



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Erin McWalter

August 21 at 9:33pm · Madison, WI · Edited

Jackson Street Plaza will have one last Food Cart Night and.... (your dream placemaking effort here) on September 4th. It has been a great experiment and special thanks to those in the neighborhood sacrificing to help people connect in new ways. It all happened quickly so thank you for adapting so well. Sorry to those that we upset. That was never our intention. It was also not our goal to solve any traffic issues in that area that already existed. This was to build community. Expect a little more activity the last week so we go out with a "bang." Special thanks to [The Bodgery](#) and others who came out to help decorate with yarn last night (still adding on so feel free to help) and thanks to the dancers and music tonight from [Raizes do Brasil Capoeira Madison](#) So fun!

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Rev Velveteen Sly

August 22 at 4:57pm

So I understand people volunteered their efforts to make this happen for free. I'm just wondering what volunteer or financial contributions are being made by the people who profit financially from this, e.g. the food carts and the ice cream shop? Just asking because I haven't heard anything about that.

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Suzi Radtke likes this.

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Erin McWalter Enjoying and leaving is okay. I am glad they came. I believe people contribute what they can when they can and the more people share the lighter all of our loads will be. Back to work... I need to close fb. :) I am staying in for a reason.

August 22 at 7:32pm · Like



Ryan Koglin As a jackson st resident I think this was a success. The more people who get involved the better the space can be. Seeing families and people get together at the space has been awesome.

August 22 at 11:26pm · Like · 1



Rev Velveteen Sly It's just that I noticed the actual part of the street that was blocked off was mainly occupied by food carts [five of them], their generators, & the people lining up to purchase. Most folks mainly hang out on the Chocolate

Shophe patio or the grassy part of the park. Is there a reason the carts can't be up on the dead end of St. Paul instead? There might be a good reason, I'm just asking.

August 27 at 6:26pm · Like · 1



Rachel Bergh

August 26 at 12:10pm

Hey I heard the road is reopening on Sept 5? What has happened?

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Erin McWalter Thanks **Ellie Erickson**! Friday morning? Do you have time to help with the blue bench too?

August 27 at 1:22pm · Like



Ellie Erickson Let me check my schedule. It might have to be Saturday morning. My new band has a gig at Java cat friday afternoon, and I need the backseat in the van. But I can get the other benches in the back of the van with seat in.

August 27 at 1:24pm · Like



Erin McWalter Okay, yes whenever works for you would be much appreciated. :)

August 27 at 1:27pm · Like



Jessica Ray

August 26 at 10:17am

Given the weather this week and the amount of mosquitoes swarming at dusk, we at The Atwood Tool Library have decided to cancel the Repair Cafe this week. Please spread the word!

Due to the reopening of Jackson on September 4, some rearranging of future Repair Cafes is in order. we think we are going to try and shoot for having them once per month to allow for more planning time. Stay tuned for when and where the next Repair Cafe will be.

If you want to volunteer at a Repair Cafe or for the Atwood Tool Library, please email Jessica at tools@sustainableatwood.org.

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Erin McWalter Dang it. I was going to bring my bike this week.

August 26 at 2:43pm · Like



Erin McWalter September 4th will be last Food Cart Night and reopening September 5th or when the city can fit it into the schedule.

August 26 at 2:44pm · Like



Rev Velveteen Sly

August 24 at 1:28pm

Sign is now up on St Paul at the corner of Ohio warning of road closure ahead, yay!! Thanks to whoever made it happen. Now less gas will be wasted & fewer emissions are wafting through the area from all the cars driving all the way up, then having to turn around to detour.

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[Bob Moore](#) likes this.



Erin McWalter shared [FM Derana's video](#).

August 23 at 2:19pm · Edited

Wow! Any artist want to come do this (ha) or any art during the next two Thursdays?



Amazing finger painter creates speedy landscapes

02:19

FM Derana with Santos Saj S and 10 others

A street artist who creates amazing landscape pictures in just three minutes despite using nothing but his fingers, has become an online hit.

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Jessica Ray

August 21 at 6:30pm

Mark your calendars for The Atwood Tool Library's 3 remaining Repair Cafes at the Jackson St. Plaza.

August 28

September 11

September 25... [See More](#)

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Erin McWalter likes this.



Erin McWalter Thanks for adding to the space and the work that takes Jessica Ray!!

August 21 at 11:11pm · Like



Erin McWalter

August 21 at 11:09pm · Madison, WI

Captured some of the fun tonight. Made me so happy!!! Thanks again.



00:21

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Rev Velveteen Sly

August 12 at 1:59pm · Madison, WI

I wish the road would just get permanently closed, though. It's really difficult

to turn on Ohio Ave because there's parking on both sides & only one lane between, so that should be changed as well. It's much harder to see bikes at that crossing. As a long-time resident of the area, I see that it's more confusing to people to have things change temporarily. I hope it's been better for pedestrian and bike safety, but people should know it causes other safety issues as a result. Not trying to be a bummer but it doesn't look like anyone else has brought this up, & the meetings are *always* on Thursdays when I cannot come.

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Tony Castaneda I don't think it should be closed permanently. Maybe just in the summer but with winter and snow coming Ohio St will be even narrower...

August 12 at 2:03pm · Like · 5



Bob Wasserman since Ohio is a problem block and Jackson has visibility, why not close Ohio if you want be dancing in the street? Plenty of a green space park already at Jackson, plus a terrace with seating, still don't understand why people want to sit in a dirty street or destroy the curb grass with furniture.

August 12 at 7:31pm · Like · 5



Tony Castaneda Hmmmm...

August 13 at 12:03am · Like · 1



Rev Velveteen Sly Bob- Because ice cream, right?

August 13 at 2:36pm · Like



Rev Velveteen Sly Yes, I also think Jackson St. was already a place.

August 13 at 2:38pm · Like · 2



Bob Wasserman OK, I'll give you sundays in the summer

August 13 at 9:17pm · Like



Rev Velveteen Sly It is closed off all day every day in the summer, you know.

August 15 at 5:53pm · Edited · Like



Bob Wasserman Yes, I am quite aware of that, but they never asked me so I'm giving my opinion now. I am also wondering the precedent set by this, do other businesses on the eastside get to close the streets next their business for the summer too?

August 16 at 12:18am · Like · 1



Donna Magdalina The ice cream shop was not involved with creating the idea of closing of this street. The instigation came from the neighborhood and from public meetings that were held and announced as best as possible without a budget for doing so and with all-volunteer effort.

August 16 at 3:00am · Like · 2



Bob Wasserman I used to live on this block of St Paul, you realize that part of St. Paul Ave was already closed off and made into greenspace and access to Atwood at Dunning was closed off to make the park that is already there in about 1998?.(along with bike path installed) Jackson st was left as the replacement auto route for the street closing at that time.

August 16 at 2:16pm · Like · 3



Rev Velveteen Sly It would be nice to not have had the public meetings at the same day and time, every time. Some of us have commitments Thursdays and couldn't ever make it. If you really want public input, it's important to make meetings accessible to more people. But thanks for making this place right here for us to give feedback.

August 19 at 6:33pm · Like · 1



Bob Wasserman And when the closer ends, the park at Dunning and Atwood(formerly St Paul Ave) is nice and empty and has high visibility to get people involved in workshops, bike activities, etc. possibly maybe

August 19 at 7:00pm · Like · 1



Fred Schepartz Bob's right about St. Paul. Important history to remember. I mean how many streets and access points will they close?

August 19 at 8:26pm · Like



Rev Velveteen Sly They're just not going to re-open Jackson at this time, so the best alternative is to make Ohio one side parking only for now.

August 19 at 8:41pm · Like



Fred Schepartz Clearly they didn't think through how this would affect auto traffic. With fewer access points it's more likely for there to be traffic issues. The fact of the matter is that Atwood is a major thoroughfare and the neighborhood north of Atwood is relatively densely populated. Years ago there were five access points to St. Paul. For right now there's three. Something's gotta give.

August 19 at 9:59pm · Like · 2



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Erin McWalter via **Catherine Stephens**

August 20 at 11:37pm



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Erin McWalter

August 20 at 11:00pm · Madison, WI

I put a yellow basket on the corner of the bike path and the gardens so if people have any extra veggies to share from CSA's or gardens. #foodisfree
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Joe Warbington

August 19 at 11:46pm

On Thursday, Aug 21, [Raizes do Brasil Capoeira Madison](#) will be holding their normally scheduled training at [Jackson St. Plaza](#). We typically start at 7:30pm, but I think we'll make it out earlier (I heard there is food).

Visit the food carts and check out some capoeira - a Brazilian martial art that combines dance, music, and movement. Join in the fun warm-ups and workout if you'd like (we'll have to figure out waivers - so, participate at your own risk!)

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Erin McWalter Yahoo! The newly yarn bombed space with dancing and Matt Covert doing a walkability walk of Atwood.
August 19 at 11:49pm · [Like](#)



Joe Warbington 6pm, pending rain
August 20 at 10:30pm · [Like](#)



Susan Barthel
July 30 · Madison, WI

Jackson St. Plaza needs a Little Free Library!

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Susan Barthel Sarah: Excellent! A LFL with a history, no less...
July 30 at 4:20pm · [Like](#) · 2



Joe Warbington Little Free Library
July 30 at 6:48pm · [Like](#) · 2



Rev Velveteen Sly There's already one behind Cafe Zoma on the bike path between Jackson and Ohio...less than one short block away...
August 19 at 8:47pm · [Like](#)



Rev Velveteen Sly
August 19 at 8:38pm · Madison, WI

Oh, here's an important point I keep forgetting to mention -- This closure should be indicated by signs at the corner of OHIO and ST. PAUL. Right now, if you don't know about it and you're driving on or turn onto St. Paul, you get up to Jackson before you see the closure and that might not be soon enough to stop safely. Other closures have signs at the turn you've got to make instead, so you see it in time to turn where you need to. Not sure why there aren't some kind of standards in place for street closures to make sure they're done correctly right from the start.

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LK Crowe
August 15 at 12:18am

"Placemaking" in Stockholm, Sweden (where my sister lives). It's not so uncommon overseas. Something for us to strive for. Jackson St Plaza is a good start!!

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Erin McWalter It may depend on your privacy settings or the settings of someone else But are you attaching a link or photo. If it is a link to website then paste the link directly and if a photo upload it directly like Donna mentioned.
August 16 at 8:41am · [Like](#)



LK Crowe Thanks for the info. I'll try... nope, wrong kind of file so computer can't read it. I can't do much on this old computer. Sorry. It WAS a good post though - you'll have to take my word. If you can't see any of it, I'll delete it.
August 17 at 1:09am · [Like](#)



Rev Velveteen Sly Is this the one you meant?
<http://www.pps.org/blog/tag/stockholm/>

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A placemaking project located in Madison, Wisconsin, USA near Jackson and Atwood next



Erin McWalter

August 16 at 4:23pm · Madison, WI

Please join us next Wednesday Aug 20th for our yarn bombing event by [The Bodgery](#) to warm up the ugly cement barricades. We need to leave the orange and white visible though. We will be there at 6 with supplies but if anyone wants to come earlier or donate yarn. However you want to participate any day... please do. The official event will start at 6. Here is what we mean by yarn bombing. Thanks!!!! Food cart night will be so pretty next week.



Yarn bombing - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Yarn bombing, yarnbombing, yarn storming, guerrilla knitting, kniffiti, urban knitting or graffiti knitting is a type of graffiti or street art that employs colourful displays of knitted or crocheted yarn or fibre rather than paint or chalk.

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Jackson St. Plaza



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Erin McWalter with [Miranda Welch](#) and [Jessica Ray](#)

August 15 at 12:33pm

Thank you [The Atwood Tool Library](#) for another Repair Cafe and thanks to [4 & 20 Bakery](#) for some delicious bakery goods. Loved the homemade pop-tarts! http://4and20bakery.com/?page_id=8



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Jessica Ray shared The Atwood Tool Library's status update.

August 15 at 10:00am



The Atwood Tool Library added 8 new photos.

The Atwood Tool Library's second Repair Cafe was a success! Our bike repair volunteers were busy for a solid two hours with quite a few derailleur issues.

Than...

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Jessica Ray

August 14 at 11:30am

Repair Cafe tonight!

The Atwood Tool Library is hosting our second Repair Cafe at the Jackson St. Plaza from 6 pm until 8 pm.

Bring our volunteers your bikes and small appliances to repair and enjoy baked goods from 4 & 20 Bakery and Cafe. If you think you will need a specific part to fix your item, stop by Ace Hardware on Willy St. or Revolution Cycle beforehand to pick up what you will need.... [See More](#)

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Jessica Ray

August 11 at 3:58pm

August 14 Repair Cafe update:

Bring your bikes and small appliances to the Jackson St. Plaza between 6 pm and 8 pm to be repaired by our awesome volunteers! We will also have some baked goods donated by the fine folks at 4 & 20 Bakery and Cafe.

The [Atwood Tool Library](#) needs help spreading the word about our Repair Cafes so like our posts and share widely so that I can make sure our volunteers can stay busy and we can keep more items out of our landfills.

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Sam Skar Sorry. Will you fix coffee machines?

August 13 at 5:20pm · [Like](#)



Jessica Ray As long as it is small enough to carry I am sure our volunteers would love to give it a go

August 13 at 5:42pm · [Like](#)



Sam Skar Great! Thank you!

August 13 at 5:43pm · [Like](#)



Erin McWalter

July 22 · Madison, WI · Edited

I know the space does not look super transformed and cute but this is just week #2 and the beginning. The city attorney and other entities have advised us that we cannot have furniture in the streets without permits and we are trying to not clutter up all of the sides. We are trying something new so laws may be awkward but we have to follow them. This is a process and creating the space and using it together is the idea of placemaking. So keep thinking of what you want to see and do and share.

<http://www.pps.org/> This week we are working on where to put the community fairy garden so it is not in the way. There will also be chalk by Wed. We are allowed to decorate the streets with it so please join us. After rain, clean slate and we do it again.



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Amanda Crim i'm with ben--why not put furniture in, if the road is barricaded? is it b/c if there is an emergency someone can move the barricades easily* and it

it is a street again, but furniture is too difficult?

*i have no idea how easy it is to move a barricade quickly enough to justify moving it rather than driving another block to go around.

July 23 at 9:47am · Like · 1



Rev Velveteen Sly Can't move those barricades now without great effort.

August 12 at 1:55pm · Like



Erin McWalter Unfortunately, different states have different laws about streets. Our city is trying to help placemaking take place but they have to follow certain laws. Barricades are part of it as well as not being able to just put things in the street and leave t...

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Gorilla yoga on Jackson Street!



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Erin McWalter Inspiration!

July 21 at 7:16pm · Like · 1



Heidi Stringer Wish I could have joined. Looks like fun!

July 21 at 9:26pm · Like · 2



Rev Velveteen Sly Guerrilla. I don't see any fur.

August 12 at 1:55pm · Like · 1

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