Thirty-nine years and still hip, fun and full of life! Madison's most beloved and largest street fair returns this September to show the cool kids how it’s done!

The Willy St. Fair celebrates community strength and vitality over two days of festivities! Beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon on the 900 block of Willy St., guests will have a chance to enjoy Folk, World and Electronic beats as they peruse the best selection of local food, beverages, apparel, and arts and crafts. Don’t miss day two of the Memorial Union Theater’s World Music Festival on the Plan B lot!

World-class performers Femina (Argentina) get the crowd going at 2:30 p.m. At 4:45 p.m. the trio of sisters in A-Wa (Israel/Yemen) will act as sirens to the crowd, mesmerizing all who hear their harmonies. At 7:00 p.m., the breathtaking women from local dance troupe Ótimo Dance will lead a spirited Samba No Pe set to get the crowd on its feet! Closing out the night are the widely-acclaimed Villalobos Brothers, (Mexico), whose classical guitars and vocals will lift guests to a land far, far away from Madison!

After you’ve had time to rest and repair overnight, venture back out for the expanded street fair: five vibrant stages featuring up-and-coming acts, folk, cross-cultural performances, and kids music, plus hundreds of arts and craft and food vendors, along three blocks of Willy Street. We’ll kick it off with the Annual Willy St. Parade at 11:00 a.m.!

The 2016 Willy Street Fair will be held Saturday, Sept. 17, 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 18, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The infamous Willy Street Parade kicks off at 11:00 a.m. Sunday.
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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BLAIR STREET GARDENS TO HOST RIBBON-CUTTING AT NEW URBAN PARK

To celebrate the transformation of The Gateway Garden, a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held on Wednesday, September 28 at 3:00 p.m.; all are invited. Come meet the designers, contractors, donors and volunteers who made this transformation to an urban park possible. Once a traditional garden, the area now offers raised beds planted with native perennials, retaining walls, a patio and seating areas. BSG’s website – www.blairstreetgardens.org – contains photos of the transformation. The Garden is located on Williamson Street, at the intersection with John Nolen Drive.

The Gateway Garden is one of three gardens in the downtown area that Blair Street Gardens has been maintaining for 31 years. In addition to the gardens on Willy Street in front of the Gateway Mall, the Blair Street Gardens consist of gardens 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.

Hope to see you on September 28 at 3:00 p.m.

The Gazette is also online at www.cwd.org
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- to preserve and improve older housing stock while preserving the community's socioeconomic diversity
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Please consider giving to Common Wealth Development through your employer’s workplace giving campaign.

There are two ways that you can support Common Wealth Development through Community Shares. First, consider designating your gift to Common Wealth Development, and we will receive 100% of your contribution. (No part of your gift will be held back for administrative purposes!) Or, direct your gift to Community Shares and support Common Wealth Development along with many other worthy nonprofits. Both types of gifts are needed and appreciated.

To learn more about Community Shares of Wisconsin’s workplace giving program, please visit www.communityshares.com or call (608) 256-1066.

Thank you for your support of Common Wealth Development and Community Shares of Wisconsin!

$1000 TOP GRAND PRIZE AT THE 2016 WSF RAFFLE

For the 24th consecutive year, Common Wealth and Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center are joining forces to raise funds for our Youth Programming through the Willy Street Fair Raffle. Madison’s biggest and best street fair takes place on the weekend of September 17 and 18, 2016.

Local businesses have already donated over 125 raffle prizes, with the Top Grand Prize of $1000 Cash coming from Applied Tech Solutions. In addition to eight other Grand Prizes, there are chances to win gift certificates, prize baskets, merchandise, event tickets, and experiences around Madison; every winner will have something to smile about.

Tickets are available for purchase at Common Wealth (1501 Williamson Street) and the Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center (953 Jenifer Street). They will also be available at the Willy Street Fair. Cost is 1 for $2, 3 for $5, and 10 for $10. The drawing will be Sunday, September 18 @ 6:30 at the Third Lake Market Lot. Ticket holders need not be present to win. Please help support this wonderful cause! 
Once again, MNA gave our Peat-Piper Scholarship awards to two amazing East High students who graduated this year – Lanier Walls and Taya Grahn Galloway. Lanier will be studying Business Administration at UW Stout this fall. Taya is undecided, but excited to continue her education. Both of these impressive students have volunteered with younger kids in a variety ways and are solid role models for the children they’ve influenced. Congratulations Lanier and Taya!

FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 20

The MNA annual meeting is a great opportunity for MNA members to gather and weigh in on neighborhood initiatives, vote on the 2017 MNA budget, and also vote for our 2017 Board members. The meeting is open to all MNA members and we hope interested neighbors who aren’t members will attend and join our neighborhood association for just $5.

Thursday, October 20
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center
6:00 p.m. – Open house, including dinner
7:00 p.m. – Official MNA membership meeting begins

For more information, visit marquette-neighborhood.org or facebook.com/MarquetteNA.
Imagine fifty children creating art in the Willy Street Park—50 kiddos did do that! In June and July, The Art Cart, sponsored by the Madison School District and Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, came, as it has for several years, to the Willy Street Park so that youngsters could express their artistic selves in a peaceful urban space in the neighborhood.

The youngsters’ excitement, their enthusiasm during The Art Cart’s stay reflected what Willy Street Park board members and other community volunteers have felt in the past months in the park:

June was a musical month in the park, too. This was the second year that WSP hosted “Make Music Madison” where the park’s stone stage and curving Dragon bench were useful places for performers and audience. There were 700 cities and 120 countries participating in the “Make Music” Solstice celebration this year. Seven musicians offered lyrics and melodies during the day and helped Madison come in second only to New York City in the number of performances that day.

Keeping the restful and lovely park was a bevy of volunteers in April and May who cleaned up the fall and winter debris. The WSP is a non-profit organization maintained by volunteers. Our heartfelt thanks goes to all volunteers, especially Connie Michael, formerly of Madison now residing in Janesville, who returned to help during the entire season to maintain the park and assist with other WSP activities.

Volunteers are always welcome and needed. If interested in volunteering at the park, please contact Sandy Jacobsen @ 256-1835.

Erika Koivunen and Aaron Howard’s art work was donated in May to WSP through the efforts of Lynn Lee: a six foot sculpture wrought from rescued metal of flowers crusted orange during all the seasons.

The Annual Spring Plant Sale in April was a HUGE success. So many people braved the cold and rainy spring weather and purchased plants that the Willy Street Park board was overwhelmed with gratitude: Thank you to all who bought green and flowering plants, seedlings, herbs, and little treasures for homes.

At the Annual Meeting of the Willy Street Park in February a new board member was welcomed – Lynn Lee, who is also president of the Marquette Neighborhood Association.

Looking forward to the Willy Street Fair in September – please stop at the park and buy bulbs for planting in September so that they perk up your yards and terraces after the Madison winter!
the intersection of Paterson and Williamson Street to march with whimsy and wonder through the local hood. Due to construction, the parade will travel from Paterson Street to E. Main Street, and back up Brearly Street this year, skipping Spaight Street.

The Willy St. Fair is a joint fundraiser for the Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center and Common Wealth Development. Please support this year for another 39 years-purchase raffle tickets with hundreds of prizes during the weekend!
WILLY STREET FAIR

Music Schedule

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
2:00 PM TO 9:00 PM
900/1000 BLOCK OF WILLIAMSON STREET

MAIN STAGE
Wisconsin Union Theater presents:
2:30 Femina (Argentina)
4:45 A-Wa, (Israel/Yemen)
7:00 Otimo Dance, performing with Drum Power students and lead by Yorel Lashley and Tom Ross, (Brazil/Madison)
7:30 The Villalobos Brothers (Mexico)

FOLK STAGE **
Madison Sourdough presents:
2:00 TBA
3:00 TBA
5:00 TBA
and produced by Madison Folk Music Society

WILLY BEATS
MadCat Pet Supply presents:
4:00 Mike Carlson
4:45 Golden Donna
5:30 Savile & Steve Mizek
7:00 Jason Kendig (Honey Soundsystem)
8:00 Mike Servito

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
11:00 AM TO 7:00 PM
800, 900 & 1000 BLOCKS OF WILLIAMSON STREET

MAIN STAGE
1:00 Drew Landry (Louisiana)
2:30 Natty Nation
4:00 Primitive Culture
5:30 The Jimmys

FOLK STAGE **
Madison Sourdough presents:
12:15 TBA
2:00 TBA
3:30 TBA
5:00 TBA
and produced by Madison Folk Music Society

CULTURE STAGE
Noon Yid Vicious
1:30 Lulu Quintet
2:45 Sadira and Riad Women’s Dance
3:30 TBA
4:30 Atinevu Drum and Dance
5:55 Charanga Agoza

KID’S STAGE
Noon Black Star Drumline
1:30 Unicyclists
2:15 Eastside Youth Performers feat. Marq. Elementary Show Choir
3:00 Dave Landau
4:00 Other Brothers Break Dancing
5:00 TBA
6:30 Willy Street Fair Raffle

WORT UNDERGROUND STAGE
Noon Wood Chickens
1:10 Neens
2:20 Lurk Hards
3:30 Me En You
4:40 Control
5:50 The Grovelers (from Milwaukee)

** The folk stage will again be sharing fantastic music with you on both Saturday and Sunday; it will be a folking good time. You will be hearing music from folks who will be making their first WSF appearance, such as Kendra Swanson, and National touring act the Kelley McRae Duo, some longtime local favorites, Bill Camplin with Randy Sabien, Common Cords which is a duo of Tracy Comer and Michael Bryant, Brother Rye plus more! Stop by and see us as we celebrate another year of WSF!
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I am proud to say that Madison has a strong tradition of neighborhood activism, with leaders playing a critical role in shaping the future of our city. I am inviting you to attend the citywide Neighborhood Conference that is scheduled for Saturday, October 8, at Monona Terrace Community & Convention Center.

This year marks the 20th anniversary in which our neighborhood associations, the business community, faith-based and non-profits, and city officials and staff have come together to share information, best practices, and even brainstorm about new ideas to help improve their communities. Madison’s east side has a rich history of community involvement. It is also an area of the City that has seen incredible growth in the past few years. Sharing your successes with peers from around the city is one of the greatest values of the neighborhood conference, as is the opportunity to build relationships with other neighborhood leaders from across the city. This year’s conference will focus on three tracks; Building Community and Neighborhood Organizations, Working with Government, and Community Building in a Changing Madison.

I would like to extend a special thank you to all of you who already volunteer your time to improving your neighborhood and the lives of your neighbors. I am looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming Neighborhood Conference. Let’s plan together how we can make a better community for all. Register at www.cityofmadison.com/neighborhood-conference and ask your neighbors to as well!
Biking is a big part of our quality of life and a way for people to get out and enjoy our lakes and countryside. Just this summer, the League of American Bicyclists has awarded Dane County one of its top awards, recognizing it as one of the top counties for biking. Dane County is one of only seven counties in the entire country to earn this designation.

There are over 645 miles of bike lanes and trails in Dane County. Over the past several years, we have invested millions in new off-road trails and efforts to make on-road biking safer.

Just this spring we started construction of the Lower Yahara River Trail, a waterfront path that has the longest bike and pedestrian bridge of any project in Wisconsin. This trail will connect Lake Farm county park with McFarland and eventually will wind its way down the Yahara river to Stoughton. Planning will soon get under way on the Glacial Drumlin Trail, and a new North Mendota Trail to help provide safer cycling.

A grant program I started in 2011 has awarded $3.2 million in county funds to local municipalities for bike projects. These grants expand bike trail interconnectivity, create destination-oriented regional bike trails, and improve bike safety.

Late last year, we opened the Brigham Trail, a hard surface multiuse trail in the Town of Blue Mounds. The off-road trail is approximately 1.5 miles long and extends from the Military Ridge State Trail to Brigham County Park and also includes a connection to the Cave of the Mounds, a National Natural Landmark.

We are excited to be recognized for our work to strategically grow and connect Dane County bike trails. While you are enjoying the weather this summer check out our parks department website for up-to-date information on bike trails.
I remember where I was when I heard about Sandy Hook, one of the most horrifying occurrences in this country in my lifetime. And I remember the panic I felt thinking of my son, Sam, who was six and sitting in his first grade classroom. I remember lingering at his school for days afterwards when I would drop him off, barely able to let him go. I realized that the issue of guns would be one I would spend the rest of my life working on.

When pretty much anyone can get a military-style assault weapon with ease, including home grown terrorists and individuals with an agenda of hate so severe they kill, the horror of gun violence doesn’t end, even as the public becomes more and more desperate that it does.

And Wisconsinites are desperate that gun violence end and common sense measures be adopted. In a January Marquette poll, 85.3% of Wisconsinites indicated they support universal background checks for gun purchases, with strong support in every corner of our state. And 65% of Wisconsinites want to keep concealed guns off school grounds.

Republican policy makers insist that guns make us safer. If that were the case, the U.S., with the most civilian gun ownership in the world, would be the safest country among industrialized nations. Instead, we are the most deadly by far and a gun owner has a far bigger risk that their gun will accidentally kill someone they love than ever save a life.

Less than a week after Senator Murphy’s filibuster, U.S. Senate Republicans voted against the most common of gun safety measures – restricting individuals on terrorist watch lists from purchasing firearms and enhancing background checks. Congressman Paul Ryan wouldn’t even allow a vote to come to the House floor after a 17 hour sit in by Democrats. These actions prove once and for all just how strong the death grip of the NRA is. When elected officials are more beholden to the NRA than the people they represent, they don’t deserve to be in elected office.

Praying for the devastated families isn’t enough to stop gun violence. It’s not enough when gun violence claims 89 lives every day in our country, including 7 children. It’s not enough when 52 women each month are gunned down by their intimate partners. It’s not enough when there have been 186 school shootings on school campuses since Sandy Hook.

Enough talk. It’s time for action.
On July 11, I held a neighborhood meeting to listen to neighborhood concerns about the officer involved shooting of Michael William Schumacher on Morrison Street July 1. Those in attendance discussed the use of deadly force in situations where individuals struggle with mental health or drug and alcohol challenges, how to insure there is training for officers on how to de-escalate situations and respond in proportion to the threat posed, and how information is conveyed from 911 to MPD. At press time, no details of the DA and Sheriff’s investigation have been released, so there are many unanswered questions about the incident. My condolences go out to the family and friends of Michael Schumacher, to the homeowners and neighbors who will live with the death and the aftermath, and to Officer Hector Rivera.

In June, the Common Council voted to increase funding for a consultant who will evaluate the practices, procedures and policies of the Madison Police Dept. in conjunction with the MPD Policy and Procedure Review Ad Hoc Committee. The vote was preceded by Chief Michael Koval’s strongly worded blog post on the eve of the vote. The blog and the June 8 Council meeting sparked a community wide discussion about the role of the Madison Police Dept., with many stating support of the police and others raising concerns about disparate treatment of African-Americans and other members of the community. After a series of officer involved shootings (four in District 6 since 2012) and the viral video of Genele Laird’s arrest at East Towne mall, the Council has been reminded that in spite of Madison’s long tradition of community policing and many outstanding officers who serve with integrity and compassion, we can and must review MPD’s policies, procedures, practices and culture to make sure MPD protects and serves the entire community.

The Common Council Organization Committee, of which I am a member, created a Subcommittee on Police and Community Relations at their August 2 meeting that will provide a forum for residents and members of the Council to discuss policies and training and provide a deeper understanding for elected officials, MPD and the public of the rights, roles and responsibilities of policing in a democracy. We will receive presentations from MPD staff about training and trends as well as other community experts. I was appointed to the subcommittee and look forward to participating. We will hold monthly meetings that will be publicly noticed. We expect that the committee will propose recommendations that can be implemented in the short term while we await the results of the MPD Policy and Procedure Review Ad Hoc Committee.
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Thank you to all Owners who purchased an Owner Bond – we greatly appreciate your support. We sold $1.5 million in Bonds to help finance the opening of Willy North. Depending on the kind of Bond purchased, it will be paid back with interest in three, five, or seven years. We held similar Bond Drives when we opened our other stores.

RECENT COMMUNITY DONATIONS

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.

Here are a few of the many local nonprofits we donated to in June and July:

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• Wisconsin Land and Water
• Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center
• Interfaith Coalition for Worker Rights
• Keep Wisconsin Warm/Cool Fund an Energy Services, Inc. Initiative
• Wisconsin Friends of John Muir
• Operation Welcome Home
• Aldo Leopold Nature Center
• The Rainbow Project, Inc.
• Community Justice Inc.
• Physicians for Social Responsibility Wisconsin
• Lake View Elementary School
• NESYB (North/East Side Youth Basketball)
• Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

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