



Madison's Central Business Improvement District (BID)
Update, March 5

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Note: Three WIAA State Tournaments are in town this weekend:

Boys Hockey, March 5-7 (Coliseum)
Girls Hockey, March 6-7 (Coliseum)
Team Wrestling, March 6-7 (UW-Field House)

Badger Family Spring Visit (April) Program Ad– deadline Mar. 6

Don't miss your opportunity to put your business in front of 2,500 highly engaged visitors and UW parents! Coordinated by UW-Madison's Parent Program, the annual [Badger Family Spring Visit](#) event invites families of current UW students to visit any weekend during April to enjoy time on campus, in the community and at special events. They expect to bring 2,500 people to campus during April, 2015 and to hand out 900 programs Welcome Bags to UW families at check-in for their weekend visits. Business participation opportunities include welcoming UW parents with your ad, special offer, or promo item. [More Info and Sign Up Sheet](#). Deadline: March 6. Contact: Patti Lux-Weber, luxweber@uwmad.wisc.edu, (608) 262-7936

MPOWER Business Champions Program Application Deadline March 9

More than 80 Madison businesses big and small have participated in Sustain Dane's Mpower Business Champions Program, implementing more than 325 sustainability projects saving over \$1.6 million annually. Past downtown participants include the Plaza Tavern, Community Pharmacy, Tutto Pasta on State St., and Isthmus Publishing, Sustain Dane invites your business to apply for the 2015 MPower Champions Program, and turn your organization's green intentions (and frustrations!) into action and success. Applications are now accepted through Monday March 9th. Program starts on Tuesday, March 24th.

[Program info packet](#)

[Download application](#)

[Read program FAQ's](#)

Contact for more information and questions: Jessie Lerner or Stacie Reece, Sustain Dane, 608.819.0689, jessie@sustaindane.org

Top of State/Philosopher's Grove Public Meeting March 16

The City's Downtown Coordinating Committee and city staff have been exploring physical changes and programming options to help activate the Philosopher's Grove area at the top of State St. (An initial design workshop was held Nov. 20.) This public meeting is to gather input on emerging design preferences. BID business and property owner and area stakeholders are encouraged to attend.

Monday, March 16, 4:30 – 6:00 pm

Madison Central Library, 201 W. Mifflin St., Community Rm. 301

[Meeting Flyer](#)

WIAA Boys Basketball State Championships (Mar. 19-21) – Welcome Materials

It's the 100th Anniversary of the WIAA Boys State Basketball Championships, March 19-21, Kohl Center. BID is partnering with the Madison Area Sports Commission and Greater Madison Convention & Visitors Bureau's special efforts to welcome WIAA athletes, families and fans, and commemorate this anniversary for the tournaments which have such economic impact for Madison. Welcome efforts include a special fan guide, microsite (www.WIAA100.com), hotel welcome program, and visitor services. As part of this effort, next week BID Ambassadors will start delivering WIAA Boys Basketball Welcome Window Flyers and pennants to BID Businesses. We encourage you to display these materials March 19-21 to welcome WIAA Boys Basketball attendees and to celebrate the 100th anniversary of these tournaments.

Downtown Ambassadors Working for You People helped YTD (As of 3/2/15) – 2,773

Spring must be right around the corner as the Ambassadors are getting busier and busier each week. In particular the past two weekends have seen increased traffic for the WIAA tournaments. We expect to see this trend continue as we welcome more WIAA tournaments in addition to a number of conferences and events in the coming weeks!

Ambassador Deliveries to BID Businesses

The Downtown Information Ambassadors will make regular deliveries of various items to BID Businesses including welcome flyers for upcoming events and conferences, courtesy of our partner organization the Greater Madison Convention & Visitors Bureau (GMCVB). Here are the upcoming events for which Ambassadors will bring around flyers. If you do not receive a flyer but would like one, please contact BID Programming Coordinator Tim Jenquin to arrange delivery. (608) 512-1341, tjenquin@visitdowntownmadison.com. Extra copies of event flyers can also be found at the Downtown Visitor Center (452 State St.) after Ambassadors complete delivery.

- **Week of 3/9**
 - WIAA Boys Basketball Tournament 100th Anniversary Welcome Flyers and Pennants
 - EPIC's 2015 XGM
 - Mary Kay Career Conference 2015
 - US Speedskating National Age Group Short Track Speedskating Championships

Visitor Center Winter/Spring Hours, January 2, 2015 – May 1, 2015

Mon-Wed 11:00am-2:00pm

Thu-Sun 11:00am-5:00pm

Visitor Center Extended Hours and Special Event Tables:

- Info Table and Tour for Your UW Days events, Mar. 27, Apr. 17 – Gordon Commons / Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery
- Info Table at UW Med School Reception – April 11th – 750 Highland Ave.
- Info Table at Your UW Days Admitted Students of Color Reception – April 11th – Memorial Union

The Downtown Madison Map & Guide

2014-15 Distribution YTD (Beginning 4/21/14): 138,150

Do you need quantity of the Downtown Map & Guide for your business, office, or upcoming event? You can always order more by e-mailing BID Programming Coordinator Tim Jenquin at tjenquin@visitdowntownmadison.com, or filling out an [online request form](#).

Downtown Madison Gift Certificates

Downtown Madison Gift Certificates make great gifts for any occasion! Accepted at nearly 175 Downtown Businesses, they are a versatile gift for students, residents, and visitors. Since 2012, the

Downtown Gift Certificate program has averaged more than \$80,000 in sales per year! If you would like to sign up to accept Downtown Gift Certificates, it is free and easy, simply contact Tim Jenquin, BID Programming Coordinator ((608) 512-1341; tjenquin@visitdowntownmadison.com.) If you already accept Downtown Gift Certificates but would like to review the program, Tim will be happy to meet with you to go over the program. For more info contact Tim, or visit our website [here](#).

Winter Displays – BID Funded Planter Tubs and Snowflake Lights

The winter displays in BID funded planters will remain until early April, at which time prep for installation of the spring pansies will begin. In addition, the BID LED Snowflake Lights will be removed from area light poles as soon as Mall Maintenance is able. Our thanks to Mall Maintenance for helping BID make downtown look festive for the winter holidays!

Greater State Street Business Association

Greater State Street Business Association (GSSBA) membership is open to all businesses and property owners located on State Street, Capitol Square and one block off in either of these two areas. It's a great way to meet other merchants. Interested in becoming a member? Come to one of the meetings to check it out. Membership form and contact info is on the Maxwell Street Days web page at

www.maxwellstreetdays.org

GSSBA President: Sandi Torkildson, A Room of One's Own Bookstore, 257-7888, room@chorus.net

2015 Upcoming Meetings (Wednesdays, 2:00 pm, Tutto Pasta, 305 State St.)

MARCH 11 (board meeting)

MAY 13 (general membership & board meeting)

JULY 8 (board meeting)

SEPT. 9 (general membership & board meeting)

NOV. 11 (board meeting)

DreamBank Small Business/Entrepreneur Events & Workshops

DreamBank--American Family Insurance (1 N. Pinckney St.) offers free downtown educational events for small business owners each month, ranging from free social media workshops to more general business planning. Upcoming business events below, see their [calendar](#) for more events.

NOTE: To reserve your spot, please visit the event links below.

- 3/10/15, [8:30am-9:30am](#) and [Noon-1pm](#): SMALL BUSINESS – Positive Mindset Techniques for Business Leaders with Nancy Depcik
- 3/10/15, 9:30am-11am: SMALL BUSINESS – [Laser Business Coaching Session with Nancy Turngren](#)
- 3/10/15, 5:30pm-7pm: SMALL BUSINESS – [WordPress 101](#)
- 3/17/15, 9am – 11am: SMALL BUSINESS – [Strengthfinders Workshop with Megan Watt](#)
- 3/17/15, noon-1pm: SMALL BUSINESS – [Amplify Your Brand](#)
- Thursdays 3/19/15 – 4/23/15 (no meeting on 4/2/15), [Noon-1pm](#) and [1pm-2pm](#): ENTREPRENEUR BOOK CLUB – Launch – An Internet Millionaire's Secret Formula To Sell Almost Anything Online, Build A Business You Love, And Live The Life Of Your Dreams By Jeff Walker
- 3/24/15, [8:30am-9:30am](#) and [Noon-1pm](#): SMALL BUSINESS –Converting Your Social Media Network into Real Business with Laura Gallagher
- 3/24/15, 1pm-2:30pm: SMALL BUSINESS – [Laser Business Coaching Session with AJ Sue](#)

Downtown Events, Dates, Meetings:

(special events, major programs with general downtown impact)

[Late Winter Farmers Market](#), Madison Senior Center, Saturdays, Jan. 3-April 11

[UW Athletics Composite Schedule](#) (basketball, hockey, etc.)

[WIAA State Tournaments](#) (Welcome flyers from GMCVB)

Boys Hockey, March 5-7, Veterans Memorial Coliseum at the Alliant Energy Center – Madison

Girls Hockey, March 6-7, Veterans Memorial Coliseum at the Alliant Energy Center – Madison

Team Wrestling, March 6-7, UW-Madison – Field House – Madison

[Boys Basketball](#), March 19-21, UW-Madison – Kohl Center – Madison

Madison Area Chefs Network, [MACNweek](#) March 9-15

[The Book of Mormon](#), Overture Center, March 10-15

[Shamrock Shuffle](#), March 15, 10am, State Street

[St. Patrick's Day Parade](#), March 15, 1:30pm, Capitol Square

[UW Spring Break](#), Mar. 28 – Apr. 5

[Badger Family Spring Visit](#), April

[Wisconsin Film Festival](#), April 9-16

[UW Varsity Band Concert](#), Kohl Center, April 16-18

MMoCA [Hair Affair: The Art of Hair](#). April 23

[UW Badgers Spring Football Game](#), April 25

[Crazylegs Classic Run/Walk](#), April 25

Monona Terrace Conferences & Conventions:

- Cincinnati Insurance Company Wisconsin 2015 Sales Meeting, Mar 5, 300ppl
- TASC 2015 Annual Meeting, Total Administrative Services Corporation, Mar 10-12, 410ppl
- Ag Day at the Capitol, WI Farm Bureau Federation, Mar 11, 500ppl
- WYSA 2015 Annual Meeting, WI Youth Soccer Association, Mar 13-14, 250ppl
- Mary Kay Career Conference 2015, Mar 19-21, 1300ppl
- Midwest Mutual Assistance Group Conference, Madison Gas & Electric, Mar 23-25, 150ppl
- FamilyLife presents "Weekend to Remember", Mar 26-29, 400ppl

Other conferences/conventions with Welcome Flyers from GMCVB:

Wisconsin State High School Bowling, Boul-A-Vard Lanes, 3/6-3/8, 900 ppl

[Monona Terrace Events Calendar](#)

[Alliant Energy Center Events Calendar](#)

[City of Madison meetings calendar](#)

[Helpful City Links](#)

We've compiled a list of links to city-related information helpful to doing in the central downtown, from Mall Maintenance (including downtown trash collection), to Police & Safety, the city's "Report a Problem" form, Street Vending and Sidewalk Cafes, driving and parking on State Street, and more.

BID Board: Meeting schedules and other info

[BID Board members](#)

[BID Board Meeting schedule, agendas, minutes, and positions](#)

BID Board Meetings (first Thursday of every month, noon-1:30 pm.)

Location: 122 W. Washington Ave. (Hovde Building), 1st floor conference room. Board meetings are open meetings. BID business and property owners are invited and encouraged to attend. You are welcome to speak/provide public comment at the meeting. Please simply fill out a speaker registration form and give to the Board chair before the meeting.

BID Staff Contact Info

Comment, suggestions, questions welcome.

-Tim Jenquin, BID Programming Coordinator, tjenquin@visitdowntownmadison.com, (608) 512-1341. Contact for: Ambassador Program, Visitor Center, deliveries including Downtown Map refills*, Welcome Programs (such as New Resident Welcome Bags).

-Downtown Gift Certificate Program, BID business directory updates: bidoffice@visitdowntownmadison.com or Tim Jenquin (above).

-Mary Carbine, BID Executive Director, mcarbine@visitdowntownmadison.com (608) 512-1340. Contact for: Downtown Map advertising, planting program, BID marketing/cooperative advertising, advocacy issues, Board and administration, communications, other.

*You can also order more maps online (free) at www.visitdowntownmadison.com

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