For the past 34 years, Common Wealth, the Marquette Neighborhood Association and the Williamson-Marquette Neighborhood Center have partnered together to produce the Williamson-Marquette Gazette, a bi-monthly newspaper for the Williamson-Marquette neighborhood. We are proud to have provided news and connections to our community for so many years. Volunteers and staff have dedicated an extraordinary amount of time to shape and share the Wil-Mar Gazette. Our community is stronger and more vibrant because of this collaborative effort.

With the changing format of news delivery and online networks, our three organizations have come together to evaluate the effectiveness and costs of the Gazette. We have determined that, in order to devote more staff time to emerging projects and offer sustainable, evolving connections within our service areas, this November/December issue of the Wil-Mar Gazette will be the last one. Our three organizations – Common Wealth, Marquette Neighborhood Association and Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center – will continue working together to connect with our community in a variety of ways in the coming years.

Here’s information on how to contact each of our organizations:

**Common Wealth** is pleased to have partnered with the Marquette Neighborhood Association and Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center on the Gazette. If you would like to stay in touch and continue to learn about Common Wealth's programs in affordable housing, business incubation, and youth & adult employment training and placement, please visit our website at www.cwd.org. You can sign up on our website for our e-newsletter which has regular updates on our work. You can also contact Mike Sweitzer-Beckman at 256-3527, ext. 34, or mike@cwd.org, to learn more or be added to our mailing list.

**Marquette Neighborhood Association** will continue to communicate with neighbors through the Marquette Neighborhood Association list serve (to subscribe to the list serve - MarqNA-subscribe@yahoogroups.com), ongoing neighborhood committees, and their Facebook page: facebook.com/MarquetteNA. The MNA eUpdate is sent from the MNA Board once per month and gives a brief update on MNA’s work. Subscribe at www.marquette-neighborhood.org. Neighbors are invited to the MNA Board of Directors monthly meeting held the third Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at the Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center.

**Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center** will offer a new quarterly publication for the eastside community beginning in 2017. This publication will focus on the Wil-Mar programs, community-available classes and workshops, volunteer opportunities, child care, summer camps, resources, events at Wil-Mar, and our
Fall changes the bright blooms in the Willy Street Park and terrace into happy memories of them and a bountiful summer:

Among the memories of this growing season is the wonderful help of volunteers to clean, plant, mow, maintain the Park, and help at the Willy Street Fair. The successful bulb sale at the Willy Street Fair, where feathery tulips were sold, is part of the reflection on this summer. A special grey tee shirt with a “Willy St.” banner on it was designed by WSP board member Lynn Lee and purchased by many at the Fair – the proceeds donated to WSP for its upkeep. Big thanks to Lynn for creating the tee shirts, Dorla Mayer, owner of Screen Door Printing, for printing them, and to all who made the shirts part of their wardrobe and testament to their love of Willy Street and the Willy Street Park.

The WSP will be readied for the cold and snow in October; we will be relying on the weather to cue us for the actual date. Please look at the Willy Street Park Facebook page for an announcement of that day.

We volunteers of the Willy Street Park wish everyone a fall and winter filled with holidays, good cheer, health, and happiness.

**MARQUETTE-ATWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ART WALK CALL FOR ARTISTS**

It is time once again to look forward to spring and our annual neighborhood art walk. This year the walk will be held on Sunday, May 7, 2017.

We invite artists open up their homes and studios for this one day event to share their artistic talents and creative spaces with neighbors, friends, and art lovers.

Individuals must live or work in the Marquette/Williamson/Atwood neighborhoods to apply. Businesses and galleries are better suited for the city-wide Gallery Night.

To apply send an email to Jenny Blasen (jblasen@hotmail.com) or Gloria Van-Dixhorn (gkvandix@wisc.edu) with the following:

- Name, address (with zip code), and email address.
- Medium
- Two pictures of your work in high-quality square JPEGs measuring at least 1500 pixels x 1500 pixels.
- Website or Facebook page.

Individual artist fees are $30. Multiple artists at one location are allowed, but individual artist fees are applicable.

The application deadline is Friday, January 13, 2017.

— Jenny Blasen Pottery

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Common Wealth builds a connected community for all in Dane County through affordable housing, youth and adult job support and training, business incubation, and engagement.

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• to provide job training, placement, financial education and mentoring for disadvantaged teens;
• to promote the creation of new living wage jobs for low-to-moderate income people while improving the local business climate;
• to create affordable housing for people with limited incomes;
• to preserve and improve older housing stock while preserving the community’s socioeconomic diversity; and
• to involve the people living and working in our neighborhoods in community-building activities.

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The MNA Board of Directors would like to thank the hundreds of neighbors who contributed thousands of volunteer hours to protect and enhance our very special neighborhood. Without your dedication, the following 2016 successes could not have been achieved.

- Doubled our MNA scholarship program and gave two very deserving East High students 2-year scholarships.
- Funded important nonprofit work including Restorative Justice programming, the Tennant Resource Center and Safe Harbor.
- Funded and supported treatment to save 33 mature Ash trees along the Yahara parkway corridor and BB Clarke Park.
- Led a significant neighborhood outreach effort to gather our neighbors’ visions for the Jenifer Street Reconstruction Project, and initiated a community discussion of the challenges and opportunities of parking, safety and bus routes for Williamson and Jenifer Streets.
- Worked with the City to implement a poetry in the sidewalk program
- Financially supported the reconstruction of the Gateway Garden of the Blair Gardens.
- Saved two mature trees from being cut down along the Jenifer Street corridor. We received a delay on the cutting down of 12 more trees along Jenifer Street while we work to get the City’s approval for under-grounding the utility wire.
- Held two beloved neighborhood festivals – Waterfront Fest and Orton Park Festival.
- Organized three separate bike path clean-ups to promote safety and visibility along the East Isthmus Path.
- Promoted affordable housing within all new Marquette development projects.

As we look to 2017, we will need the support of neighbors to keep our programs going strong. There are many ways to get involved:

- Become a member at marquette-neighborhood.org
- Join the neighborhood list serve at MarqNA-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
- Join a committee – find a list at marquette-neighborhood.org
- Attend an MNA Board meeting held the third Thursday of every month at Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center
- Like our Facebook page at facebook.com/marquetteNA.

We hope to see you in 2017!
neighborhood festivals. Please direct any questions about how to participate in this new publication to Beatrice Hadidian, the Program/Development Director at Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center.

We wish to thank our readers, our advertisers and local businesses, and staff and volunteers who have supported the Williamson-Marquette Gazette for so many years. A special thanks and appreciation goes to Shelli Lawler and Donna Magdalina for their amazing coordination and production of the Gazette during the past 10 years.

Any questions can be directed to Mike at 256-3527, ext. 34 or Beatrice at 257-4576, ext. 12. We look forward to this exciting new chapter/phase!
Build balance and bone strength in this fun, easy-going class perfect for those with osteopenia, osteoporosis, and anyone wishing to prevent these conditions! Yoga for Osteoporosis is a gently paced class for anyone wishing to strengthen their bones; poses can be done on a chair and there are plenty of modifications available.

Yoga For Osteoporosis instructor, Ellen Barnard, CYT, answers a few questions about this class below!

What is Yoga For Osteoporosis?
This is a gently-paced yoga class for anyone wanting to strengthen their bones. This class was developed by Loren Fishman, MD. Through his own experience as a pain-management specialist, Dr. Fishman realized that certain yoga poses could prevent and heal injuries by effectively building bone density. Dr. Fishman then created a regular sequence of yoga poses that we will incorporate in each class session. These poses gently strengthen bone density, so that by participating in this class regularly, bone loss is reversed and prevented.

How does Yoga For Osteoporosis help build bone strength?
Yoga For Osteoporosis incorporates yoga poses that are gentle, yet effective. These poses will stretch and strengthen muscles and bones, so that the body begins to reserve bone loss, and then begin to build bone density and strength! These poses will also boost balance and overall strength with time, making it a great class for anyone who wants to stay strong and independent!

Can anyone participate in Yoga For Osteoporosis?
Yes—this class is perfect for anyone new to yoga, because it features plenty of...
modifications, supportive props, and the poses can also be done on a chair! Our emphasis is on safety and careful engagement in each yoga pose.

What else can you tell us about this class?

This class is really easy-going and fun. Our focus is moving slowly, deliberatively, and being in the moment. Over time, participants will enjoy all the benefits of greater balance and bone strength, and I'll also teach a 10-minute routine that can be done at home, seated or on a yoga mat.

The Winter Interim Class will be offered November 11-December 30. $30/8 weeks; drop-in for $4. Register online at www.wil-mar.org/yoga.

Questions or comments? Call Beatrice at 257-4576, ext. 12.
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[Images of people and dogs at an event]
September 17 & 18, 2016

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DISTRICT 6 REPORT
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HOMELESS DAY RESOURCE CENTER
The County and Catholic Charities have been holding a series of focus group meetings to discuss the homeless day resource center and get feedback on operations and programming from users, nearby businesses and residents, and service providers. The Center will be located at 615 E. Washington Avenue in the former Chamber of Commerce building. In September, Catholic Charities was selected as the operator for the center. The County, City, and United Way have created a unique partnership to share the cost of funding the operations of the Day Resource Center; the City’s share is approximately $138,000 in 2017.

The County and Catholic Charities must apply for a conditional use permit to operate a day resource center and submit a management plan for the facility to be reviewed by the Plan Commission. The management plan is required to include a floor plan, hours of operations, staffing, management structure and capacity. Recommended elements of the plan should cover parking, bike parking, storage of belongings, trash removal and transportation. The goal is to be at the Plan Commission at the November 21 meeting for approval.

Catholic Charities will partner with Bethel Lutheran Church to provide a drop-in shelter at Bethel this winter while the facility is being renovated. The Day Resource Center is scheduled to open in the second quarter of 2017. This is a very good location; close to overnight shelters. I am relieved we are finally getting close to providing one-stop-shop services to individuals and families in need.

COSMOS AND SPARK
The Cosmos and The Spark, the proposed developments on the 800 south block of E. Washington Avenue, proposed by Otto Gebhardt and American Family, are still in the process of negotiating final details about the purchase and sale agreement with the City. The Cosmos building would include a 2500 capacity entertainment venue owned and operated by Frank Productions. The projects must get Urban Design Commission approval because they are located in Urban Design District 8.

The City is working on the final design details of the proposed 600 stall public parking structure to be located on MGE property at Livingston Street and E. Main Street. The majority of parking during the day would be dedicated to the office workers on the block but the goal is to provide evening and weekend parking to serve Breese Stevens, the music venue, Central Park, and nearby businesses.

The north side of E. Washington Avenue has seen a succession of new residential and mixed use development, but the south side, whose adopted plans call to be primarily employment is harder to achieve. Lenders are skittish, but this project could jumpstart other investments, once it is built. Keep in touch.

If you would like more regular updates about city and District 6 neighborhood meetings, please sign up for my electronic newsletter at www.cityofmadison.com/council/district6. You can also email me at district6@cityofmadison.com.
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Homelessness is a real challenge facing too many families not only here, but in growing communities across the country. What makes us unique is the way we are coming together to make a real difference for our neighbors.

With a site now secured, we are working diligently with the City, United Way, Catholic Charities, and others to develop a new Day Resource Center to help individuals who fall on hard times get back on their feet and find employment. This new one-stop-shop is slated to open next summer once remodeling is complete.

In addition to connecting those who are homeless with the vast array of services our community offers, it’s important we continually focus on what can be done to prevent homelessness before it occurs.

Too often families working hard to support their loved ones come upon a car repair or other significant expense making it hard to pay rent. That’s why I created the “Eviction Prevention Program” through Dane County Joining Forces for Families – to stabilize living situations for families with children. We are on track to help 200 families and 400 kids this year. Given demand, I am doubling the dollars for this effort to $100,000.

Working with the Salvation Army, the County is providing nearly $1 million for emergency shelter and to support a new expanded “Rapid Re-Housing” initiative to secure permanent housing for dozens of individuals. Once housing is found, Rapid-Re-Housing, empowers homeless individuals with the training and skills to stay in those residences.

That’s why I’m putting more county dollars into case managers for the coming year; people who can work directly with those with housing challenges to get them into and keep them in affordable housing.

Together, we are making a real difference.
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As Madison continues to look for ways to support investment in infrastructure we help connect entrepreneurs to customers, investors, educators and other entrepreneurs.

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The City is currently investing in two entrepreneurial spaces over the next few years. One is focused on our key emerging economic sectors – technology, and the other is focused on one of our longest-standing sectors – food.

StartingBlock Madison is an entrepreneurial hub being built by entrepreneurs for entrepreneurs in our downtown corridor. Led by its primary champion in the form of American Family Insurance (a 90-year-old, Madison-grown Fortune 500 company), StartingBlock is likely to become the Midwest's epicenter for entrepreneurial activity. The City is proud to be joining forces with one of its stalwart employers alongside Madison's next generation of great companies to make this project happen.

The work I have led in the creation of The Madison Public Market will create a regional hub for food entrepreneurs, from farmers to manufacturers. The Public Market will be the anchor to our developing food-manufacturing corridor, taking advantage of Madison's growing food economy and strong central location in the food belt of the country.

Connection is not just about buildings. The City is leading an innovative effort to address the complex issue of equitable internet connectivity. The lack of consistent internet access for underserved communities will continue to create disadvantages leading to a further widening of educational achievement gaps and lack opportunity for employment and small business creation.

The creation of our Digital Technology Committee allowed the City a venue for a variety of digital access and service leaders to come together and work with area companies on solutions to bridge the growing digital divide in our community. One result is a new program that will offer low cost internet solutions for underserved neighborhoods and provide access to free computers with computer education classes.

This is a solution that could only arise with a strong partnership between government, private and non-profit sectors. Thanks to other community and neighborhood leaders for their work.

Stay well!
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THANKSGIVING

The Co-op is once again 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 our willystreet.coop or our Customer Service desk for more information.

RECENT COMMUNITY DONATIONS

If you know of a non-profit 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 August and September:

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• Packers Community Learning Center
• Dane County Humane Society
• Rape Crisis Center
• Heartland Farm Sanctuary
• Black Latino Unity Picnic
• Marquette Neighborhood Association
• WORT-FM
• Animal Rescue & Veterinary Support Services (ARVSS)
• Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin
• Wisconsin Women’s Network
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