

MEADOWOOD

Newsletter of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association, Inc.
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www.meadowoodneighborhood.org

President's Message – Jay Close

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Fall begins our quest for 2025-2026 memberships. Please consider becoming a member of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association!

The cost is only \$10 per household for the year. What you get:

- Subscription to the Meadowood (5 issues per year, paper or email available)
- Free participation in all our activities
- Free community dinners

Or if you are a member, please continue to support the Meadowood Neighborhood Association by renewing your membership.

The MNA Board works closely with Alder Figueroa-Cole, County Supervisor Matt Veldran, Captain Timothy Patton of the West Police District, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Meadowridge Library, Common Wealth Development, and other community groups to represent your interests and build a strong, safe and vibrant community.

Our association strives to share the happenings in our neighborhood, and how they may affect us who live here. Whether it is new housing developments, traffic concerns, city planning changes, or changes to our school, we want to be sure our neighborhood is aware, and has a voice in shaping our neighborhood.

The Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) was organized on July 11, 1958, with the purpose to “work for community betterment” and to “promote fellowship.” Sixty-seven years later this is still true.

Please feel free to share any news or topics of concern with our Meadowood Neighborhood Association Board.

The MNA board meets the first Wednesday of every month (less July). All are welcome.

Take Care,
Jay Close
President, MNA Board



The Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) Board of Directors consists of the area representatives and officers, and up to two at-large members. Here is the current board membership with contact information:

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Member at Large: Mary Lee Gleason, mtagleason@gmail.com

Area 11 is not currently represented on the MNA Board.

If you live in this area, please consider serving on the neighborhood association's board.

To determine which area you live in, visit the MNA website at:
www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/contact-us

Flight

by Heidi Schultz, our neighborhood poet

When the bird first fledges does it feel any
fright as it hovers then drops to the ground

Does it look around, startled at the
expansion of sky above and wonder to itself,
how do I get back there?

Where is my home?

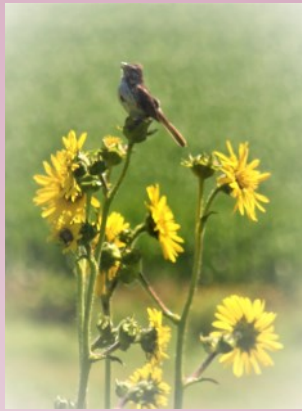
Or does it simply rest, content, amidst the
grassy remains of a land once owned by nothing but its own kind,
echoing memories of migrations across continents?

Where will we land—us humans,
the ones who wish, who worry, who wring

our hands in acclimated helplessness and fatigue.

When will we learn to live with the faith and figure out how to
navigate our own ascensions?

Whose hands will guide us but our own?



2025 Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) Events Calendar:

Community Suppers: These will be held on: **October 22nd**; and **December 17th**. Stay tuned for updates on times and locations of the community suppers.

For updates on additional events in the Meadowood area, please refer to the 'Events' page of the MNA website: meadowoodneighborhood.org/events

Upcoming Madison Events

Submission by Kara Pezzi

If you're looking for things to do this fall, Madison is the place to be!

Cap Times Idea Fest <https://captimesideafest.com/> September 8-13

Explore crucial local, regional and national topics at a variety of live and virtual panels at various locations around Madison. Some of the panels are free and others have a cost to attend.

Wisconsin Science Festival <https://www.wisconsinsciencefest.org/> October 16-25

This is the 15th year of WiSciFest! This year's theme is Rock & Roll and will feature music, motion, and geology that shapes Wisconsin. Hundreds of events are scheduled all over Wisconsin including several in Madison. A few events are listed below.

Science in a Bag can be picked up from Madison Central Library on Oct 20-26

Badger Talk: Privacy and Security Online will be hosted at Sequoya Library on Oct 23.

Clean Water Showcase at the Nine Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant offers tours and hand-on science activities on Oct 24-25

Wisconsin Book Festival <https://www.wisconsinbookfestival.org/> October 23-26

The Madison Public Library and Madison Public Library Foundation, presents free, public author events that celebrate books throughout the year. The year finishes with a celebration held at the end of October. Check out their website for current information.

Introducing "Meadow-Arts"

Submission by Jack Nee

Do you have a photo or a painting that will be going up in a local art gallery? Are you in a band playing a gig in Madison later this year? Will you be stepping onto the stage or working behind the scenes on a local play?

If you are a Meadowood neighborhood resident and your creativity will be on display, we would like to highlight such opportunities. If you send in the details, we can inform the neighborhood via future newsletters.

Submissions can be sent into: jnee3@yahoo.com



MNA Annual Picnic

On Saturday, August 16th, the Meadowood Neighborhood Association held its annual picnic at Meadowood Park. Around 30 hardy souls came out to enjoy the food and comradery. The business meeting was cut short due to the weather - a tremendous downpour. However, gathering under the shelter truly added to the community feel! Thanks to all those who helped clean up and put the chairs and tables away in record time!

Thanks to these businesses that generously donated door prizes:

- Mooyah's 6309 McKee Rd
- Star Nails 6309 McKee Rd
- Elements Massage 6313 McKee Rd
- Glass Nickel 3191 Muir Field Rd
- Tropical Smoothie Cafe 6231 McKee Rd
- Gino's Italian Deli 4606 Verona Rd
- Half Price Books 626 S Whitney Way
- Vintage Brewing 674 S Whitney Way
- Nonno's Italian Restaurant 704 S. Whitney Way
- Los Atlantes Restaurant 5706 Raymond Rd
- Dana Lou's Laundry 5708 Raymond Rd
- Chang Jiang 5710 Raymond Rd

Please make sure to give them our thanks by visiting them!

Thanks to the board members who turned out to help with the food and set up:

- ⇒ Janice and Mark Bauman for ordering and picking up the food.
- ⇒ Ron Monson and Kara Pezzi for picking up food and setting up.
- ⇒ Terry and Marty Evanson for all the supplies and set up.
- ⇒ Jay Close, Mike Edmonds, Jack Nee for the set up.

A large donation was made to the Madison Neighborhood Community Food Pantry. Thanks to all who donated food and paper goods. The pantry especially appreciated the paper products and personal hygiene products.

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Join Meadowood Neighborhood Association TODAY!

Please continue to support Meadowood Neighborhood Association by renewing your membership or joining for the first time. The cost is \$10 per household for the year. You will receive a membership card, subscription to the Meadowood (5 issues per year), free participation in all our activities, free community suppers and be kept up to date on neighborhood news. Your dues also helps support Meadowood Health Partnership, Friends of the Library, food pantries in Meadowood and more.

Re-join/join: On-line at <https://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/membership>. Or fill out and return this form and \$10.00 to MNA Treasurer, P.O. Box 45528, Madison, Wi 53744-5528.

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The *Meadowood* is published in January, April, June, September and November. Submissions are encouraged. Contact Mark Bauman, editor, (608) 692-7354 or msbauman57@gmail.com

Donuts, Neighbors, and a Perfect Summer Morning

Submission by Lisa Veldran

Nothing brings people together like donuts and good company! This summer, two blocks—Meadowood Drive and Kroncke Drive—hosted morning donut gatherings that turned out to be a sweet success.

On a beautiful Saturday morning, neighbors came out of their homes, grabbed a donut (or two), and shared conversations that stretched from the early 1960s to today. Longtime residents swapped stories with those who recently joined our community, creating connections across generations and making everyone feel a little more at home.

These simple get-togethers are what make Meadowood such a special place to live—a neighborhood where people know each other, care for each other, and enjoy spending time together. A big thank-you to the neighbors who organized these events.

Did you know? The Meadowood Neighborhood Association has funds available to help with the costs of these types of get-togethers. If you're interested in hosting a neighborhood event, email mna1board@gmail.com for more information.



Sweet Summer Moments: A Lemonade Stand to Remember

Submission by Lisa Veldran



This summer, two of Meadowood's youngest entrepreneurs brought a splash of sunshine to our neighborhood with their very own lemonade stand! Set up on a warm afternoon, their colorful booth offered refreshing lemonade and tasty popcorn for just 50 cents each—a deal no one could resist.

Neighbors stopped by to grab a drink, enjoy some snacks, and share a few laughs. It wasn't just about the lemonade—it was about connection. Kids played, parents chatted, and even a few four-legged friends joined in the fun. The simple stand became a gathering spot, turning an ordinary day into a sweet community memory.

A big round of applause to our little business owners for spreading joy (and lemonade!) this summer. Cheers to more neighborly moments like this in Meadowood! (photo credits: Mary Connor).

Join us at an MNA Board Meeting!

The MNA Board meets the first Wednesday of each month, except July. Our meetings take place in Community Room A, Meadowridge Library from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. We are happy to have visitors! Our meeting agenda can be found online several days before the meeting. Our meetings are usually attended by our community police officer, our city alderperson and our Dane Co. supervisor. Learn more about the happenings in and around our neighborhood and meet your board representatives.

Autumn is in the Air!

Hello everyone, the last week or so has felt more like Fall than the end of Summer, and that's ok. Just an early hint of what is right around the corner for all of us. The county board will be starting its busy schedule which always is about the budget. As the chair of the Personnel and Finance Committee, it will be a challenging year and the county executive is in the early stages of putting the budget together.

Here is the upcoming budget hearing schedule if you're interested. All hearings are available to watch online and you can register and comment as well, so no need to travel downtown to participate.

- Tuesday, September 9 @ 5:30 PM - Department Budget Public Hearing at the CCB
- Wednesday, September 10 @ 5:30 PM - Department Budget Public Hearing at the CCB
- Thursday, September 11 @ 5:30 PM - Human Services Budget Public Hearing at the AEC
- Wednesday, October 1 - Budget Released by County Executive
- Monday, October 20 @ 7:00 PM - Executive Proposed Budget Public Hearing
- Monday, November 3 @ 7:00 PM - Public Hearing on Final County Budget
- Wednesday, November 5 @ 6:00 PM - County Board to begin Final Budget Deliberations begin

All hearings will be held in room 201 at the City-County Building, except for the hearing on Sept 11th. It will be held at the Alliant Energy Center. After the executive releases her budget, the individual committees will review the specific proposed budget after it is released at different locations of county buildings in Madison. You can check the dates, times and locations at <https://dane.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

Because this will be a difficult budget as the county executive is projecting a 6% deficit, she asked the departments to submit a 4% cut to their budgets. We did not have a referendum to utilize as the city did. We also have a solid surplus but the county executive will be prudent in utilizing it to fill vital programs. We also have to navigate a continuing and uncertain federal budget which forces us to make harder decisions.

On to other county board news. We expect the bid proposals to be submitted within the next two months for the redesign and remodel of the Coliseum. We also expect bids for the Convention Hall to be submitted for the redevelopment of that building as well.

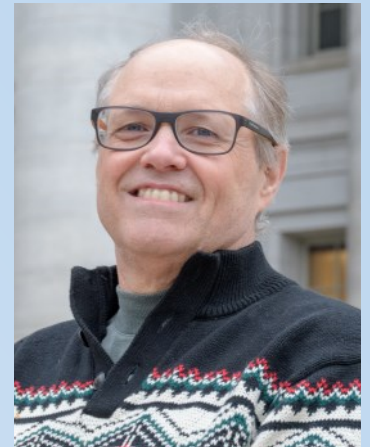
The jail construction is ongoing and proceeding on schedule. So far, there has been one large change in design, but it is still within the building budget overages.

We also recently approved the 10-year Parks and Open Space Plan. This is the blueprint for how we expect our fabulous park system to grow.

Finally, as the leaves begin to fall, a reminder to please keep your leaves out of the gutters by keeping them on lawns and terraces for the city to pick up later in the season. It is the best way to keep leaves out of the lakes where the nutrients from them end up promoting algae bloom. THANK YOU!!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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Matt Veldran, Dane Co. Board of Supervisors, District 7

Beware of Phone Scammers Claiming to be From MGE

From Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE)

Utility scams are reported nationwide—including here in Wisconsin. MGE customers have reported fraudulent activity that is constantly evolving in the form of phone calls, text messages or in-person contact from impostors claiming to work for MGE. They attempt to collect money for supposed past-due accounts and/or updates or repairs to utility meters. This is not MGE.



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Support our Neighborhood Food Pantries

Submission by Terry Evanson

Many families in our neighborhood and surrounding community struggle financially. Increased food costs have added a significant burden to household finances. At the same time, government support has declined for Second Harvest and other organizations that supply our local food pantries. You can help by donating to our local food pantries, which include Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (GSLC) and MSCR's Neighborhood Center. Both pantries are happy to receive cash donations or donations in-kind. In-demand items include:

- Household items such as paper towels, toilet paper, dish liquid, laundry soap, bleach, cleaning supplies, sponges, hand soap.
- Personal Hygiene: Tooth brush, toothpaste, deodorants, shampoo, conditioner, razors, shaving cream, lotion, tampons, pads.
- Baby items: diapers, wipes, baby wash, formula.

Make cash donations to the MSCR pantry [here](#) by clicking on Donate, and then selecting "Meadowood Neighborhood Center Food Pantry" in the drop-down box. Donations to the GSLC Food Pantry can be made [here](#).

Dear Dane County Residents,

This Labor Day, I honor the working people who make Dane County the vibrant, thriving community we are proud to call home.

Every day, union members and workers across our county keep our roads clear, care for our most vulnerable neighbors, protect public health, and provide the essential services families count on. You are the backbone of Dane County, and I see you, value you, and stand with you.

Since taking office, I've made it a priority to strengthen our partnership with labor - and ensure that the voices of workers are always at the table. Even as we face one of the most challenging budgets in recent memory, my commitment is clear: our greatest asset is our workforce, and I will continue to fight for the resources to support and sustain you.

I've stood shoulder to shoulder with working people throughout my career, and I'll never stop advocating for dignity, fairness, and opportunity in the workplace. When labor is strong, our whole community is strong.

On this Labor Day, thank you for your service, your advocacy, and your partnership. I am honored to be your ally in county government.

In Service,

Melissa Agard
Dane County Executive



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