

Hello Neighbors!

Safety and our quality of life seem to be top issues for our neighborhood.

Read on to learn about all that is going on and then share your comments about the issues on the PHNA online forum:

[www.prairiehillsna.org](http://www.prairiehillsna.org)

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## Sessions with Chief Wray and Mayor Dave - by Nicky Morris

Many of you attended the August 8<sup>th</sup> Listening Session with Chief Noble Wray and Mayor Dave. If you did not attend, you undoubtedly heard about it from the great media coverage it received. Our concerns were heard - everything from dog attacks, robbery, car theft, a tearful resident talking about hearing the neighborhood referred to as a slum and a Memorial teacher speaking about the problems spilling over into the schools.

In the end, Chief Wray and the Mayor briefly spoke to say they heard our comments and will come back with solutions. The Mayor said he "guarantees" they will "not drop the ball."

The ball was in their court at the September 13<sup>th</sup> response session. Chief Noble Wray, Captain Jay Lengfeld, and Mayor Dave Cieslewicz all gave presentations.

Chief Wray began by thanking all those in the listening session for "crystallizing" our safety issues and said that this will be an ongoing dialogue. One interesting question he asked the crowd was, by show of hands, how many had lived in the neighborhood for 30 years or more and I was amazed at the large number of hands that went up.

Chief Wray then went on to say that the issues we highlighted were all "quality of life issues" and they were something that the

department did not have a good handle on. He gave some solutions that included more Community Policing Team officers, better communication needs with officers and community, six more detectives added in 2008 and a new field lieutenant. He said there were things he needed us to do as residents and they were: continue to work with our alders; think of this as a comprehensive approach, not just police solutions; need to have strong neighborhood watches and associations; need to get those closest to the problems involved; and figure out how to deal with bad landlords.

Captain Lengfeld first shared some statistics that included an average 30% increase in crime for this area, 48% just in the Greentree neighborhood. There has also been anywhere from a 50%-400% increase in the number of families in poverty living in the Balsam, Hammersley, Morriane View and Schroeder areas.

There have been immediate solutions and ideas, intermediate (2008) and long term (2009) created. The immediate included stepping up force on giving out citations. A letter of expectation was delivered to residents and landlords.

There is a zero tolerance policy, this includes speeding (10 over is not okay - be warned!). Intermediate plans include adding officers and

reassigning some officer beats and responsibilities to create better communication and production. Long term plans look to add more officers, increase staff, provide funding for neighborhood watch groups, possibly have cameras in areas and apply for federal Weed and Seed grant.

The Mayor's presentation echoed many of the same points of the Chief and Captain, but he did bring up the need to give young people positive alternatives and also the need to lobby other units of government. For the young people, there has been additional funding given to the Wisconsin Youth Company and the Urban League. The Mayor also points out the need for mentoring.

As for lobbying, the Mayor asked for us to help head off cuts from the State, and to ask the county to invest more in community services.

The Mayor will be making someone on his staff a "go-to" person for the community as part of the "Safe Neighborhoods" program.

Overall, it seems the city did a good job listening to our concerns. Now we need to work together to see that all their solutions are carried out and come up with the ones still needing to be solved. Stay in touch on the PHNA website.



**Preserving the Harvest**

If you were lucky to have a successful garden, you may find that you have more fruits from your labor than you know what to do with. Here are some links for information on canning, freezing and dehydrating your produce to last you through the winter.

Canning:

<http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art2816.asp>

[http://www.uga.edu/nchfp/how/can\\_home.html](http://www.uga.edu/nchfp/how/can_home.html)

Freezing:

<http://www.uga.edu/nchfp/how/freeze.html>

[http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fact\\_Sheets/Focus\\_On\\_Freezing/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fact_Sheets/Focus_On_Freezing/index.asp)

Dehydrating:

[http://www.budget101.com/dehydrated\\_foods.htm](http://www.budget101.com/dehydrated_foods.htm)

<http://www.uga.edu/nchfp/how/dry.html>

If you have other tips to share with fellow preservers, post on the PHNA online forum. Happy canning!

**Hammersley Neighborhood** (taken from MPD Newsletter)

- by Officer Caleb Bedford, MPD

I assume that everyone on this list was aware of or present at the meeting at St Maria Goretti Church on August 8. The media have reported extensively on the impressive turnout for the meeting, so I won't go over it again here. The tentative date for a follow-up meeting is during the first week of September.

While most of us were at that meeting, the West CPT was busy arresting a drug dealer on Hammersley. Joshua Hendrickson was convicted of his first adult felony at the tender age of 19. That was for manufacturing/delivering THC. He went to jail for a few months and then spent time on probation. Then he committed another felony when he led officers on a car chase. More jail and probation. Then in 2003 he was convicted of possessing a firearm as a felon, and he went to prison for a couple

years. Then in 2007 he was convicted of delivering controlled substances to an inmate. He was put on probation again for that offense and he settled on Hammersley. While on probation he dropped dirty urine samples and stopped making his meetings with his agent. On the night of the big meeting, the Department of Corrections did a home search at his residence, and the CPT provided security. The DOC agents found controlled substances in the apartment, so the CPT drafted and executed a warrant. They seized crack cocaine, marijuana and ammunition.

Hendrickson is now in jail again. His probation will probably be revoked and he will eventually face sentencing on new charges of possessing controlled substances with intent to deliver and maintaining a drug dwelling. Of course he

is legally innocent of all these charges until proven guilty in court.

At our quarterly neighborhood meetings and in previous newsletter articles, I have repeatedly identified the revolving door justice system as a primary cause of our current social woes. Hendrickson is Exhibit A. We, the police, know who the criminals are and we arrest them over and over again. Neither their identity nor their location is a mystery. Other actors within the judicial and legislative systems make a variety of decisions that result in churning the criminals back out into society to victimize us again. Through our silence, we as citizens are complicit in these decisions. Pondered from a safe distance, these decisions just seem foolish. Up close they incite anger.

**Update on Community Gardens-** by Karen Deaton

Prairie Hills Community Gardens are thriving. Corn and sunflowers can be seen from a distance, but there's a great variety of other vegetables and flowers growing there, too. Take a walk through the gardens (at Lucy Lincoln Hiestand Park) any time to see for yourself.

We are hoping to be able to make some improvements to the garden, especially having a water line installed so that we don't need to use the neighbors' hoses. It would also be great to expand the gardens, and develop some gardens for Falk School at Hammersley Park. You can voice your support (or opposition) for these or other

neighborhood projects at the Southwest Neighborhood Plan Steering Committee Open House in the big shelter at Elver Park on Saturday, September 15, from 10:30 to noon.

If you would like to put your name on the waiting list to

have a garden plot in the future, contact Karen Deaton 278-8480 or [karendeaton@tds.net](mailto:karendeaton@tds.net).

Thanks to those neighbors who have allowed us to use their water. The gardens could not have gotten started without them!



## Highlights from Neighborhood Watch Meeting - by Nicky Morris

Our quarterly meeting was held on Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. We had a large turnout, probably due to the recent shooting on Lorreen. Neighborhood Officer Caleb Bedford began by updating residents about several issues. First was the chronic nuisance ordinance. This ordinance is still being lobbied for and various councils are reviewing it. It is supported by the Mayor and the Apartment Association of SW Wisconsin.

The city is looking into adding a neighborhood officer to the Balsam-Russet neighborhood. This summer there was a temporary officer located in that district as part of the trial.

There were several drug houses that were taken down over the past several months, five of which were all in the same area. This also included the hubcap sellers

on Hammersley.

Parking enforcement and the police cracked down on parking along Hammersley. Cars were ticketing and towed and the parking situation has improved.

SW Planning Committee has looked at making the Hammersley area an assessment district. City is also looking into using Weed and Seed money to add more officers.

Officer Bedford cited some of the problems in our area being caused by demographic changes and the "revolving door" of the state justice system.

We did have a landlord present who owned some of the problem apartments in the Hammersley area. Other residents/landlords complained to her about her poor landlord practices and how it has negatively

affected their businesses and the neighborhood.

At this point, Officer Bedford opened up the room for a Q&A. Residents asked about curfews and section 8 housing. One resident who I believe was a former Alder, urged us to write all our alders and mentioned how important it was for us to show up at council meetings especially when there was a vote on an important issue, like the chronic nuisance ordinance.

Another conversation began about needing a separate group to meet to organize residents about council meetings and other neighborhood improvement matters.

Our next meeting is undetermined at this point. It will occur some time in late October or November. Please stay tuned on the website.

## News from Falk - by Karen Deaton

**Volunteer at Falk**  
Make a difference to our young people by volunteering at Falk. It's fun and easy to help some of our neighborhood young people learn. If you might be interested in volunteering, contact our Americorps volunteer, Matt Matysik, at 204-2207.

**Have fun at Courage Assemblies**  
Every month, Falk has a whole-school assembly for fun and entertainment, as well as recognition for achievements. Visitors are welcome. Just sign in at the Falk office at about 1:45, then proceed to the gym to join in the fun until about 2:30. Assemblies are almost always the second Friday of the month. November's assembly will be a UW spirit

day, including representatives from the marching band and sports teams, as well as a very popular special guest.

**The Share Fair is Back**  
Do you have gently used items of children's clothing? Pass them on to others and/or pick up clothes for your kids at the Share Fair! Drop off donations at the Falk gym between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 12. On Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, purchase any item of clothing for 25 cents. At the end of the sale, unsold items will be picked up by a truck from March of Dimes, and shared with other families in our community. For more information, please contact Jackie Woodruff at 233-6315.

**Free Book Exchange**

Drop off any books your family no longer enjoys, and take home any books you want during the Share Fair. You may bring books Friday night or during the fair on Saturday. Books that are left over will go to the Safe Haven library or the March of Dimes. For more information, please contact Jackie Woodruff at 233-6315.

**Ice Cream Social Rescheduled**  
Falk's ice cream social will take place in the Falk gym on the evening of the Open House: Monday, September 17, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. If you have kids at Falk, plan to spend some time that evening in the gym enjoying ice cream, visiting with old friends, and meeting new families.

## Home Safety Tips

- Light the outside of your home to make it more visible to your neighbors. Outside motion detector lights can make it almost impossible for a burglar to enter without being seen.
- Trim bushes near doors to reduce hiding places for burglars.
- Install dead-bolt locks on all outside doors. Make sure you can unlock all doors from the inside without a key to allow a quick escape from a fire.
- Install peepholes in all outside doors.
- Use "Operation Identification". Contact your local police to borrow an engraver to mark stereos, computers, cameras, lawnmowers and tools. In Wisconsin you should write "WI" followed by your driver's license number (if you have one). Put Operation I.D. stickers (from the police) on windows near your front and back doors. These stickers tell burglars that your things will be hard to sell.
- Don't advertise your absence. Never leave a message on your answering machine that says you are away for a few days or on vacation. Before you leave, set timers so that lights, TVs, and radios go on and off. Have someone pick up the mail, pick up newspapers, set out trash, mow the lawn or shovel snow.
- Close your garage door. An empty garage says you're not at home. Thieves can easily steal bikes, lawnmowers, snow blowers and other valuables. Burglars can close the garage door and take their time breaking into your home.
- Lock your car and keep valuables out of sight. Don't store the title for your car in the glove compartment.

## Updates from Area Alders

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#### **District 1 – Jed Sanborn**



I would like to address what is on everybody's mind: Public Safety. The meeting that occurred at St. Maria Goretti was a very impressive and effective message to city government. For much of my time on the Council I have encountered an attitude towards crime that largely accepts it as part of the growing pains of an expanding city. The message being sent now is that we will not accept what is happening and we expect serious action. Police Chief Noble Wray has clearly gotten that message by revising his original request of 18 new officers to 30. While there are many things that need to be done to address Westside crime problems – more police is at the top of the list. The west district is just so large, both in area and population, that our officers are stretched thin just trying to respond to calls.

The response of the Mayor has initially been lukewarm. He supports the concept but is making it contingent upon more State aid to Madison. I say we can do it no matter what. There is enough spending in the City budget that is for non-essential activities that if the political will is there, we can add 30 new officers. Unfortunately we will meet with resistance from many on the Council who think the police budget is already too high and that other spending should take priority. An energetic display at the Council budget meetings regarding public safety would go a long way. The Council will be

deliberating and voting on the budget the week of November 12th. Please contact me if you want more information.

Another important Council action coming up is the Chronic Nuisance ordinance. This would be an important tool for holding accountable landlords who take no interest in being responsible neighbors. Property owners who have many police calls or building inspection incidents must work with the Police to solve these problems or face financial penalties for the drain they cause on city resources. As I write this it has not been scheduled for a Council meeting but I will be sending out a mass e-mail when I know when it will be up for vote.

The point I am trying to make is that if our neighborhoods stay involved we can effect big changes. But, we have to show up to more that listening sessions. They are great for getting the attention of public officials, but please also show up when the votes are taken.

-Jed Sanborn

#### **District 7 – Zach Brandon**



- *No Response Received*

#### **District 20 – Thuy Pham-Remmele:**



Friends and Neighbors

It is very important to be

actively involved in neighborhood issues so you can have your say when public opinion is solicited. Please help city managers work with you and for you to achieve satisfactory results. With public input from the May 31st hearing about the dangerous Whitney Way and Hammersley Road intersection City Traffic Engineers are wrapping up the proposal for traffic calming devices. If approved by City Council, work will begin in 2008. A public hearing about Short Term Solutions for Verona Rd. is scheduled for September 20th at St Maria Goretti Church (5:30-7:00 p.m.).

In June, I invited MPD Chief Noble Wray to a Listening Session with District 20 constituents so he could directly hear your grave concerns, and I was pleased to have his enthusiastic acceptance. The tragic murder of a young man on July 23rd spotlighted the obvious need for more effective law enforcement in our District. The whole city was amazed by the unprecedented August 8th turnout of almost 700 residents eager to speak up to reclaim our neighborhoods. I am grateful for and proud of your outpouring of support and commitment to stand together for our common goal. District 20's united voice resonated everywhere and compelled both Mayor Dave and Chief Wray to acknowledge our critical needs.

They immediately declared Public Safety as their first priority and agreed to increase Police staffing significantly. I sincerely look forward to a continuing partnership with MPD. I am very thankful to Father Mike for offering his church facilities to us.  
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## What is a Neighbor?

-Mary Sullivan

The other night I toured a Wisconsin State Journal columnist around our neighborhood. He asked me if I was in support of the new ordinances. I thought to myself, is it really an ordinance that we need or is it a clear definition of what is a neighbor. Would we need ordinances if we knew how to be a good neighbor? Is there training on how to be a good neighbor? Is a good neighbor one who --

Welcomes new neighbors with an introductory note or a friendly chat.

Maintains the area around their home so that it's neat and attractive.

Is conscientious about noises that might disturb their neighbors, such as vacuum cleaners, lawn mowers, snow blowers, music, loud talk and barking dogs.

Ends parties at a reasonable hour. While they're at it, they invite their neighbors to come, too.

Returns anything that they borrow from their neighbor, such as tools or appliances, as soon as possible. Expresses their gratitude when they do so.

Replaces anything that belongs to their neighbor that their children or their pets break or soil.

Respects their privacy.

Offers to collect mail, water plants and watch the pets while their neighbors are away on a trip.

Is friendly and socializes with their neighbors to learn about their cultural backgrounds and their families.

Join the PHNA online discussion group and add your opinion on how to be a good neighbor!

## Updates from Area Alders (cont'd)

You have demonstrated exemplary participation in the purest form of democratic governance. I could not be more proud to serve as your alder! I will need your support at Council meetings to pass the upcoming Nuisance

Abatement Premise Ordinance that gives law enforcers an effective tool to deal with chronic criminal activities. I will work to bring back the anti-loitering ordinance to help police bust drug trafficking that fuels crime on our streets. Please consider attending City

Budget hearings where you have opportunities to influence City spending.

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## Update on SW Neighborhood Planning Process - by Marge Liss

In our last PHNA newsletter, I told you about the draft (dated 05-31-07) of the South West Neighborhood plan, "A Great Place to Grow Up. A Great Place to Grow Old." The draft document can be found on the City's website at <http://www.cityofmadison.com/swnp/> or call Jule Stroick 267-8744, Ext. 218 for more information.

The steering committee continued to meet through June and July, taking time off during August. We continued work on reviewing/approving the neighborhood plan, discussing eligible projects for CDBG monies and making funding recommendations. Mary Charnitz of the Community Development Block Grant Office explained to the steering committee which projects, of the many projects the steering committee proposed, would be eligible for the use of the federal funds. She was charged by the committee to follow up on the do ability and costs of the proposed projects. According to the city planners meeting minutes, at the September 5, 2007 SW Neighborhood meeting, Steering Committee members reconsidered their recommendations for the \$120,000 and voted to use the funds as follows:

\$20,000 for capital enhancement to Lucy Lincoln Hiestand garden and

establishment of up to three new gardens at Hammersley Park, Meadowwood Park and Park Ridge Greenway. Specific use will be left to the neighborhoods who apply to the gardens panel and the decisions of the gardens panel and CAC.

\$70,000 for downpayments to eligible homebuyers in the Betty's Lane/Theresa Terrace area with the condition that buyers have homeowner education and that repaid loans are used for future downpayments in the Betty's Lane/Theresa Terrace area. If funds are not being committed within the first 9 months of operations then the target area should be expanded to the Russet/Balsam and Park Edge/Park Ridge areas. No CDA owned property would be eligible for assistance.

\$20,000 for park improvements of Hammersley Park including clearing of brush and creation of walking paths and lighting.

\$10,000 low interest loan program for eligible homeowners for security improvements for their homes. Any funds remaining after project completion of the gardens or park improvement project are targeted to the downpayment program. An open house will be held on Saturday, September 15, Elver Park (Shelter #2) from 10:30 - 12:00 p.m. to obtain comments from the public on the plan on the above

recommendations. The Steering Committee will then meet to finalize their plan and funding recommendations. They will present their plan and proposed use of the \$120,000 the the Commission at the October 4 CDBG Commission meeting. "The next meeting of the SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD STEERING COMMITTEE is Sept. 25, 2007 at 6:30 pm, the location is to be announced.

The committee recommended that the SW plan be repackaged by the city planners to put more emphasis on the safety concerns of the group. As you are aware, neighborhood and personal safety is a big concern in our neighborhood, as well as city-wide. I've abstracted safety comments from the 05-31-07 draft of the South West Plan for your review. This will be available soon on the PHNA website. The city planners put together a handout called "Community Crime Prevention". This handout focuses on four approaches to community crime prevention. They are: overcoming community disorganization, responding to community disorder, community empowerment and community regeneration. For a copy, contact the city or refer to the July 19th minutes of the SW Neighborhood Steering Committee. We will post on the PHNA website when available.

## Fall Fire Safety - by Madison Fire Department

### HAVE A FIRE SAFE HALLOWEEN!

In this country more than 100 people die each year as a result of their clothes catching on fire. Decorations for special events and holidays, usually involving candles, result in an average of 800 home fires each year. These fires cause nearly \$4,000,000 in property damage each year.

That is why although Halloween should be a time of fun and celebration, children need to be closely supervised and their costumes should be chosen with fire safety in mind. The Madison Fire Department suggests you follow these safety tips to have a fire safe Halloween this year:

**COSTUMES:** Buy only costumes labeled as flame

resistant or flame retardant. If making a costume, plan it carefully to make sure it won't easily catch on fire if it comes into contact with flames or heat. Don't use fabrics that are highly flammable and avoid designs that feature billowing or long trailing features, these have a higher chance of accidentally catching on fire.

If trick-or-treating at night is planned, costumes should be of bright colors to improve their visibility.

**PARTY DECORATIONS:** When planning your Halloween decorations, remember that dried cornstalks are highly combustible. Keep decorations well away from heat sources such as light bulbs and heaters. Don't use candles in your decorations!

Jack-O-Lanterns can be safely illuminated with flashlights instead of candles or oil lamps. When putting up your scary Halloween decorations, don't block or hide exits.

**OTHER PRECAUTIONS:** Tell children to stay away from open flames and other heat sources and be sure that they know the Stop, Drop and Roll method in case their costumes catch on fire in spite of all precautions. Remind children attending Halloween parties at other people's homes to locate the exits and plan how they would get out in case of a fire. Finally, provide children with lightweight flashlights to carry for lighting or as part of their costumes instead of candles or oil lamps.



## Growing Strong - by Nicky Morris

With all the concerns over crime in recent months (or years depending on how you look at it), it is vital that we stay strong and focused as a neighborhood so that we can bring about positive change. A crucial part of this is having a strong neighborhood association. Even with all the work those of us on the PHNA committee have done, we only have 54 households as members out of the 1,200 in the entire neighborhood. This is less than 5%. We also only have six people running the neighborhood association!

To be successful, we need to be an active association, not just reactive to area problems. This includes having fun as neighbors with events and activities as well as coming together to deal with crime and other safety concerns. Therefore, I am asking you to help on all fronts. Help us bring about

awareness in the neighborhood, talk to neighbors about the PHNA, become part of the committee or get a yard sign (see side bar). We need people to help keep the PHNA running strong. Please let us know if you're interested in helping with any of the following:

- Secretary: Keep minutes of neighborhood meetings
- Events: planning, coordinating and implementing events and activities throughout the year. Ideas include annual garage sale, 4<sup>th</sup> July parade, visits from Santa and garden walks.
- Fundraising: We need help to raise money for the Lucy Lincoln Heistand Park Improvement Project and other projects in the neighborhood.
- Advertising solicitors for our newsletter
- June Newsletter

distributors – simply deliver newsletters to about one-two blocks in the neighborhood.

We also need people to share crime and safety concerns with area neighbors. As members, you can post to the PHNA online forum and share a criminal activity you have witnessed so your neighbors can be aware. We also need to be present at city council meetings showing our support for important community issues and writing officials and the media about issues we're concerned with.

If we can get as many involved as we can, it just makes the PHNA stronger and have a greater voice with the city. Just a few hours of your time can make a huge difference. Plus, we can have some fun along the way too!



### PHNA Yard Signs

Prairie Hills received a grant from the city of Madison this summer to create yard signs to bring about awareness to the neighborhood. We need volunteers who would like to strengthen their neighborhood and display the yard signs in their yards. If interested, contact Nicky Morris at [info@prairishillsna.org](mailto:info@prairishillsna.org)

## Mark Your Calendars

### September 2007

- SW Neighborhood Plan Steering Committee's Open House: learn about the Committee's recommendations and to help determine how funds should be allocated. **Saturday, September 15**, Elver Park Shelter #2, 1250 South Gammon Road from 10:30am-Noon
- Falk Elementary Open House and Ice Cream Social: Open House: Monday, **September 17, 5:00 to 7:00** p.m.
- A public hearing about Short Term Solutions for Verona Rd. is scheduled for **September 20th** at St Maria Goretti Church (5:30-7:00 p.m.).
- Sustain Dane Presents: Autumn Train and Trail: On **September 29th**, passengers will depart Madison at 8:00am for Spring Green to enjoy a day of sustainability-focused events. Tickets cost \$30 and can be purchased now at <http://www.sustaindane.org/Pages/train.htm>.

### October 2007

- Huegel Elementary Open House, Ice Cream Social and Book Fair will be held **October 9, 5:30-7:30** pm
- Come join us from **Saturday, October 13 from 9am to noon** for the Falk School Share Fair! On Friday, October 12 from 6-8pm we are asking our neighborhood families to drop off gently used items of clothing at the Falk School Gym. On Saturday, October 13 from 9am to noon we will hold the Share Fair in the gym, where any item of clothing can be purchased for 25 cents – whether a pair of snow boots, snowpants, a coat, or anything else! At the end of the sale we will have a truck come from March of Dimes and take any unsold items to share them with other families in our community. Along with the Share Fare we are having a free book exchange! You can drop off books Friday or Saturday (even during the Share Fair!) and anyone can take whatever books they want home. Any books left will go to the Safe Haven library or the March of Dimes. If you would like more information, please contact Jackie Woodruff at 233-6315 or

jkwoodruff@charter.net for more details.

- Gypsy Moth Presentation by City Forester & Neighborhood Volunteer Wednesday, **October 17, 2007** (originally scheduled for Tuesday, September 11, 2007) 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 5701 Raymond Road (lower level)
- Back by popular demand! PHNA Coffee in the Park - **Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:30** at the Lucy Lincoln Heistand Park. Come for coffee, hot chocolate, treats and neighborly conversation!

*Note: Aluminum can drive has been canceled*



## Thanksgiving Turkey

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## Message from the President - by Mary Sullivan

WOW! What a great turnout at the face-to-face meeting between interested West side residents, Madison Police Chief Noble Wray and Mayor Dave. The meeting held on August 8th was organized by newly elected 20th District Alder Thuy Pham-Remmele. Not everyone was able to express their safety concerns, but enough was heard to get the point across. The Chief and Mayor will respond to our concerns on Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Maria Goretti gym on Flad Avenue. It's amazing what strength in numbers can do.

I would like to see this strength in numbers in our own neighborhood association. I have been involved with the association for five years. During these five years, I have been active and reactive. When I am active, it is very rewarding and it gives me more energy. However, when daily life absorbs you it is very easy to become reactive and less involved. I have seen some great association volunteers come and go and I too will soon join that group. But for now, I am stepping down to the Vice President role because I'm not ready to

give up on our association. Nicky Morris has accepted my invitation to become the next PHNA President. Nicky has been active in our association volunteering as the PHNA newsletter editor, activity coordinator, and much more.

Let's keep our strength in numbers and support our new president. Get involved, get energized, help your fellow neighbor and pitch in. Don't let a small group of volunteers do it all. The strength is in the number. Help out!

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## Welcome to Prairie Hills Neighborhood

To join the Prairie Hills Neighborhood Association, please fill out the form below and mail it with your membership dues to: Prairie Hills Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 44674, Madison, WI 53744-4674.

Check One:  New Member                      **OR**                       Current Member Renewal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone – Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Check the appropriate boxes below:

Membership for year 2007: \$5.00 per household

\*Note: If your family is unable to afford membership, you can receive a free membership by attending a neighborhood watch meeting and speaking with the treasurer.

I would like to give more: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to receive the newsletter by    email     or    mail

I would like my newsletter to be in Spanish (we are working to try and get a Spanish version of this newsletter)