. This family-friendly event features a diverse array of CSA farms, a key note speaker, kids' activities, music, a raffle for great prizes from local businesses, and information sessions to showcase the many benefits of CSA. Enrollment for CSA shares will be accepted. The CSA Open House will be the cornerstone kick-off for a "Year of CSA" activities and events throughout southern Wisconsin in celebration of 20 years of CSA in the region.

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farms provide weekly boxes of fresh produce, eggs, meats, or other farm products to members who purchase a share of the season's harvest. The CSA model supports Wisconsin communities by giving consumers a genuine connection to their food and the farmers who produce it, providing consumers a diversity of nutritious foods, minimizing negative environmental impacts of large scale agriculture, and keeping food dollars in local economies. There are more than 50 Coalition-endorsed farms that serve the greater Madison, Milwaukee, Dubuque, Twin Cities, and surrounding areas.

For over 20 years, the CSA Coalition has helped make CSA more accessible by linking people to farms and providing financial assistance to low-income individuals through their innovative Partner Shares Program. The Coalition's Health Plan Partners, Physicians Plus, Dean, Group Health Cooperative of South Central Wisconsin, and Unity Health provide reimbursements to their members that purchase CSA vegetable and fruit shares as an incentive for healthy lifestyle choices.

"By connecting our neighbors with our community farms, we are taking important steps toward a more complete local food system, a healthier community, and closer relationships with our food and farmers," explains Kiera Mulvey, the CSA Coalition's executive director.

Jessie Chmell, a CSA member at Primrose Community Farm said, "Being part of a CSA has changed our relationship with our food. We have a better understanding of where our food comes from. We're excited to teach our daughter that food doesn't come from grocery stores."

For more information about the Open House or details about CSA farms serving Southern Wisconsin, visit the CSA Coalition website at www.csacoalition.org.

Eastmorland Welcomes Adrienne

Thank You Adrienne Belton for taking on the position of Secretary and becoming our newest Director of the Eastmorland Community Association. We look forward to working with you and wish you the best.

ECA Paid Membership

\$10 per household

An annual \$10 per household from paid members supports all of the Eastmorland Community Association business conducted. ECA relies on the contributions of paid members to strengthen this community's schools, communication, and environment in areas such as the following:

- Donations to area schools' events and fundraisers (Clay Stamp, graduation party expenses)
- Materials and refreshments for volunteer events (leaf raking, parks clean-up)
- Neighborhood improvements (Eastmorland Park Playground)

Paid member households also enjoy added benefits such as: Santa visits; invitations to neighborhood social gatherings (potlucks, meet & greets); and inclusion in the annual garage sale newspaper ad.

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Eastmorland Garden News 2012

By Bonnie Moreland

Early in the new year, many people begin to think about changing an old vice into a new virtue. Most people also know how hard it is to do; news reports of ways to beat the failure rates and stay on task of making the “new you” abound. This perpetual cycle got me thinking about what happens before the big change, the impetus either big or small that begs us to move forward.

For plants, the big change which is now coming are the longer days of sunlight, the more available moisture in terms of liquid water which is above freezing, and thawed soil which allows the ever alive root system to awaken from its slumber. When all these conditions are right, the plant literally “springs” to life with the growing season. Even the anticipation of the annual event can break the clouds on a dreary, mid-winter's long-shadowed afternoon.

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Before any of this can happen, however, the plants must rest from their final blooms, die themselves and give way to matured seeds for future plants of their kind; in other terms, they go dormant. If an indoor plant is not coaxed into dormancy, the results can be weakness, loss of growth rate, and simply dying. A plant, especially a pampered indoor favorite, which is properly allowed to go dormant is revitalized and ready to use the longer sunbeams, warmer temperatures, and an occasional sprinkle of water from the tap.

The outdoor plants do not have such protection. Once the cold snap hits, it's over; no more growth is allowed after this strong signal to stop and take a growing vacation. Their roots are deeper and they do have the geothermal protection of Mother Earth's warmth. The quenching relief of a small thaw or dribble of slight rain before the sleet a few times a season is all the nourishing water to be had. A blanket of white snow might also tuck in the life until strong sunbeams revive the purpose of these living plants. Plants need to be very hardy or at times be mulched in order to survive the brutality of natural selection.

So, it's time to begin starting seeds in our sunny spots. Time to bury the future yields in small pots of loose soil and nutrients. Time to start tending carefully, diligently, and loyally to the joy we anticipate transplanting when the world is warm again. If we have protected our charges well enough to gather strength, the bounty will be great. Perhaps if we go “dormant” before making the big changes we need, we will also have the ability to survive and thrive.

For more on dormancy, see these websites:

<http://gardening.about.com/od/seasonalgardening/g/Dormancy.htm>

<http://www.helpfulgardener.com/bonsai/03/dormancy.html>

<http://www.gardeningknowhow.com/gardening-how-to/plant-dormancy.htm>

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Thank You Elves!!!

A very gracious thank you to all our Christmas elves that came out & volunteered their time & talents for another successful cookie plate & Santa visit weekend. We arranged 48 plates for special neighbors (photo above). This does not happen with only two people baking or making small crafts, but many wonderful neighbors willing to give a little of their time. We want you to know how much you are appreciated & we are very thankful for all of your spare moments that you shared with us in your busy lives. Some crafted & baked, some plated & delivered. Our elves this Christmas season were as follows: Sandra Fleck, Chandra Blofeld, Adrienne Belton, Estrella Toalino, Pam Showers, Carrie Ezzell, Breanna Ezzell, Ehren Ezzell, Gavin Ezzell, Mikaela Ezzell, Karen Dellinger, Kris Whitman, Sandra Housman, Bernice Slauson, Seth Johnson, Marla Shoop, Tom Theisen, Ed Woolsey, Wayne Niebuhr, Kathy Soukup, Glennis Whitish and Bernie Hanson. Also thank you to Santa for taking time from the North Pole to come & visit. Thank you to all.

From Our County Executive



Joe Parisi
*Dane County
Executive*

2012 Brings New Opportunities, Challenges for County Government

A year ago as State Representative, I watched as working families from all corners of Wisconsin came to Madison to tell the Governor and legislature they wouldn't sit idly as decades' old basic rights were taken away.

Now as County Executive, I strive to lead in a way that shows through mutual respect and working with people instead of against them, that everyone can help solve problems.

That's how we managed through a daunting county budget last fall. Thanks to innovation, creative problem solving, and partnering with county employees on efficiencies, the 2012 county budget spends \$4.4 million more on human services (\$248 million total) while preserving public safety and other programs important to our quality of life.

This New Year certainly brings new challenges, but also many opportunities.

In addition to protecting human services, as a candidate for County Executive I also talked about the need to strengthen the county's ability to enhance economic development. My new Dane County Office of Jobs and Prosperity starts work this spring.

Soon I will unveil a new "Cow Power" facility to create local "green energy" and reduce pollution that runs into our lakes. New partnerships I've formed with the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District and the Clean Lakes Alliance serve as the foundation for the next steps in our important work to clean up our waters.

Thanks to my new partnership with Operation Fresh Start, more kids from challenged neighborhoods will spend this year learning life and job skills.

Construction starts soon on new systems to help our police and fire responders get to emergencies quicker, and communicate better through development of a new countywide radio network.

A recently completed assessment of our criminal justice system offers a menu of possible reforms to ensure our public safety tax dollars are spent effectively.

We have much to do! Together, we'll manage our challenges and maximize our opportunities in 2012.

Agrace HospiceCare to Offer Grief Support Opportunities in February

In February, Agrace HospiceCare will offer a new grief support group series, a recurring support group and provide an introductory session for those grieving the death of a loved one. All of the sessions are open to the public and are provided without charge. All groups require pre-registration and are held at the Don & Marilyn Anderson HospiceCare Center, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, Madison unless noted otherwise.

- *After the Caregiving Ends* will be held February 6 through February 27 (Mondays), from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Call Deb Tripalin to register at (608) 327-7418.
- *Bridges Weekly Support Group* is held every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Pre-registration is not required.
- *Introduction to Grief* is an informative session for adults that offers suggestions on how to navigate the grieving process and provides information about Agrace HospiceCare grief support groups. This session is available by appointment only. Call Mary Severson at (608) 327-7182 to make an appointment.

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News from Our Schools

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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 Box tops for Education (we receive 10 cents for each one!), Campbell's Labels for Education (which are used to purchase much needed equipment) and Kemps milk lids. Even if you don't have a child at the school, donations of these items are much appreciated. If you cannot drop them off at the school, please give them to a neighbor whose child attends Schenk or send an email to schenk-pto@gmail.com so someone can arrange to pick them up.

The Schenk PTO is selling Bucky Books again this year. Bucky Books are full of hundreds of valuable money saving coupons for everything from restaurants to golf, pizzas to Milwaukee Brewers and Mallards tickets, car services to birthday venues. They are \$35 and \$15 goes directly to Schenk! If interested in purchasing a Bucky Book, please contact Kris: k3niemann@yahoo.com or 608-445-7077.

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 2012. Please feel free to contact Mandy McGowan at mwoodsmc@gmail.com with any further questions and/or to obtain copies of the coffee order form. Thank you for supporting Schenk.

— Amanda Hamett

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Eastmorland Parks "Spring Cleaning" set for Saturday, April 21, 2012

Sponsored by the Eastmorland Community Association

Mark your calendars now!

Meet at 9 a.m. on April 21 at Olbrich Park, parking entrance at 502 Walter Street near Atwood and Johns Streets. Bring gloves. Bags will be provided. We'll pick up as much end-of-winter debris in the Eastmorland parks and green spaces as hands and time allow.

All Eastmorland friends and neighbors are welcome to participate. Look forward to seeing you there – it's not too early to "think spring"!

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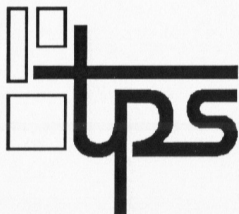
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From Our State Representative



Chris Taylor
State Assembly Representative

Hello Neighbors,

I hope everyone is enjoying the 2011 - 2012 New Year. As I write this, I am getting ready for some of the last floor periods of the legislative session.

It is an honor and a pleasure to represent you in the State Assembly. Despite very difficult political times, I am inspired by the people I represent every day and energized to stand up for our shared values and basic rights. Unfortunately, though there are many bipartisan bills that are passed, few of these bills constructively address the real issues facing our state—such as the funding of public education, access to health care and creating economic and employment opportunities for our citizens.

I anticipate that some of the most contentious issues that will be debated during these last months of our legislative session will involve rolling back important environmental protections. AB 463 substantially scales back wetlands protections and AB 426 alters the permitting process for iron-ore mines in a manner that guts long-standing state water protections while excluding public participation in the permitting process, among many other concerns.

Even in these very hard political times it is very important to advance pro-active policies.

Towards this end, during the first week in January, surrounded by over 50 children, educators, health care providers and outdoor educators, I introduced the first ever Wisconsin Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights, AJR 84. This resolution, which has received bi-partisan support, affirms that we are committed to making sure our children have access to a clean, safe environment and creating opportunities for children to get outdoors and interact with nature.

A growing body of research indicates that contact with nature is

as important to children as good nutrition and adequate sleep. Time outdoors benefits our children's health as it decreases stress levels and lowers their risk of developing asthma or being overweight. It also increases our children's chances for success since students who play and learn in outdoor settings perform better on tests, have higher grade point averages and cause fewer classroom disruptions.

Yet our children are suffering from a "Nature Deficit Disorder." According to a recent survey conducted by the Kaiser Family Fund, children ages 8-18 spend more than 7.5 hours each day, or 53 hours a week, on smart phones, computers and watching TV and only 30 minutes each week on unstructured play.

By losing contact with the natural world, Wisconsin children are missing opportunities for physical activity, stress reduction and healthy development. This is evidenced in skyrocketing rates of obesity, attention deficit disorders, diabetes and other problems. Approximately one out of every five children today is considered obese, leaving today's youth at risk of becoming the first generation to have a shorter lifespan than their parents.

We can do better and we must. No child should have to drink unsafe water or breathe polluted air. In order for children to enjoy and connect with the outdoors, adults must make sure we preserve and protect our natural spaces.

As stated by Richard Louv, author of Last Child in the Woods, "Time in nature is not leisure time; it's an essential investment in our children's health." It is time that we start making that investment. That is why I will be working to pass the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights.

Please feel free to call me at 266-5342 or email me at Rep.Taylor@legis.wi.gov regarding any state issue. Thank you.

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at one time or another, and more subcommittees, boards and commissions than I can count. In these last two terms, I've stayed busy as Chair of the County Extension Committee and Personnel & Finance Committee member. Plus, I'll be ending my appointments in April to the Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors, Long Term Support Committee, DaneCom Governing Board, Emergency Medical Services Commission, and Specialized Transportation Commission. It's been a joy.

I'll have more time on my hands to travel and have longer or more frequent stays with my kids in Boston, MA and Wilmington, NC, and bowl and play golf on the MARBA and MARGA leagues with Patrick Soukup (at least without feeling a bit guilty for shirking my responsibilities during the mornings).

But I'll still remain busy as the new president of the Lake Edge Neighborhood Association (LENA). where I hope ECA and LENA will find opportunities to work together on common interests and concerns. Regardless, I want to sincerely thank you for your friendship, confidence and support over the years. And I hope that we see one another soon and frequently in the future.

As always, contact me at 222-6429 or by email at TStoebig@charter.net if I can be of any assistance.

Do you have suggestions for the next issue of Hi, Neighbor? Email them to us at newsletter@eastmorland.org

ECA 2012 Calendar of Events

- Tuesday, 2/14 ECA meeting*
- Tuesday, 3/13 ECA meeting*
- Tuesday, 3/20 Spring Election Forum
- Tuesday, 4/10 ECA meeting*
- Tuesday, 4/10 Deadline for submissions for May 2012 "Hi, Neighbor!"
- Tuesday, 5/8 ECA meeting*

*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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SYMPATHY

To the family of Jean Day
To the family of Lucille Klipp

Habitat ReStore—Earth Day Celebration

Come and celebrate Earth Day from noon to 4 pm at the Habitat ReStore, 208 Cottage Grove Road, on Saturday, April 21, 2012.

An Earth Day Celebration featuring Educational and Art Programs and live music with Richard Wiegel of the Midwesterners and, of course, Mother Earth! Open to the public, no fee, free refreshments!

Habitat ReStore is an environmentally conscious building material store open to the public that sells used and new building materials. Since opening in September, 2001, the Habitat ReStore has diverted over 6,500 tons of building materials from the Dane County landfills annually. Building materials donated to Habitat ReStore are sold to the general public at greatly reduced prices making home improvements and remodeling more affordable. Habitat ReStore is a financial partner to Habitat for Humanity of Dane County whose mission is to build affordable housing in Dane County.

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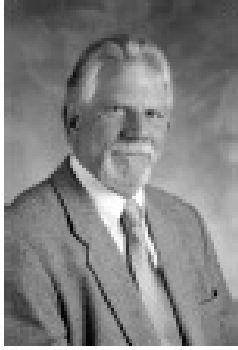
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From Our County Supervisor



Tom Stoebig
District 17

Royster-Clark Demolition

Neighbors were certainly in a celebratory mood in November at the groundbreaking ceremony arranged by Rudebusch Development & Construction (RDC) for the start-up of

demolition activities at the Royster-Clark site. I felt honored to be a part of the event.

A lot of time and effort has been devoted to developing a vision and plan for this site by neighbors in Eastmorland and Lake Edge neighborhoods during the past five years, by Alder Larry Palm and city planning staff, and by all of us who played a hand in the earlier Royster-Clark Steering Committee, the market feasibility study and neighborhood survey, and the subsequent Royster-Clark Planning Team.

No doubt, there's a lot of work to be done by the Rudebusch group and a lot of financial risk at stake. What we don't see is the temporary storage and landspreading of the truckloads of soil from the site. Prior to demolition, Rudebusch Development representatives, the RDC environmental consultant, and staff from Dane County Dept. of Land & Water Resources, Wisconsin DNR and DATCP worked out the details and requirements for proper disposal. County land conservation staff have been monitoring the off-site activities. I've been informed that everything has been working as planned. We can all be pleased.

Creating a Youth Governance Program for Dane County

The stage is almost set for final County Board approval of a Dane County Youth Governance Program to begin in June, 2012. I spent the later half of 2011 chairing a study committee that looked at program models in other counties, and specified an implementation approach for our county, including eligibility criteria, a selection process, adult mentoring of youth, and outreach to area high schools, alternative schools, youth organizations and home school networks.

Our study committee work culminated in a Youth Summit

in October where we measured youth interest and received feedback from both youth and adults. The result was a presentation to the County Board on December 1, and the introduction of a resolution giving the go-ahead for the program. That resolution will hopefully be approved at our January 19 County Board meeting.

In a nutshell, the program will allow two youth representatives to serve on each of the six major County Board standing committees, appointed by the County Board Chair. Youth members will have a non-binding advisory vote on all standing committee matters, but will be given the same opportunities for committee participation and involvement as elected county supervisors. Youth will serve one-year terms from June to June, but youth participants may reapply for a second one-year term. Eligible youth include those in grades 9-12. The Dane County Extension Department will administer the program and the youth candidate selection process.

In addition, a Youth Executive Committee will be created, comprised of program participants and other interested youth, including those who were not selected, to serve as a support group for youth participants and a structure for suggesting future program changes and potential expansion. The Youth Executive Committee would be a component of the Dane County Youth Commission, supported by the Department of Human Services and Dane County Youth Board staff.

I'm excited about the program and its potential for youth leadership development in our county through direct participation in county government decision-making, and to bring a direct youth voice to county and community issues and concerns. It's been a long and cumbersome process to get where we are with regards to creation of this program. And I'm sure there will be some bumps in the road as we move forward. But that's what democracy looks like.

Parting Wishes and Goodbyes

You may have heard or read that I'm not running for re-election to the Dane County Board. The rumors are true. After two stints on the County Board, each covering three two-year terms, I'll complete my term as District 17 County Supervisor in April.

During my 12 years as your county supervisor, I've served on almost every County Board standing committee



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The major section of Royster-Clark has come down. By the time this newsletter is printed, the section pictured will be gone. The demo crew was fortunate to have the weather cooperate.

VIEWPOINT

It has been suggested that Eastmorland form a Card Club for any community members that are interested in getting together periodically. Contact an ECA Director if you are interested.

If you know of someone with an American Flag that has become worn and needs retiring, please contact Kathy, as she knows Girl Scouts who would be happy to retire your flag.

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From Our Alder



Larry Palm 15th District

Welcome to 2012! I hope you and your family are having a great start to the new year.

You might have heard about the City of Madison's aldermanic redistricting that happened on January 1, 2012. I am still the alder of the Eastmorland Neighborhood, but the boundaries of District 15 have changed. Polling places have also changed, so if you want to double-check where you vote, you can use the City Clerk's website to find out at <http://www.cityofmadison.com/election/voter/where.cfm>.

After every federal census, the City uses the population data to make sure that districts are roughly the same size. The wards that we draw to create districts are then used by the County, State and Federal government for their representative maps. Over the past decade, the far eastside has grown considerably, so District 15 now, generally speaking, extends farther east (and a little south). New areas include Truax (by Madison College), Hawthorne and the south half of Carpenter-Ridgewood, Burke Heights, and part of Ridgewood and Hiestand neighborhoods.

In addition, Glendale north of Pflaum Road is also added. Whew! That's a lot of change, and it will take me a few months to acclimate to these new areas and find out what their concerns and interests are.

Royster-Clark Demolition

You may have seen the living proof-of-change at the Royster-Clark site at the corner of Dempsey Road and Cottage Grove Road. The Ruedebusch Development Corporation (RDC) of Madison has purchased the site and is demolishing the building and remediating the soil. RDC is currently working on the actual development plan for the site, closely matching the approved City of Madison Special Area Plan (available online at <http://www.cityofmadison.com/planning/royster.html>).

Please review and share this information with your neighbors. If you want to stay informed about the project, be sure to sign up for the District 15 email list at <https://my.cityofmadison.com/>. These plans have been in the works for the past five years and have received substantial neighborhood involvement in their formation. It is really important that all nearby residents understand what this plan says before construction begins. Enjoy your 2012! As usual, if you have any questions, please contact me at lpalm@cityofmadison.com or 692-8416.

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Leaf Raking —Continued from front page

A great big thanks to the Whitman/Johnson family. For the second year, they generously hosted ECA's raking event. Kris, Mark, and Blake provided a delicious spread of breakfast treats, and a potluck lunch. Everyone enjoyed their hospitality, as well as the chance to visit and get to know each other while eating pizza and the potluck goodies. We all brought good appetites, nearly polishing off the five delicious pizzas ECA purchased from Glass Nickel.

Friends new to the neighborhood appreciated this way of getting to know their neighbors (and to volunteer)...with good exercise built in besides.

The following rakers signed up for the event: Jennifer Moore, Steve Skwarek, Steve Falter, John Erickson, Jon Muzzall and Maggie Ordon, Debbie, Mike, Bela, and Abel Diewald, David Soukup, Patrick Soukup, Dan Zimmerman, Ed Woolsey, Amanda and Jukan Hammatt, Tom Theisen, Pat Blair, Mark and Blake Johnson and Kris Whitman, Troy Rutter, Bob Aspinwall, Paul O'Flanagan, Mike, Paula, and Josh Kedzie, and Mike Diebel.

Thanks to Kathy Soukup, Carrie Ezzell, and Jennifer Moore for organizing the event.

Thanks also to our trusty photographer, ECA treasurer Patrick Soukup, for capturing photos each year. Be sure to check out the raking photos in this issue!



Top: Rakers keeping busy and being efficient.



Middle: Two Rakers carrying a tarp full of leaves to the curb.

Bottom: Jennifer Moore (with back to the camera) issuing raking assignments to a few of the rakers.



Kathy's Komments



Welcome to winter, neighbors! Finally, we get snow.

Much has happened towards the end of 2011. If you have been watching the activity of the Royster-Clark property lately, you have seen that pieces of the buildings have been coming down. The weather has been kind (before the snow), and soil has been gathered up for remediation, and the building pieces have been taken for recycling. If you go to Larry Palm's Facebook page, you would see some of us who were at the ground-breaking event on December 14, with our hardhats on and with shovels in hand. It was exciting to be there for such a historic event. To stand there and think about all the years that we had either dealt with Royster-Clark, or hoped that a positive change could somehow happen to that property that was deteriorating before our eyes. This time, ECA and LENA (Lake Edge Neighborhood Association) became very PRO-ACTIVE and formed a committee to set up a neighborhood plan. I don't know that any of the neighbors involved thought it would take so long to finish, but we all knew that the process was necessary and we were determined.

This year, when Melissa, Luis, and Diego came to spend Christmas with us, I remembered the fun we had had going to Olbrich Gardens to see the model railroads set up in the Atrium. So I ran over there on my way to the store before they arrived on December 24th, to check the length of the Olbrich open time. Our Chicagoans made it up here with about an hour to spare. Diego, at almost 2 yrs. old, was enchanted! Especially since one of the trains was a "Thomas", and another was "Percy"! Then you had the smaller model trains on the other set of tracks. It took all of us to keep up with Diego: Patrick, Melissa, Luis, and me—we were all trying to take photos, and chase a small boy in a red Elmo sweatshirt who was determined to keep track with all the trains on two different sets of tracks. (We left as the building closed!)

We have a new secretary for ECA: Adrienne Belton, and a new chairperson for the playground committee: Rikki Conwell. Thank you both for stepping forward and welcome to an active ECA. We are looking forward to working with each of you this upcoming year.

Patrick and I went on an unforgettable trip to California in August. We celebrated our 50th anniversary walking around the San Francisco fishermen's wharf and then driving up the coast north to visit the coastal Redwoods/giant Sequoias—it was awesome! I have wanted to do that forever, it seems. We drove on to Portland, Oregon as we had never visited there and a very good friend of ours comes from that city and state. Since we came back, people have told us of other wonders in that area, so now we want to go back with a different focus. Then, in mid-November, I flew to Houston, Texas for the 52nd national Girl Scout Conference, with Girl Scout friends. It was crazy, wonderful, and very tiring! However, I can't wait to go again! — Kathy



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A Quarterly Newsletter for the Eastmorland Community Association

First Quarter 2012

Fantastic Turnout for ECA's Leaf Raking Party!



Pictured above are most of the enthusiastic rakers that came to help out with the 2011 fall leaf raking. Others arrived after this picture was taken and are hopefully mentioned in the following text.

THANK YOU to all the rakers & volunteers who made it a success

A generous showing of rakers last November made ECA's leaf raking party a shining success for the seventh year running. Thirty volunteers cleared leaves from a dozen yards in record time, allowing everyone to put down their rakes sooner for an earlier-than-scheduled lunch.

The fall weather cooperated beautifully, the day dawning crisp and sunny, with not too much wind. Raking is definitely a workout, but it's made so much easier – and more fun – with a team of neighbors pitching in to help.

Again, an especially industrious neighbor (who wishes to remain nameless, but answers to Ed Woolsey) raked two yards by himself before the day of the event -- truly an act of neighborliness and a tremendous help.

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Spring Election Forum

The Eastmorland Community Assn and the Lake Edge Neighborhood Assn are jointly sponsoring a candidate forum for the Dane County Board race in our area.

The forum will be held at the Pinney Branch Library on Tuesday, March 20 from 7:00 p.m.– 8:30 p.m. Neighbors are encouraged to attend.

The two candidates running for Dane County Board in District 17 include Don Imhoff and Jeff Pertl.

Royster-Clark Ground Breaking Event

On December 14, 2011 a ground breaking ceremony was held on the Royster-Clark property off of Dempsey Road. About fifty people attended the event including several dignitaries. Speakers included Dorin Couture, Agrium Representative; Carl Rudebusch, Developer and Coordinator of the demolition; Larry Palm, 15 District Alder; and Tom Stoebig, County Supervisor.

Then came the posing for the cameras, hands on shovel, pitched in the sand. Quite a few people took turns with the shovels. Following there were snacks to nibble on and small groups gathered to converse.



Pictured above with smiles on their faces and shovels in their hands are some of the participants in the groundbreaking picture-taking event. From left to right are Tom Stoebig, Dane County Supervisor; Larry Palm, 15th District Alder; Shelila Guilfoyle, *Royster-Clark Planning Team Chair*; Kris Whitman, *ECA representative on the Planning Team*; Jacky Da Walt, *Lake Edge Neighborhood Association Representative on the Planning Team*; Kathy Soukup, *ECA Representative on the Planning Team* and Carl Ruedebusch, *President of Ruedebusch Development & Construction*.

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