Oh, look, it’s November! How did this happen? When did fall arrive, and where did summer go?! Here on the eastside of Madison, we stretch the naturally fleeting summer better than anywhere else. The cookouts, the patios and terraces outside of local eateries, the daytrips hiking and the long weekends camping, and of course, the local festivals, all celebrate the days when we come together to bask in the long, hot summer days.

But once the brisk breeze arrives and the days become

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CALL FOR ARTISTS: MARQUETTE-ATWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ART WALK

We are excited to open up applications for the 2016 Neighborhood Art Walk. In this very popular annual neighborhood event artists open up their homes and studios for one day to share their artistic talents and creative spaces with neighbors, friends, and art lovers. The 2016 Walk will take place on Sunday, May 1, and will run from 11:00am-5:00pm.

Artists must live or have a studio in the Marquette/Williamson/Atwood neighborhoods to apply. Please no businesses or art galleries.

To apply send an email to Jenny Blasen (jblasen@hotmail.com) or Gloria VanDixhorn (gkvandix@wisc.edu).

Please include:
• Name, address (with zip code), and email address.
• Your medium
• Two pictures of your work in high-quality square JPEGs measuring at least 1500 pixels x 1500 pixels.
• Your website or Facebook page
• Individual artist fees are $30. Multiple artists at one location are allowed, but individual artist fees are applicable.

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Independent businesses, like our restaurants, bars, and coffee shops, help give our community its distinct personality that we all love so much. Willy Street has had new restaurants and shops open this year, such as Gibs Bar and Hazel General Store, adding to the eclectic nature of the street. Many of the owners of these businesses live in the neighborhood, and their employees do as well. By helping the businesses thrive, you are also supporting your neighbors! So dine out locally and when you are there, buy a gift certificate or a gift card as a gift for family or friends. It’s just another way to support the business.

We live in one of the best neighborhoods in the city. Take the time to enjoy the neighborhood this holiday season along with your family and friends.

Our local non-profits contribute significantly to the quality of our community and can use all the help they can get this giving season. Consider a monetary gift or volunteer some time. MNA recognizes that our committed and motivated neighborhood non-profits accomplish an enormous amount of important work in our community. That’s why we support these efforts by donating each year to see their good work continues. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated and you’ll feel great for helping out.

With the holidays just around the corner, please consider supporting small and local businesses. It’s a great way to support to our neighborhood’s vitality and keep it thriving!

Wishing everyone in the neighborhood a wonderful Holiday season,

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shorter, we have to admit that fall has come and it’s time to settle in. And we know how to do that quite well, too. Football games (and baseball championships), the gorgeous autumn colors, the harvest from the gardens and local markets all give plenty of comfort to our first few months spent cozy and warm indoors! For the past few months, we had gone non-stop in order to soak up all the sun and summer had to offer. These next few months are calmer; more precise. We allow ourselves the time to truly relax and savor all of the good that has come from our hard work.

Speaking of savoring and of hard work...the Wil-Mar Holiday Pie Sale is just around the corner! We task our volunteer corps, lovingly nicknamed the “Batter Babes” and “Baker Babes”, with no small feat: to create, from scratch, more than 1,000 pies for our families, friends, and neighbors. Like all of our fundraisers, it gives us a chance to share a little part of the meaningful moments of your lives. We hope you’ll think of our homemade pies in time for your Thanksgiving. Whether you celebrate with friends or family on this day, there is always room for a little pie...and a slice after that, too! Enjoy the divine, moist sugar crunch of the Sweet Potato Pecan Pie, or the flaky, tart and buttery Sour Cream Apple. They are baked in a kitchen filled with love and laughter, and we know that if this is your first year ordering, or your twentieth, our pies will be truly deserving of a place at your table this fall!

To order, give us a call at (608) 257-4576. Pick-up and delivery are available the Monday-Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

— Gary Kallas
Wil-Mar Director
For safety reasons, we need to keep driveways and sidewalks clear of ice and snow. However, choosing the right product and using it correctly is important to help protect our water resources.

1. Shovel early, shovel often. Deicers work best when there is only a thin layer of snow or ice that must be melted.

2. Buy early. Otherwise you will be looking at empty shelves, and have few, if any, environmental choices to make at the store during the storm.

5. Avoid kitty litter and ashes. Although these products may seem environmentally friendlier, they don’t work to melt snow and ice—they merely provide some traction. If you’re looking for traction, stick with sand, which is cheaper and easier to sweep up.

6. Avoid Products that Contain Urea. Urea has been recommended as a safer alternative, reasoning that it does not contain chlorides and, as a form of nitrogen, will help fertilize your yard when it washes off. However, urea-based products are a poor choice as it is fairly expensive and performs poorly when temperatures drop below 20 degrees F. The application rate for urea during a single deicing is ten times greater than that needed to fertilize the same area of your yard, and ultimately, very little of the urea will actually get onto your lawn, but will end up washing into the street and storm drain.

7. Consider nearby vegetation. Salt-sensitive plants are listed in the table below. If you have salt-sensitive tree, shrub or grass close to these paved surfaces, you should avoid any de-icing product that contains chlorides (magnesium chloride, rock salt or calcium chloride), or use very small amounts. You may want to use CMA as a safer alternative, or use sand for traction.

Adapted from Snow, Road Salt and the Chesapeake Bay, by Tom Schueler, Center for Watershed Protection

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<th>On the label:</th>
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<td>Calcium Chloride</td>
<td>-25 degrees F</td>
<td>3 times more than rock salt</td>
<td>Uses lower doses, No Cyanide Chloride impact</td>
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<tr>
<td>Magnesium Chloride</td>
<td>5 degrees F</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>Less toxic and safer for environment than calcium chloride</td>
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<td>NaCl: Sodium Chloride or “rock salt”</td>
<td>15 degrees F</td>
<td>about 5 bucks for a 50 pound bag</td>
<td>Contains cyanide Chloride impacts</td>
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<td>Urea</td>
<td>20 to 25 degrees F</td>
<td>5 times more than rock salt</td>
<td>Needless nutrients, Less Corrosion</td>
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<td>Calcium Magnesium Acetate (CMA)</td>
<td>22 to 25 degrees F</td>
<td>20 times more than rock salt</td>
<td>Less toxic</td>
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<td>Sand</td>
<td>No melting effect</td>
<td>about 3 buck for a 50 lb bag</td>
<td>Accumulates in streets and streams; needs to be swept up</td>
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3. Check the label. The table above shows how the main ingredients of common de-icing products compare. Often a product may contain several of the ingredients listed below, but the first one listed is usually the main ingredient.

4. Apply salt early, but sparingly. The recommended application rate for sodium chloride is about a handful per square yard. Calcium chloride works at much colder temperatures and you need a lot less (about a handful per three square yards—about the area of a single bed). Choose calcium chloride over sodium chloride when you can.
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The winter holidays are a time for celebration, and that means more cooking, home decorating, entertaining, and an increased risk of fire due to heating equipment. Fires occurring during the holidays injure 2,600 individuals and cause over $930 million in damage each year. Please take a moment to include fire safety in your holiday planning and preparation.

COOKING
Cooking is a leading cause of holiday fires. Here are some tips to make your holiday safer:
- Do not leave food unattended on the stove.
- Always wear short sleeves or tight-fitting sleeves when you cook.
- Keep towels, potholders, and any items that could burn away from the stove top and hot appliances.
- If deep-frying a turkey, do it outside away from any combustible materials and BE CAREFUL!

HOLIDAY DECORATING
Here are some things to remember when decorating your home or business.

HOLIDAY TREES
- If using an artificial tree, be sure it’s flame-resistant.
- If you are buying a real tree, cut it yourself or choose a tree that’s not shedding its needles.
- Use a sturdy tree stand that holds at least one gallon of water.
- Place the tree away from fireplaces, exits and heat sources.
- Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.

- Remove the tree promptly if it becomes dry.
- Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood burning stove.
- Dispose of the tree safely and according to your community’s disposal instructions.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS & DECORATIONS
- Use the proper ladder and follow manufacturer’s safety instructions.
- All holiday lights and cords should bear the label of an independent testing laboratory (Underwriters Laboratory, Factory Mutual, etc.)
- Throw away any lights, decorations or cords that have frayed wires, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets or excessive kinking or wear.
- Do not overload electrical outlets or cords.
- Do not run cords under rugs.
- Do not leave holiday lights on when you are not home.
- Be sure the lights used to decorate the outside of your home are approved for outdoor use.
- All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heat sources.
- Never put wrapping paper in a fireplace.

CANDLES
- Avoid using real candles. Consider the safety of flameless, LED candles available at many stores.
- If using real candles, make sure they are in stable candleholders.
- Keep candles away from curtains, decorations and other items that burn.
- Extinguish candles before you leave a room or go to bed.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS
- When shopping for holiday gifts, look for products that carry the label of an independent testing laboratory (Underwriters Laboratory, Factory Mutual, etc.).
- Have heating equipment inspected each year.
- Fireplaces and chimneys need to be cleaned and inspected at least once each year.
- Provide at least three feet of clearance around fireplaces, stoves and space heaters.
- Have smoke alarms installed on every level of your home, in each bedroom, and outside the bedroom door.
- Test your smoke alarms once a month.
- Make a home escape plan and practice it with everyone in your home.

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As the Legislature gets underway for the fall session, it is clear that Republican policy makers have set their sights on both shutting off vital biomedical research under the guise of limiting abortions, but also making it more difficult for Wisconsin women to access birth control, and cervical and breast cancer screenings.

Assembly Bill 310 seeks to take federal funding away from the current women's health providers that currently serve 50,000 Wisconsinites. These federal funds cannot be used for abortions, but to provide life-saving health care to women, and access to needed birth control most women rely on. The remaining health centers that could receive these funds often do not have the infrastructure or staff to actually provide these services.

Assembly Bill 311 will slash Medicaid reimbursement rates for birth control provided by the 51 women's health centers across the state, including county health departments, treating these public health providers differently than any other medical provider. These small, non-profit family planning providers, mainly in rural communities, do not provide abortion services, but birth control, cervical and breast cancer screenings and testing and treatment for STDs. The fiscal impact of this bill on city and county health departments is a devastating cut of $788,000 annually.

Five women's health care centers have already had to shut down because of the Republicans taking away family planning funds from Planned Parenthood. Contrary to their promise of other health care providers stepping in to fill this void, no other provider has.

You would think that politicians opposing abortion would do everything in their power to make sure women in need had access to birth control. But this effort is really about a quieter campaign to limit women's access to birth control, and ultimately control the most personal, private health decisions that women and families have to make. The result is that Wisconsin women lose once again.
In his Biennial State Budget Governor Walker proposed privatizing our local Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). At Dane County we found this unacceptable. Our local ADRC is a one-stop-shop that connects seniors and the disabled with critical services available to them through various federal, state and community resources. In 2014 alone, the Dane County ADRC had 23,897 consumer contacts helping thousands of Dane County’s disabled and elderly.

Counties and tribes currently operate Wisconsin’s ADRCs. Governor Walker’s budget directed the Department of Health Services to contract with a private provider threatening the current successful locally focused “one-stop-shop” model. The bill also would have eliminated ADRC governing boards and Long-Term Care Advisory Committees which currently provide citizens and local officials direct involvement in ADRC oversight and planning.

The ADRCs are one example of government working well. They help people get the resources they need and navigate through bureaucratic red tape.

The Dane County employees who work at the ADRC pride themselves on giving exceptional service. When you call the ADRC to get help with your Medicare, Social Security Benefits, or long term care, the same person who picks up the phone helps you throughout the process. Our ADRC staff is excellent at their jobs and they love what they do.

After months of work, I am proud to tell you we fought this budget proposal and we won. Our local one-stop-shop will continue to make those critical connections to services. As Dane County Executive, I will continue to work and support our ADRC.

Our commitment to our seniors does not end there. We have many other important services for seniors in Dane County. For example, I created a new Elder Benefits Specialist position to ensure our seniors have timely access to services and information through the ADRC.

Since last year, our Elder Benefits Program has seen a marked increase in the number of seniors needing services and this position will help meet that growing need. In addition, I provided $15,000 for the Outreach LGBT Community Center to expand its services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender elders in our county. The county partners with the federal government and private donations to provide $1,466,086 to ensure our seniors continue to receive warm meals, served with smiling faces.

Dane County has many things to offer our citizens. We have 26 county supported senior centers. We enjoy an incredible quality of life including world-class bike paths, beautiful lakes, and scenic county parks. In fact, our quality of life is so wonderful we are continually nationally recognized as a great place to retire, to raise a family, and one of the safest places in the country.

I am very happy to be able to deliver such good news but we could not have done it without you. Thank you to all of you who came out to the hearings, registered your concerns, and/or called your legislators. Your work and efforts made a difference. We must continue our vigilance and ensure that our seniors’ golden years are enjoyed and their services remain protected.
Gaming for Green with Cool Choices
Madison Mayor Paul Soglin

Green Madison, a citywide effort to reduce energy consumption and win the $5 million Georgetown University Energy Prize, launched a new city-wide game-based approach to reducing energy use this fall. Hundreds of City of Madison employees played earlier this summer and really became engaged in the effort and the competition and had fun!

Madison residents—including employees from more than 40 diverse Madison businesses and organizations, such as UW Health, American Family Insurance, MG&E, TDS Telecom, and the Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce, are taking part in Cool Choices, an online sustainability game that encourages sustainable behaviors like turning off the lights when leaving a room or biking instead of driving. The game platform also calculates carbon and energy savings as players log their sustainable actions on a daily basis.

It is exciting that Green Madison has mobilized so many residents and area businesses to come together to reduce energy usage in Madison. The City is taking innovative approaches to being more green and cutting costs for government, local businesses, and residents all over Madison. Everyone’s efforts in the city-wide Cool Choices game count toward Madison’s entry in the Georgetown University Energy competition.

This game-based-impact approach inspires and unites every Madisonian around sustainability. Cool Choices has demonstrated results, and will let residents and employees from businesses large and small communicate with each other on how to improve our city.

The “social stream” within the game platform will also promote awareness of additional Green Madison initiatives designed to help Madison residents save money. For example, via Green Madison, residents can host energy house parties to receive a free energy assessment, recommendations for practical improvements, and follow-up assistance applying for rebates on energy efficiency improvements. Green Madison is also serving as a streamlined point-of-contact to help multifamily building owners with rebate programs, free energy assessments, contractor selection, and quality assurance in partnership with Project Home and Focus on Energy. All of these initiatives help the City of Madison save money, reduce energy use, and compete to claim the $5 million Georgetown University Energy Prize.

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EXTENDING THE SEASON FOR LOCAL FOOD

We’ve recently worked out deals with local farms to buy hundreds of pounds of tomatoes, broccoli and peaches. We’re working with Innovation Kitchens LLC (in Dodgeville) and FEED Kitchens in Madison to lightly process these products, and we’ll offer frozen broccoli, canned tomatoes (in glass jars) and peach pies this fall and winter. We are so excited by the opportunities here, and hope to work with more local organic farmers to offer local food after the Wisconsin growing season has passed.

THANKSGIVING

This year we are offering prepared Thanksgiving foods for pre-order: turkey and gravy, green bean casserole, roasted root vegetables, pies, and more. We’ll have vegan and gluten-free options as well. See willystreet.coop or our Customer Service desk for more information.

RECENT COMMUNITY DONATIONS

In August and September, Willy Street Co-op donated to a great number of local nonprofits. Below are a few of them. If you know of a nonprofit group that is looking for a donation, please ask them to fill out our Donation Request Form at willystreet.coop/donation-request-form.

- Sustain Dane
- Black and Latino Unity Picnic
- Madison Public Library – Meadowridge & Hawthorne branches
- Club TNT
- Love to Ride Madison
- Georgia O’Keeffe Middle School
- Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice
- Avenues to Community, Inc
- Alliance for Animals and the Environment
- Porchlight, Inc.
- Clean Wisconsin
- Aldo Leopold Nature Center
- Wisconsin Wetlands Association
- Dane County Humane Society
- REAP Food Group
- Wisconsin Council of the Blind & Visually Impaired
- Project Home
- GSAFE

In this photo is Mike from Crossroads Community Farm (on the right) and Ray Gunther from Wisconsin Innovation Kitchens (on the left).

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