

Housing chapter on city's Web site

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What kind of housing developments should be built in Verona?

Should the city encourage more low-income housing or more high-end homes? Look for fewer single-family homes or more apartments and condos? Allow more dense subdivisions or tend toward rural-style conservation subdivisions?

The city's Comprehensive Planning Committee is tackling these questions and more in Chapter 2 of the city's comprehensive plan, the document that will help guide the city's policies for future growth. A draft of that plan, prepared by city staff but seeking citizen input, is now on the city's Web site, www.ci.verona.wi.us.

The committee met for the second time Monday night and engaged in a heady discussion of the conundrums of the first chapter, Issues and Opportunities, particularly the part about population growth. With the city having grown at about 6 percent per year over the past decade, the group decided it would be best to be prepared for growth to stay high despite a slight downturn recently.

The committee is meeting monthly and plans to hold an interactive public session — with a still-undetermined format — March 31. In the meantime, surveys will be sent to solicit as many viewpoints as possible on each chapter's key issues.

For information on the committee or the plan, call planning director Bruce Sylvester at 845-6495.

Police report

Information taken from Verona Police Department reports. All those listed are Verona residents except as indicated.

Dec. 9

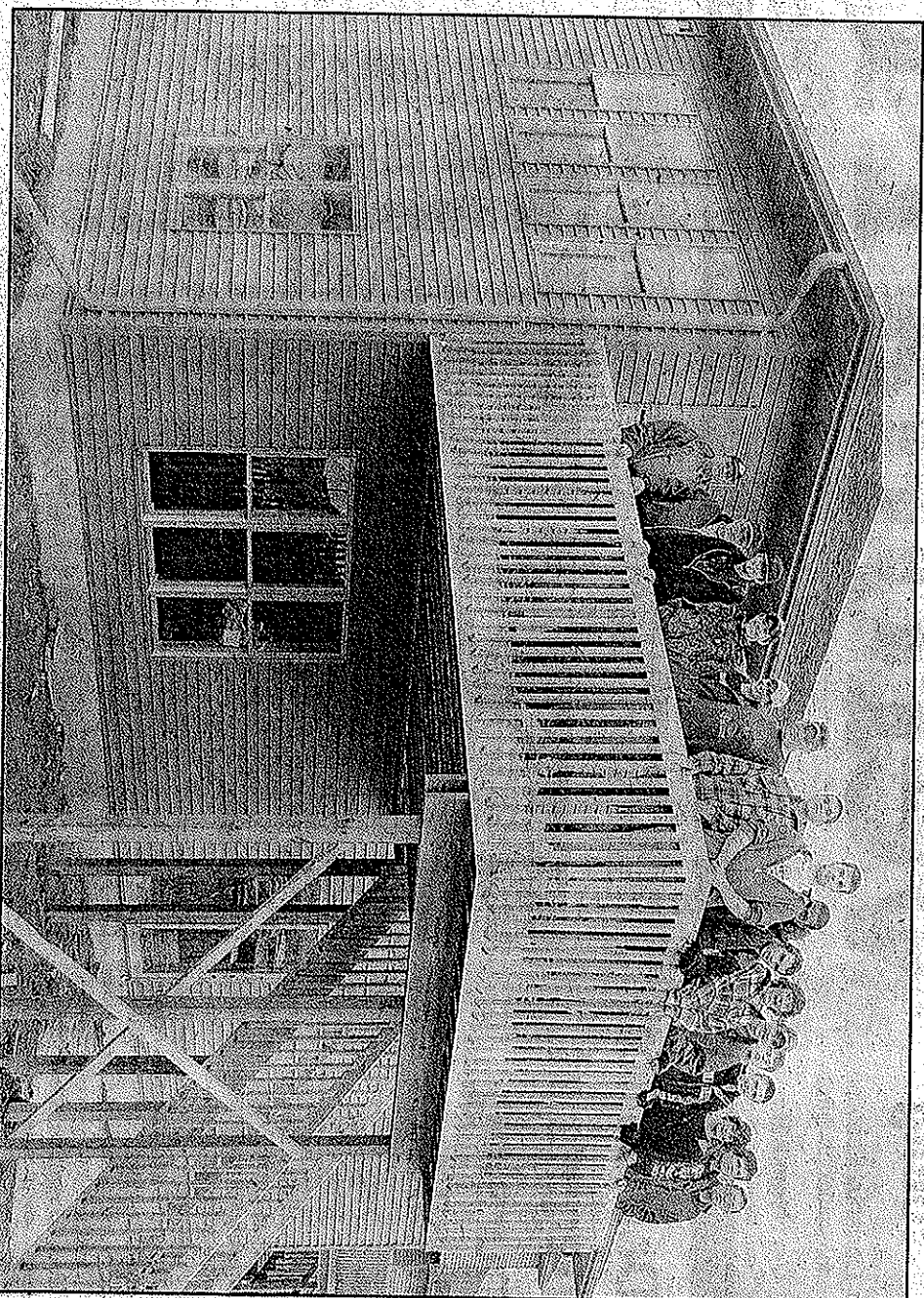
1:30 a.m. A caller reported a "crazy" woman ringing the doorbell. A 23-year-old woman from Janesville was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and booked at the

Public Safety/Building

6 a.m. Police responded to three rollovers and one slideoff on 18-151 and a rollover on Highway 69, at the S-curve during a span of eight hours. None had more than minor injuries, but one shut down 18-151 at Dairy Ridge.

Dec. 15

8 a.m. Police assisted with a fire at Wildcat Lanes when a circuit breaker blew.



Seth Jovaag photos

Standing atop a cedar deck overlooking the backyard of the 1109 Tamarack Way home are (from left): Karl Waters, owner, John Homing, teacher, and students Eric Frawley, Chase Gleiter, Brittany Zingler, T.J. Poast, Max Gruneberg, Tyler Schneider, Darrell Jackson, Eric Lockhart, Tim McCosh, Travis Bongard, Alex Demetropoulos, Jacob Schultz, Zach Hellenbrand, Matt Kubehl and Colin Pihard. Not pictured: Brandon Maier. The class also lost one of its members, Chris Gillette, in a car crash in September.

Trades class finishes another house

By Seth Jovaag
Undeclared Newspaper Group

While most homebuilders are caught in a nationwide housing slump, teenagers at

Verona Area High School keep turning out some top-notch houses.

Sixteen members of the building trades class this week are putting the finishing touches on a 2,921-square-

