



**Neighborhood Notes**  
**Cambridge Woods Neighborhood Association**  
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Greetings Neighbors,

Well if you are like me you are ready for all the winter snow to start melting away and welcome spring. The new CWNA Board has a couple of meetings under our belts and we hope to add a new addition to the vacant secretary position. The warmest part of winter for me is our annual Chili Fest held at our neighborhood fire station. A big thank you goes out to our new Fun & Games Coordinator, Leslie Woodruff, the fire station, and all the volunteers who helped make it another with this fulfilling event.

As mentioned in the last *Neighborhood Notes*, our surrounding neighborhood is seeing some physical and proposed changes. This makes the current North East Area Plan very timely. The planning consultants have been hired, taken an area bus tour and held a very active planning session with area representatives. I encourage everyone to keep going to the City website to view new additions to this planning progress. The Cambridge Woods neighborhood have already made an impression on the consultants by changing the reference to our surrounding area as being referred to as *Upper East Side Neighborhoods* instead of the *University Neighborhood Association*, which is really a separate group of stakeholders. The CWNA was also the first group to hold a community Visual Preference Survey meeting. The evening session was very insightful in getting resident's perspective of their likes and dislikes and seemed to grab the interest of those who participated. The website includes some notes of the bus tour and opportunity to take the survey on-line so please go to the following link to keep up-to-date:  
<http://www.mkedcd.org/planning/plans/Northeast/index.html>

Looking ahead and a bit closer to home, our March meeting we will focus on the developments along our neighborhood's Oakland Avenue commercial district. The Oakland Avenue/University Square Business Improvement District (BID) executive director will inform us about the streetscaping and business plans for Oakland Avenue. In April, there is going to be a meeting held by a group working on protecting the Milwaukee River Corridor north of North Avenue. Stay tuned for future announcements!

As I see and discuss planned changes with individuals and groups, I try to remind myself to keep an open mind. I often think of how people in the past viewed changes they witnessed and how it takes many hands and minds to reach a common end. I will leave you with a quote from someone who witnessed many changes and the view he took...

*The future does not belong to those who are content with today, apathetic toward common problems and their fellow man alike, timid and fearful in the face of bold projects and new ideas. Rather, it will belong to those who can blend passion, reason and courage in a personal commitment to the ideals of American society.*

-Robert F. Kennedy

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