

COMMUNITY ISSUES

Dane County United

Citizens and organizations uniting to work together across our differences to create a better life and a more just and inclusive community for all people of Dane County

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Childcare

Blackwell, the Northside Planning Council delegate to DCU, stated that this program "has only seen one increase in funding in the past fifteen years."

To date, Madison Mayor Dave Cieslewicz has not committed to increasing the subsidy in the 2007 budget.

Describing Dane County United as "nonpartisan, but unabashedly political because active citizens must be politically engaged," Rev. Minnema then quoted local author Parker Palmer, "You meet strangers in order to be educated" which was certainly the case for the DCU delegates from 17 organizations and a dozen state, county and city officials present in the audience.

You can find out more about Dane County United by calling the Northside Planning Council, a member of DCU, at 661-0060.

- Works for the common good and brings new people into public life
 - 1300 people attended the 2003 Founding Assembly
 - 17 member organizations:
 - Covenant Presbyterian Church
 - Dane County Association for the Education of Young Children
 - First Baptist
 - First Unitarian Society
 - James Reeb Unitarian Universalist
 - Madison Mennonite Church
 - Madison-area Urban Ministry (MUM)
 - Mt. Olive Lutheran
 - MUM Voices Beyond Bars Project
 - Northside Planning Council
 - Shaarei Shamayim
 - St. Benedict Center
 - St. Andrew Episcopal
 - St. Raphael Cathedral
 - Temple Beth El
 - UNITE HERE
 - Wexford Ridge Community Center
 - Affiliated with Industrial Areas Foundation, which consists of over 250 organizations nationwide
- www.danecountyunited.org
www.industrialareasfoundation.org

Grow into leadership

Semester-long training offered this fall

By Amy Mondloch
GLC Coordinator

The Grassroots Leadership College offers a low-cost, semester-long program to Madison area residents who want to create positive change in their communities. Participants learn how to run meetings, recruit volunteers, transform conflict, organize across cultural boundaries, bring people together to win positive changes, and more.

Developing leaders work with volunteer coaches to carry out projects of their choice. Past projects include introducing Hmong culture to non-Hmong people, working on water quality in Lake Monona, building neighborhood associations, and establishing a support group for women fac-



Planning Councils and Community Exchange, a leadership development program active in the community in the 1990s.

Applications to participate in the fall 2006 semester are now being accepted through August 15th.

To apply, check out www.grassrootsleadershipcollege.org or call program coordinator Amy Mondloch at 608-441-0085.

Applications for the spring 2007 semester will be accepted beginning in October.

Neighborhood leaders needed

Council seeks a wide range of people to help improve quality of life for all Northside residents

The Northside Planning Council is a community advocacy organization composed of various neighborhood associations and community organizations that is actively recruiting new representatives from neighborhoods that currently do not have an active association and are not represented on the Council.

NPC can offer assistance in getting your neighborhood group going again, and offers excellent opportunities for leadership development.

We all want to make our community a better place to live--starting with our own neighborhood, which is the key to making this happen.

People of color and low-income residents are especially encouraged to join.

Contact Jim Powell, NPC facilitator, at 661-0060, to learn more.

Leaders needed from these neighborhoods



- East Bluff
- Karstens
- Kennedy Heights
- Lerdahl Park
- Lindbergh Area
- Nobel Park
- Northport Apts
- Northridge Terrace Apts
- Packer Townhouses
- Sherman Village
- Woodland Park Apts
- Woodlands Apts

No experience needed, you just need the desire for change

Berkley Oaks

**Neighborhood Association Meeting
 Tuesday, June 13**

Are you interested in having your say?
 Do you you want to improve your neighborhood?
 Share your thoughts on our park, social events, Rhythm & Booms, safety, etc.

Dinner - 6:00 pm Meeting - 6:30 pm

**At the home of Willy Holden, 3505 Eliot Lane
 444-9854**

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Ban

more communities do not have to suffer the permanent loss of a community-anchor grocery or drug store (and potential economic downturns for business districts).

This does not affect non-compete clauses which are both common and also give a business comfort knowing that a shopping center will not bring in a competing business while the original business is still in operation.

Last year, the Sherman Plaza owners, with the aid of the community, the Northside Planning Council and Mayor Dave Cieslewicz, persuaded Roundy's to modify its lease to allow a store of up to 25,000 square feet at the shopping center.

While this agreement opened the door for Dave and Don Bruns to bring in Pierce's Northside Market, which opened last month, the negative us restriction prevented any store from even considering coming in to the Northside for over two years—two years that had a huge negative impact on many residents with little money and few options for getting to a grocery store elsewhere in the city.

"No one testified against it at the Plan Commission and Common Council meetings," said Van Rooy.

"There as very little opposition, and once people understood what the ban would do and what it would not do, it had very broad support."

Drug stores were also included in the new ordinance.

Such stores fill the same vital role in a vibrant neighborhood, as do grocery stores.

Without a drug store, people, especially seniors, lose a basic needed service that often was factor in moving to the neighborhood in the first place.

Get in on the conversation! Join your fellow Northsiders on
NORTHSIDEDISCUSS

Join our Internet community discussion list where you'll find plenty of announcements and conversation (even debate!) about issues important to our community

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