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A graph is well-covered if every maximal independent set of vertices has the same cardinality. From a computational point of view, it was shown by Chva'tal and Slater and by Sankaranarayana and Stewart that the recognition of non-well-covered graphs is NP-complete, or equivalently, recognizing well-covered graphs is co-NP-complete. However, for certain graph subclasses (e.g., cubic graphs, claw-free graphs, planar triangulations), polynomial recognition algorithms are known. In this talk, we discuss structural properties of a previously unstudied class of well-covered graphs, i.e., those which are 4-regular and planar. (Received February 04, 2018)