

First South Madison Housing Fest Held June , 2005

This summer the first Park Street neighborhood “Housing Fest” was held at the Villager Mall to acquaint area residents with financing and related programs to help first-time homebuyers achieve their housing goals. The Housing Fest was held in cooperation with the Homebuyers Roundtable as a neighborhood focused event with Spanish translation available.

A number of banks and credit unions plus related non-profit groups and government offices (such as Community Development Block Grant and Project Home programs) had exhibit tables. Several presentations were made regarding preparation for homebuying, such as credit repair, basic financial management class opportunities and current housing stock status in South Madison.

A special segment featured South Madison residents sharing their homebuying stories, utilizing programs such as Habitat, and down payment or mortgage assistance programs.

The event was sponsored by UW-Madison, Office of the Chancellor and South Metropolitan Planning Council and their joint citizen Housing Team. The Team has been meeting for more than two years and has identified owner-occupied/affordable housing as one of their primary goals for South Madison.

For more information or to join the Housing Team, call Lori Kay at 263-6693.