

Sherman Flyer takes off

Bike advocates guide proposed bike path through funding process, as support builds

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In May, the proposed Sherman Flyer bike path project took a major step towards becoming reality when the Sherman Flyer was ranked first among many proposed projects by the Madison Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

If the Department of Transportation agrees, nearly \$1.5 million will be made available to build the Sherman Flyer by 2009.

Madison's MPO funding request ranked several proposed projects throughout the metropolitan area in its application. This list of projects is part of its application for funding from the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) for the 2007-2009 biennium through the Statewide Multi-modal Improvement

Program (SMIP).

This result is the culmination of a year's work by the Northside Bicycling Advocates group, as well as many Northside residents who signed their petition last summer, attended last fall's public hearing, and contacted city staff and elected officials.

This also wouldn't be possible without support from Alders Brian Benford and Paul Van Rooy and Mayor Dave Cieslewicz and his staff.

Stay tuned as Northside Bicycling Advocates continue to work to make the Sherman Flyer a reality and continue to promote bicycling on the Northside.

To get involved in the efforts to improve bicycling options on the Northside, contact Michael Basford of Northside Bicycling Advocates at 513-1387 or email mabasford@charter.net.

"Golf for a Pool" a shining success

Rain can't dampen Northside spirits



Photo by Brad Weisinger

Supporters of the "Golf for a Warner Pool" at the Bridges Gold Course

By Roberta Statz

Circle of Friends

The First Annual "Golf for a Warner Pool" event was held Friday, May 12 at Bridges Golf Course. The Warner Park Center Circle of Friends hosted the event, and in spite of rain, it was a huge success! Over 35 neighborhood volunteers, 20 golf teams, 105 dinner reservation holders and 63 local business event sponsors joined together to help bring the dream of a Warner pool closer to reality.

A star-studded group of celebrities was also on hand to show support for the Warner pool including Pat O'Donahue, Mayor Dave, Jeff Sauer, Mitch Henck, Pat Richter, Sheriff Hamlin, Kevin Dean, Lisa Stone, Barb Casper, Jim Bakken, Stephanie Schmitz, John Byce and Barry Richter.

The event earned over \$4000 in just the silent auction, raffles, and "on the spot" donations alone. And that's just for starters! Other funds from sponsors, team entry fees, and contests bring the total to almost \$24,000.

Just as important, the event helped create excitement and spread the word about the Warner Pool to many new supporters. Several sizable donations were offered right at the event, as well as many offers of volunteer help for upcoming events.

Coming next is the second annual "Pound the Pavement for a Pool" on August 26. Last year's event was a huge success. This one promises to be even bigger and better.

For more information, to enter or to get a team together, go to the Circle of Friends website at wpcrcfriends.com.

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result a lower percentage of renter-occupied housing.

◆Poverty has gone up on the Northside from 10.6% to 11.4% while going down in Madison from 16.1% to 15.0%. Within the poverty statistics, children in poverty rose while elderly went down.

It's apparent the Northside demographics have not changed that much since 1990. While the Northside has become a better place for many of us, a lot of people have not seen much improvement. Madison is still the same for them; the Northside is still the same.

While everyone bears responsibility for their own actions, we all have responsibility for making sure that opportunity, fairness, education, shelter, and food are available to all.

There was a recent conversation of the state of the Northside on our Internet community discussion list. I'll leave the last word to Joe Yracheta, who wrote on the list "This city is ambitious in making itself a technological hub (a promise yet unfulfilled) with a hefty upper class, a shrinking middle class, and a working poor class that are being forced out because of high rent prices, minimum wage jobs and no outlet for re-training."

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