For the 26th time the Marquette Neighborhood Association is hard at work preparing two days of fun and games just for you and your extra special friends as the Marquette Waterfront Festival approaches. Our most valued regulars and newcomers alike will for sure shake a few tail feathers upon the narrow swath of parched earth known as Yahara Place Park. But you do not have to be a dancer to take pleasure in this year’s fest that will occur on June 13 and 14. This edition of the festival will include an impressive assortment of performers arrayed on our beautiful stage representing our neighborhood and diverse regions of the nation and the world. The music will be sensual, blissful, and of course danceable and we even threw in a folk stage for the foot-tappers who are plentiful in our midst. Lots of old musical friends are anxious to come and entertain us and we’ve mixed in some hot-shot newcomers to keep us a bit nearer to the cutting edge. We ask that you lose yourself to the pure pleasure of the Waterfront and bask in the uplifting setting. Please come and make a commitment to this venerable neighborhood fundraiser for these hopefully delightful days. You won’t regret taking in the whole event in the therapeutic breeze at Lake Monona’s shore.

On Saturday we have some great bands lined up to play our two stages:

We tried a second folk stage last year and it was an immediate success. So this year we are giving it a name – The Cottonwood Stage. This year the folk stage was booked by the talented Amanda Rigell of Count this Penny. We’ll add some more chairs for this stage that will be up and running on Saturday and we will use Sunday as a rain date.

Kentuckians Andy Moore, Matt Earley, and Kirsten Earley have been extolling the virtues of their native Bluegrass State through song for five years, and were recently joined by Rockford native, Kyle Jacobson, on the upright bass. Their name, Winn Dixie, (12:30pm Sat.) comes from the ubiquitous southern grocery chain, and they enjoy sharing their southern fried bluegrass and original tunes with whomever will listen. Looking forward to seeing how many people they draw to the Cottonwood Stage as our opening act.

Whitney Mann (2:00pm Sat.) is an old soul with a child’s glow. Her story is only beginning. It’s the story of a poetic farm girl from Michigan who grew up to open for Loretta Lynn. It’s the story of a young woman whose voice will break your heart but whose songs will bring you back for more. “Whitney Mann is the best kept secret in Wisconsin,” says Willie Nelson Production Manager John T. Selman, who watched 26-year-old Mann open for Nelson. “She’s raw, she’s real. Whitney sings and writes from the heart. You can’t ask for more than that from a musician.”

In 2001 Heyward Williams (3:45pm Sat.) quit school to join the award-winning Milwaukee based band ‘Exit’, named Wisconsin Band of the Year in 2004, by the Wisconsin Area

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MAJOR CHANGE PLANNED FOR BLAIR STREET GARDENS

Blair Street Gardens will make its 30th annual appearance this season, welcoming residents and visitors to the Marquette neighborhood. In addition to the gardens on Williamson Street in front of the Gateway Mall, the Gardens also consist of beds on Wilson Street across from The Cardinal Bar, and on Blair Street next to MGE. All are planted and maintained by an independent, nonprofit group of Capitol and Marquette neighborhood residents.

Blair Street Gardens is pleased to partner with Avant Gardening & Landscaping to dramatically change the area informally called the Gateway Gardens. The Gateway Gardens will be re-designed to reduce the need for water, fertilizer and maintenance, and to create a destination for bicyclists and pedestrians.

To celebrate its 30th anniversary, Avant has generously offered in-kind landscaping services for the re-design of the Gardens. Avant hopes to start work in mid-summer. Avant has been providing innovative landscape design, construction and maintenance services in Dane County since 1985.

The plan includes re-grading, creating retaining walls, walkways and a seating area, and adding new perennial plantings. Re-grading will create a larger space toward the side closest to E. Wilson Street for seating areas. The small rise in elevation currently evident at the site will be moved closer to Williamson Street, and a retaining wall and small formal area created on the Williamson Street side. A visual barrier between Williamson Street and the seating areas will be created by the addition of a retaining wall and screen plantings, thus separating the lower area near Williamson Street from the higher and larger area near Wilson Street. New garden beds will be added, and planted with natives and other perennials. There will be several entrances via pathways leading to the seating areas. The gardens currently have a sprinkler system which will be replaced with a more efficient irrigation system. A bubbler will be installed.

Financial contributions (tax-deductible) are appreciated. A contribution of $25 buys prairie grasses; $50 buys several perennial plants; $100 a couple of healthy shrubs. Checks should be made out to Blair Street Gardens Committee, Inc. and mailed to Blair Street Gardens, PO Box 1333, Madison WI 53701-1333. Volunteers are also needed; check our website at www.blairstreetgardens.org or our Facebook page for the volunteer schedule.

— Ellen Henningen
LOCAL NON-PROFIT HELPS PEOPLE OWN A HOME FOR $750—$1,000 PER MONTH

The non-profit Madison Area Community Land Trust (MACLT) currently has funding to help low- to moderate-income homebuyers save up to $45,000 off the purchase price of a single-family home listed for sale on the open real estate market in the City of Madison. Most homes priced up to about $215,000 are eligible for the program.

“Our current program is buyer-initiated,” explains MACLT Manager, Andy Miller. “We work with our buyers to select a home that works for their needs, and is in the neighborhood they want to live in.”

Potential buyers must complete an application with MACLT, and have an income that is less than 80% of the Dane County average. A household of one, for example, can’t make more than $46,100 per year; a household of four must make less than $65,800.

Since 1990, the land trust has provided affordable homes to low- to moderate-income homebuyers in Madison. MACLT homes are more affordable because the buyer purchases the home only, and ownership of the land remains with the land trust.

Homeowners rent the land from MACLT for an affordable monthly fee. This model saves homeowners about $150 per month. When MACLT homeowners sell their home, a shared-appreciation formula ensures the home will be affordable for the next low-income buyer. Through that formula, MACLT homes will remain permanently affordable.

Over the years MACLT has helped about 100 households become homeowners in Madison. One long-time MACLT homeowner, Doug Haynes, sums up the impact MACLT has had on individuals and the community: “For myself and others like me, homeownership would have been out of reach without the program provided by MACLT. As a result I have been able to raise a family and be a contributing member of our community.”

For more information about MACLT, or to see a video their most-recent homebuyer, visit www.affordablehome.org. MACLT is affiliated with Common Wealth, and the two non-profits share offices located at 1501 Williamson Street. MACLT’s phone number is 280-0131.

— Submitted by Madison Area Community Land Trust

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COMMON WEALTH TO FACILITATE CITY YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Common Wealth is excited to be the agency selected by the City of Madison to facilitate their Wanda Fullmore Youth Internship Program. In 2014, Mayor Paul Soglin launched the Wanda Fullmore Youth Employment Initiative, increasing the City of Madison’s commitment to providing high-quality youth employment opportunities to youth who face barriers to employment. In 2015, Common Wealth will work with the City to place approximately 30 youth in summer internships. Common Wealth has a 25-year track record of effectively delivering high-quality programming that provides underprivileged area teens with employment and financial education, job opportunities, and supportive mentoring.

The program seeks to place City of Madison resident teens in summer internships with City departments, divisions, and offices. Youth will earn $9/hour for their work and training. City-wide recruitment of teens to participate in the program will begin in late April and run through May. Preference will be given to youth entering 11th or 12th grade in the fall of 2015 and those facing barriers to employment, although all youth who live in the City of Madison are welcome to apply. For application information and a list of our open interview dates and locations, please go to Common Wealth’s website, http://www.cwd.org, or contact Rachel Darken, Common Wealth Youth Programs Director, at (608) 256-3527, ext. 18.
The Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center is a community-directed, non-profit organization based in Madison’s Williamson-Marquette neighborhood partnering with local organizations and businesses to enhance the quality of life for all generations through its programs, services, events and celebrations.

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**EASTSIDE EXPRESS**
**MNA Partners With The Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center**

Eastside Express rolls out for its 24th year this June! Look forward to multiple arts and crafts projects, sports, canoeing, stand-up paddle boarding, and adventures galore! Our neighborhood’s favorite summer camp for kindergarten through middle school children begins on Monday, June 15, and runs through Friday, July 24. As in years past, this free drop-in summer camp is held at Marquette Elementary and is weather-dependent. All activities run from 9:30 am - Noon.

The Eastside Express Summer Camp has provided fun and friends in a free, outdoor environment for more than two decades. Originally beginning as a drop-in program for the children in the Marquette Neighborhood, this program has successfully grown to include children from the Schenk-Atwood-Starkweather-Yahara (SASY), Emerson East, and downtown neighborhoods as well. The structure of the summer camp allows it to be easily accessible, engaging and meaningful for the participating families, camp counselors, and community supporters.

Due to this success, the camp’s registration numbers have greatly increased. With this increase there comes a need for more structure and oversight. The Marquette Neighborhood Association successfully oversaw Eastside Express for many years; their support and fundraising efforts allowed the summer camp to become the beloved summer favorite it is today. However, the expanded number of campers, especially from outside the Marquette Neighborhood, demonstrated the need for an organization with experience providing child care and summer camp services to adopt the leadership role of Eastside Express. This spring the Marquette Neighborhood Association’s board of directors agreed unanimously to transfer the management of Eastside Express to the Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center.

The Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center has provided youth afterschool and summer camp opportunities for more than 40 years. Their staff, board, and volunteers greatly look forward to connecting with the families of Eastside Express and enriching the experience of Eastside Express. Both MNA and Wil-Mar have made a strong commitment to maintain a working, collaborative relationship, including the fundraising efforts for Eastside Express. These funds allow the camp to be inclusive, offer engaging activities, and keep good staff on board!

Returning for his second year as Camp Director is Geoff Blake-Horst, an educator for more than 15 years. He is joined by Emma Hertzel, who will return for her second year as Lead Counselor. Emma has the unique experience of having been a camper, and then volunteer, and now counselor at Eastside Express. Her leadership and perspective is greatly appreciated! Eastside Express provides neighborhood teens the opportunity to gain work experience and references, to participate in a community-supported program, and to provide support and friendship to the Eastside Express campers.

It’s going to be a great summer! Register, apply to be a counselor, and learn more online at www.wil-mar.org/esx.

Please note that Eastside Express is not a child care alternative. Parents/guardians must be reachable during camp hours and prepared to pick up their children should the weather turn or the child not wish to participate in camp activities.
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The Marquette Neighborhood holds special meaning for all of us who call this wonderful place home. We’ve been recognized nationally as one of America’s Great Neighborhoods, yet it is hard for many of us to imagine that in the last month we instead made national news for a tragic loss that happened on Williamson Street. This event shows that even in our great neighborhood there is much work to be done. I am confident this is the neighborhood where the questions that need to be asked will be asked, that people and organizations will come together to work towards a better solution so this tragedy does not happen again, and that we will be a stronger neighborhood in the end. How do I know this? Days after the tragedy, a candlelight vigil for Tony Robinson was held.

As I passed out hot coffee on the cold night, I saw neighborhood leaders, business owners, and so many neighbors holding candles in support of the loss for the Willy Street family. A few weeks later, the Marquette Neighborhood Association and The Wil-Mar Center hosted a forum for all members of the neighborhood to join together to move from conversation to commitment in response to the recent tragedy. With a panel of State Rep Chris Taylor, Amelia Royko Maurer, Pastor Everett Mitchell, and a representative from Young Gifted and Black, the room at the Wil-Mar was packed and overflowing into the hallway. Our neighborhood cares and shows up when an event like this happens. The family of Tony Robinson was there that night, and in their loss felt the neighborhood supported them and cared. It was a moving night, but not surprising to us who live here.

Our neighborhood motto is “A Place for All People”, and there is no doubt we are and will continue to be so. I have been in close contact with other community leaders and MNA will continue to follow these events over the coming days. The MNA takes our motto seriously and works year after year so we continue to be just that, A Place for All People. If you would like to become a member, join a committee, or keep up to date on our events visit http://www.marquette-neighborhood.org/ or like us on Facebook.

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Music Industry. Lending bass guitar and vocals to the bands’ hook-driven pop catalogue, Williams traveled the Midwest circuit and around the country with Exit. In 2002 Williams independently released Manoverboard, a solo project recorded under a pseudonym, which allowed him the opportunity to play solo engagements throughout the region and served as the foundation for Uphill/Downhill, Hayward Williams’s 2005 debut.

Brothers Jack Torrey and Page Burkum grew up in northeast Minneapolis and have been blending their voices as The Cactus Blossoms (5:30pm Sat.) since 2010. Their hypnotic harmonies and unforgettable songs have made them favorites in the Minneapolis–Saint Paul music scene.

On to Saturday’s main stage:

When Francisco Martinez moved to Madison from Florida in 2004, Madisalsa members Vincent Fuh and Nick Moran saw a rare opportunity to form the band – El Clan Destino (Noon Sat.) – they had long considered but never thought possible. While the quintet features hard-hitting renditions of works by Chucho Valdez, Michel Camilo and Jerry Gonzalez, the members have expanded their material to include the progressive originals and arrangements of indigenous sacred music of Cuba. El Clan Destino will get Saturday’s main stage rolling at Noon.

Painted Caves (1:30pm Sat.) is an Arab/American band from Milwaukee. Painted Caves was formed in Milwaukee in November 2009 by Palestinian / American guitarist / vocalist Ali Lubbad and Palestinian / American oud virtuoso Mike Kashou. Painted Caves includes revolving musicians including Qanun virtuoso Ali Amr, Vocalists Holly Wake and Sandy Wiesto, percussionist Julio Pabon and song-smith extraordinary Paul Cebar. Painted Caves music is said to integrate

jazz, pop, and rock musical idioms throughout his own compositions as well as renditions of other musical genres. At age 34, he is considered one of the premier cuatro players of his generation and is well recognized for his musical creativity and innovation. Together with his father, master guitar and cuatro player, Modesto Nieves, and his sister, singer and güiro player, Monika, Christian has been playing as Herencia Musical (Musical Heritage) (5:15pm Sat.) since 1990. The group brings a new refreshing sound from the island. Herencia Musical combines Puerto Rican jíbaro music with plena and bomba, as well as a good shot of pop and jazz musical influences. Over a solid masterful harmonic layer with Modesto Nieves on guitar and Juan Nieves on bass, and a fantastic percussion section with Raul Maldonado on drums and José Willie Gracia on congas and bongo, Near eastern and American music into a unified, cohesive, holistic form.

Music virtuoso John Jorgenson, known for his blistering guitar licks and mastery of a broad musical palette, has earned a reputation as a world-class musician and guitarist who has collaborated with the likes of Elton John, Luciano Pavarotti, Bonnie Raitt and Bob Dylan.

Currently touring as the John Jorgenson Quintet (3:15pm Sat.), Jorgenson creates a unique musical experience that equally enthralls the most discerning and the casual music fan. The group’s style has been called “gypsy jazz” after the dynamic string-driven swing created by Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli in 1930s Paris.

Versatile and talented, Chris Nieves weaves easily his Puerto Rican roots with Christian’s extraordinary cuatro playing feels perfectly at home with Monika’s multidimensional and exceptional voice.

Based in Quebec, Le Vent du Nord (The Wind of the North) (7:15pm Sat.) is a four-member group specializing in the traditional French-Canadian folk that locals refer to as Quebecois music. The accordion, the violin, the mandolin, and the hurdy-gurdy (an instrument that goes back to medieval times) are prominent ingredients of their sound, which draws on influences ranging from French medieval music to British folk to the Celtic music of Ireland, Scotland, and Brittany. The Celtic influence in Le Vent du Nord’s work is quite strong -- they have no problem playing jigs and reels -- but unlike traditional Celtic artists from Ireland and Scotland, they sing in French.

All four members of the group contribute to the vocals, and all four of them play instruments in addition to singing.

Sunday’s musical assortment is true to our Americana intent and is as varied as any group of bands that we’ve ever presented: The Fat Babies (11:30am Sun.) are a seven piece jazz band based in Chicago interpreting classic styles of the 1920s and 30s. This will be a terrific way to start Sunday’s musical fare and we’ve given them 75 minutes to make their trip up to Madison worthwhile.

Eccentric indie rock band Maps & Atlases (1:30pm Sun.) features Erin Elders (guitar), Shiraz Dada (bass), Chris Hainey (drums), and Dave Davison (guitar/vocals). The foursome initially met at a Chicago art school in 2004, combining their individual interests in art, literature, film, and music for an enigmatic post-rock-inspired sound. Should be a great set. Can’t wait to see what these guys crank out.

At just 30 years old, Jarekus Singleton (3:30pm Sun.) is a musical trailblazer with a bold vision for the future of the blues. Springing from the same Mississippi soil as Charley Patton, Muddy Waters and B.B. King, Singleton’s
cutting-edge sound—equally rooted in rap, rock and blues traditions—is all his own. He mels hip-hop wordplay, rock energy and R&B grooves with contemporary and traditional blues, turning audiences of all ages into devoted fans. With his untamed guitar licks and strong, soulful voice effortlessly moving from ferocious and funky to slow and steamy to smoking hot, Singleton is a fresh, electrifying bluesman bursting at the seams with talent. He began combining his rap wordsmithing with the music of his Mississippi heritage, creating a thoroughly modern, masterfully updated take on the blues.

Birds of Chicago (5:15 pm Sun.), “This year’s biggest roots surprise” says L.A. Times, is a collective built around husband and wife duo JT Nero (Chicago, IL) and Allison Russell (Montreal, QC). Their brand of rock and roll poetry can be a little hard to categorize, for people that insist on categorizing... their voices are undoubtedly the centerpiece - Nero’s fractured country soul croon is wrapped in Russell’s silver and gold tones for a harmony blend that is like nothing else in music today. Fueled by the band it’s a full tilt revival - streamlined poems, deep grooves, sharp hooks and joyful singing straight from the gut.

When The Bottle Rockets (7:15 pm Sun.) hit the scene in the mid ‘90s, the world wasn’t quite sure what to do with them. With their punk-rock pedigrees and arena-rock energy, their tougher-than-Springsteen storytelling and their romantic hearts sewn bare on their denim sleeves, the pride of Festus, MO confounded musical generalities as they laid waste to clubs across the Midwest and then, soon enough, the nation. The Bottle Rockets were fearlessly -- and quite loudly -- playing rootsy weepers alongside howling rave ups. The band, their sound, and their message goes beyond a time or a place or a fad. The Bottle Rockets are true folk music, albeit it with beards, biker wallets and a lot more muscle.

Lots of other fun stuff, of course, is happening over the course of the weekend:
The Dandelion Dash once again kicks off the Marquette Waterfront Festival on Saturday, June 7. The 5K neighborhood run starts at Yahara Park at 8:30 am. Runners wanting to be timed may register at the park starting at 7:15 am. There is no cost to participate, but a $5 donation to MNA is encouraged. The Kids 100 Yard Dash will be held at 9:15 am. All dash runners receive a prize! For more information visit facebook.com/dandeliondash.

The River Alliance is planning their now annual canoe parade dubbed “The Fools Flotilla” that will slink down the Yahara River. It is always great fun and last year involved at least 50 decorated craft and even the intrepid Forward
Marching Band wedged into a pontoon boat. The canoe parade has really caught on and has become a much-anticipated, spectacular addition to our water-themed festival. Participants should meet at 9:30am at the Tenney boat launch and boats will head down the river at 10:30am. Contact Helen Sarakinos (hsarakinos@wisconsin-rivers.org) of the River Alliance for more details.

Sunday’s “serious” recreational activity is the Yahara River canoe race at Noon. Long-time race official John Haugen-Wente (241-0619) welcomes all boating configurations (adult/child, all-women, all-men, soloists, and kayakers and whatever), sorts them out, handicaps the obvious ringers and makes sure that every survivor goes home with a “valuable” prize. The prized “Orly” Paddle has been returned and will once again be the absolute ultimate grand prize.

The perpetually ingenious Dorla Mayer has come out of faux retirement and is designing her 26th colorful T-shirt that will be printed at her Screen Door shop on Williamson Street. You will find Waterfront hats and miscellaneous commemorabilia (made that word up last year and am sticking with it). Wildwood Productions should be thanked for coordinating the merchandise creation every year from the beginning.

The Crystal Corner staff and willing volunteers, a well-oiled machine to begin with, are at the top of their game after all these years of whip-cracking by Crystal manager John Durand. John promises to keep two beer gardens well stocked with a wide array of refreshing beverages. We are happy to announce that the Fisher King Winery based in Mt. Horeb will be the exclusive vintner once again this year. They create an award-winning selection of wines using only Wisconsin-sourced grapes.

The Wil-Mar Center crew as accustomed will be grilling up some of the finest brats this side of Sheboygan. They will once again be vending a great variety of piping hot slices from Glass Nickel Pizza. MNA per usual will be putting together an all-ages crew of eager recruits to staff the soft drink and water booth at its usual lakeside location.

As expected neighborhood restaurateurs and specialists Lao Laan-Xang, Plaka Taverna, Jamerica, Nutcracker Sweet, and Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream will be cranking out their specialties. And last year’s new addition, the Banzo cart, will return serving up the best falafel and kebabs in town. El Dorado Grill did a great job at the Central Park Sessions and will be serving Southwestern fare to add a nice variety to the Waterfront culinary selection.

You can be assured that there will be plenty of kids’ games (Noon to 3:00pm or later) run by the neighborhood Boy Scout Troop 34. Hay rides will be offered on an affordable cash basis by Cornerstone Carriages from 1:30pm-3:30pm on both days. Face painters, caricature artists, henna tattooists and a booth of kids’ activities brought in by the Aldo Leopold Nature Center will be at the park as well. There will also be a plethora of artists, product vendors and information tables lining the street-side edge of the park for your browsing pleasure.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to these generous sponsors who make this event possible.


Yahara Place Park is nestled on the northern shore of Lake Monona where it meets the Yahara River just a couple of blocks from Williamson Street, Schenk’s Corner, and the O’Keeffe/Marquette school complex. This is a very supportive residential area but, please bus, walk or bike to the event if possible. There will be bike racks and a bike livery provided by the Bike Federation. We are very dependent on beverage sales to keep this event free. So please no carry-ins other than water. The event is handicapped-accessible and free to the general public. Also we would like you to please leave your pets at home. For more information or to volunteer or to become a sponsor call 241-7143.

— Bob Queen
The Central Park Sessions were so enjoyable last year that the Greater Williamson Area Business Association (GWABA) has decided to expand the concert series to five sessions. Complicating this planned expansion is the construction of the much anticipated skate park at the eastern reaches of the park. This project is underway and on schedule to be completed by the end of August. All activities at the park have been forbidden during the work week thus forcing GWABA to improvise a schedule around this restriction.

There will be three sessions on Thursday nights, as was experienced last year, from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm. The first of these will be the Silk Road Session held on July 30 at Olbrich Park. The Southern Fried Session and the City of Angels Session will be held September 3 and 10, back at Central Park.

Because of the availability of Central Park on the weekends we will have El Gran Sabado (The Big Saturday) Session on Saturday, August 8, and that will feature a whole day of great Latin music. The second weekend Session will be held on August 16 and is the Bamako/Blues Session and feature great Malian blues, Chicago blues and some of our homegrown blues artists. Africa Fest will partner with the sessions and occupy the park and share equipment on Saturday, August 15, to create a very special weekend.

Here is the almost completely confirmed session schedule. There will be more about the performers in the next Gazette:

**THE SILK ROAD SESSION**
JULY 30: AT OLBRICH PARK
5:00 pm - Caravan Gypsy Swing Ensemble
6:30 pm - Dengue Fever
8:30 pm - Hanggai (Inner Mongolia)

**EL GRAN SABADO (THE BIG SATURDAY) SESSION**
AUGUST 8: 2:00 PM - 10:00 PM
2:00 pm - Grupo Candela
3:30 pm - Son Contrabando
5:00 pm - Madisalsa
6:30 pm - Los Cojelitos (Mexico) TBC
7:50 pm - The Handphibians (offstage)
8:30 pm - Flavia Coelho (Brazil/Paris)

**THE BAMAKO/BLUES SESSION**
AUGUST 15-16: 1:00 PM – 10:00 PM
1:00 pm - Tani Diakite and Andy Ewen
2:30 pm - The Joel Paterson Trio with Jim Liban
4:15 pm - The Jimmys
6:15 pm - Lurrie Bell’s Chicago Blues Band
8:30 pm - Bassekou Kouyate and Ngoni Ba Band (Mali)

**THE SOUTHERN FRIED SESSION**
SEPTEMBER 3
5:00 pm - Evan Murdock and the Imperfect Strangers
6:30 pm - Robbie Fulks
8:30 pm - An Evening with the Royal Southern Brotherhood

**THE LOS ANGELES SESSION**
SEPTEMBER 10
5:00 pm - The Rousers
6:30 pm - Eric Lindell
8:30 pm - La Santa Cecilia
Donations of flower and veggie plant starts, houseplants, garden tools and equipment in good working order, garden ornaments, and all things garden, will be gratefully accepted, from 7:00 am til 9:00 am on May 2 at the park, or call Sandy Jacobsen at 256-1835 to make other arrangements.

To schedule events, contact Sandy Jacobsen at jacobssandy@yahoo.com

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Proceeds from the sale benefit the Willy Street Park Society, a non-profit, all-volunteer organization.

As always, our sincere thanks to our many neighbors and the local businesses that have supported and continue to support the Willy Street Park.
Dane County is repeatedly ranked as one of the best places to live in America - with practically limitless opportunity. However, not all of our residents have access to all our community has to offer. My top priority as County Executive is to work with our entire community to ensure that every single resident has access to opportunity which is why I recently launched my Access to Opportunity initiative.

We know the most reliable vehicle out of poverty and toward upward mobility is accessing and maintaining family sustaining employment. All of my efforts will support our residents in accomplishing that goal by addressing barriers that they may face along the way.

Some of the most urgent challenges include: access to a valid driver’s license, successful reentry to the community after incarceration, employment training and placement, and mental health services. My Access to Opportunity initiative will work with the community, businesses, and other levels of government, including the state, to tackle some of these challenges in a practical way.

We are embarking on challenging, yet exciting, work in our efforts to make Dane County a better place to work, play and live for all its residents. I am optimistic that Access for Opportunity will take a large step forward towards addressing some of the longstanding issues of inequity and racial disparities we face in this community. We no longer have the luxury of discussing the problems without taking bold and meaningful action steps towards addressing them. That’s what my plan attempts to do.

For more details on this initiative go to: https://opportunity.countyofdane.com/.

To access Public Office Report, please visit www.thecrystalcornerbar.com.
Willy Street Grocery Co-op
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Madison, WI 53703

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Website: www.willystreet.coop

Store Hours: 7:30 am to 9:30 pm, every day
Deli Hours: 8 am to 9 pm, every day

Mission Statement: The Williamson Street Grocery Co-op is an economically and environmentally sustainable, cooperatively owned grocery business that serves the needs of its owners and employees. We are a cornerstone of a vibrant community in south-central Wisconsin that provides fairly priced goods and services while supporting local and organic suppliers.

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WHAT’S NEW AT WILLY STREET CO-OP?

HELP GUIDE WILLY STREET CO-OP – RUN FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Please consider running for the Willy Street Co-op Board of Directors! The Board guides the Co-op by determining its strategic direction, setting goals and evaluating success in achieving those goals. Creating a production kitchen, opening Willy West in Middleton, and remodeling Willy East all started as Board goals and have produced real successes. Three seats are open this year, and the Co-op is searching for engaged community members who can help chart its future.

Board candidate applications with detailed information are available at our Customer Service desk at either store, and on our website (www.willystreet.coop). Applications are due by 9:00 pm on June 1, 2015. (Please note that the date is earlier than in the past due to an earlier voting period.)

RECENT COMMUNITY DONATIONS
We were pleased to be able to donate to a number of local nonprofits in the last few months; here are a few of them:
- Chrysalis
- Wisconsin Land and Water
- Emerson Elementary School

ANNUAL MEETING & PARTY
Save the date for this year’s Annual Meeting & Party! It’s on Thursday, July 9, at Central Park. We’ll have 5,000 meal tickets for owners again, and they’ll be available by June 15. We’ll also have live music, kids’ activities, free samples, our business meeting, and more. If you’re not an owner, you can become one today for $10/year for seven years. We also have a lower-priced ownership option for those who are eligible for certain federal assistance programs; see willystreet.coop for more information.

FRIENDS NEEDED
Assist with a craft project, serve a meal or just engage in conversation with the young at heart whose health is frail. Or be an escort on van trips into the community.

Weekdays from 8 a.m to 4:30 p.m. Come help make someone’s life happier and emotionally healthier.

To view “A Life Transformed” and “The Best Day” go to www.stmarysmadison.com and click on “Patient Stories”.

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Adult Day Health Center
2440 Atwood Ave • Madison, WI 53704
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