

[she would arrange for] the Town of Madison to take kids from the neighborhood in a yellow school bus to land the Town owned on Lake Mendota off Merrill Springs to swim. Mrs. Genrich was the park lady. We would make statues of plaster of paris and paint them afterwards. The girls would make pot holders. She provided activity for the kids; we didn't have to create our own. She kept us busy."

Barr also talked about how Park Street was not the main street for the Southside, Beld Street was. He said after World War II, they made Park Street and literally relocated whole houses to the Burr Oaks area to line them along Park Street. Over the years, the Town bought the remaining WWII homes to expand the Heifetz Park on the lower end. Bonnie Hocking has lived

most all my life so I'm going to stick up for them and if a kid gets in trouble everybody's there for them. My children get angry when they talk negative about the south side."

Heifetz Park is not the only park Grimsled spoke of with pride. He shared the time he and the crew planted the trees on the walkway of Harvey Schmidt Park located on the waterfront on Carver Street near Fish Hatchery Road.

According to Rick Rose, Schmidt Park was a passive park before the consolidation of the Arboretum. "The Park land was originally dedicated on December 29, 1919 as part of the Lake Forest plat. The park was expanded in size on January 27, 1967 due to an exchange of lands between the Town of Madison and the UW-Arboretum. On May 10, 1971, the Town Board, by resolution, named

tion, that overlooks Schmidt Park. Rick Rose commented, "Gary Davis takes personal pride in Schmidt Park as with the other parks and he has added creativity for our signage and plaques for the tree groves. He's also responsible for the inlay work with stain glass."

As we drove around the park, we could see wild turkeys walking through the community at the edge of the Arboretum.

Hopkins, who joined the Town's Public Works Department October 18, 2006, is proud to be part of the team. He stated, "I love it [working here]. I've worked a lot of jobs, 12 to 14 hours a day, real physical work. But, to come here 8 hours a day working with the people here is great. There is not a day I wake up that I don't want to go to work. It's like family. You know everybody's got problems. But, when someone has a problem here you have support. ... here you are a worker, but you're also, a father, a husband, etc. It's understood."

Rick Rose added, "I'm very

"It's a place to release energy, meet friends, [and] hang out. It brings community together; a place to create friendships for kids and bring families together."

Parks are a place for the community to enjoy as open space for recreation and community building, and it is also a way to preserve and protect the natural environment which the Town of Madison has continued in its commitment. Support our Public Works Department and its employees by visiting, taking pride in and protecting our parks in our communities.

- ### Town of Madison Parks
- Fraust Park 1491 Martin Street
 - Harvey Schmidt Park 1800 Carver Street
 - Heifetz Park 924 Burr Oak Lane (north section) - Heifetz Park 920 Dane Street (south section)
 - Southdale Park 112 Deer Valley Road

Madison Arts Commission

The Madison Arts Commission (MAC) is a municipal commission that funds artistic activities and initiates cultural programs that integrate, support, and advance arts and culture as an essential part of life in Madison. MAC offers grants for individual artists and organizations for arts and cultural programming and projects, arts education (application deadline March 15, free public workshop Feb 27 - call to register).

- Temporary Public Art grants (Feb 1, June 1, and Oct 1; application deadlines)
 - Exhibition space in the Madison Municipal Building and the Mayor's Conference Room (application deadline Nov 1)
 - Public Art Opportunities (Cypress Spray Park Enhancement in spring of 2008)
 - Opportunities for citizen volunteers
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