

## **Weed & Seed Update**

### **February 11, 2009**

- The Weed & Seed Coordinator position (Leslie McAllister) ended her employment with the City of Madison at the end of 2008.
- Funding for the Weed and Seed program will end September 30, 2009 through a “no-cost” extension and with the use of some City of Madison funds.
- Without a designated Weed and Seed Coordinator, much of the Weed and Seed work will be the responsibility of the Neighborhood Services Coordinator (Lorri Wendorf). Elements of the program which will continue include:
  - 1) Quarterly Weed & Seed Steering Committee meetings.
  - 2) Contract management for services continuing which include the Anti-Prostitution Initiative in South Madison, the MAP program in Allied Drive, the Youth Court in Allied Drive, starting up a new Youth Court in South Madison in partnership with the Police Department, Penn Park community building activities next summer, and continuing the work of Amigos En Azul with the Police Department.

Most of the traditional “law enforcement” activities of the grant are completed and no funding continues. It is primarily community policing initiatives and “seeding” initiatives that continue.

- The most significant components of the Weed & Seed Coordinator role that will not continue are the direct/primary relationships with the Allied Drive Neighborhood Association, the Burr Oaks Neighborhood Association and the Bram’s Addition neighborhood Association along with a well-coordinated effort with the JFF teams in the two neighborhoods.