

Weed & Seed Update April, 2009

- 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.
- The Neighborhood Services Coordinator is working with the Allied Stakeholders in updating the AllieService Directory.

Recent presentations and discussion of interest include, the Food Share program of Wisconsin and the possibility of setting up a distribution site in Allied, United Way’s 211 Center and how to utilize it, and pay day lending and a coalition forming to fight these lending practices.

- The Coordinator is working with the Alder on the grocery store issue and possible shuttle alternatives.
- With the anticipated end of the Weed and Seed Program in the fall of 2009 along with a desire to continue a close working relationship with Police the Neighborhood Services Coordinator is now participating in quarterly Operations Team meetings of the Police Dept. These meetings are attended by the Chief, Assistant Chief and all Captians. The first issue that is being discussed between the two departments is that of Youth Courts. Both departments fund Youth Courts and OCS staff are working to get collaboration, consistency and coordination with Police on this emerging service area.
- OCS is working with the Police Department on funding Youth Courts and Domestic Violence programming through their Stimulus funding.