

MEADOWOOD

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President's Message – Terry Evanson

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Civic engagement is a core foundational concept of the United States. Enshrined as freedom of assembly in the First Amendment to the Constitution, Americans have historically participated in social, political and religious organizations at levels that far exceed that of other nations. Our communities are deeply benefited by an individual's participation in organizations because it allows us to come into contact with and appreciate people who have different ideas, different political views, and different socio-economic, racial and ethnic backgrounds from ourselves. In recent decades Americans have joined organizations at decreasing rates. There are a number of reasons for this but the result is that we spend more time with people who are like ourselves and less time interacting with people who have different backgrounds and viewpoints. This has contributed to deep political and social divisions and feelings of anxiety and disconnection.

We are in control of our lives. We choose how to respond to situations. We can chat with our neighbors as they venture out after this long winter and participate in our Meadowood Neighborhood Association activities. Please choose to show kindness, tenderness and understanding to the young people in our neighborhood. We will have a stronger neighborhood and city as we listen to one another and realize that our diversity is our strength.

The MNA Board has spent a year preparing to replace the three aging welcome signs on Whitney Way and Raymond Road. Our new MNA logo will be the basis for the new signs. We have submitted a grant request to the city and hope to replace the signs later this summer.

Please add MNA activities to your summer calendar! Celebrate the summer solstice at Make Music Madison. Join us at Meadowood Park on June 21st for a wonderful lineup of music and a community supper. Festivities run from 4 to 8 p.m. Bring your children and grandchildren and enjoy MSCR's Fit-To-Go and other kid-friendly activities throughout the activity.

The MNA annual picnic is Saturday, July 27th, in Meadowood Park, with food service starting at 12:30 p.m. Enjoy West Fest on Saturday, July 6 at Elver Park.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Bingo Party at Ten Pin Alley in February. Please take time to thank the businesses who provided the prizes. We deeply appreciate Richard Ralston, our bingo caller, and the board members who gathered the prizes and planned the Bingo Party.



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:

Area 1: Sally Stix, **Board Vice President**, sastix@tds.net

Area 2: Miguel Benson and Sammy Clevenger,
miguel.a.benson@gmail.com

Area 3: Mike Edmonds, m.edmonds@sbcglobal.net

Area 4: VACANT

Area 5: Tyler Rehm & Sara Wagner, tylerrehm@gmail.com

Area 6: Lisa Veldran, lveldran@yahoo.com

Area 7: Lisa Schulz, **Board Treasurer**, buttonldy@aol.com

Area 8: Mark & Janice Bauman, **'Meadowood' Editor (MB),
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Area 9: Terry Evanson, **Board President**,
mtevanson@gmail.com

Area 10: Diane Berry & Gene Masters, dianexberry@gmail.com

Area 11: VACANT

Area 12: VACANT

Area 13: Sheray Wallace, sheraYW@yahoo.com

Areas 14 and 15: VACANT

Members at Large: Christian Albouras,
christian.albouras@gmail.com and Elizabeth Schroeder,
Webmaster, eliz.k.schroeder@gmail.com

Four (4) areas are not currently represented on the MNA Board.
If you live in one of these areas, please consider serving on the neighborhood association's Board.

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

Serve on the MNA Board!

The Meadowood Neighborhood Association is YOUR association. MNA members volunteer to serve on the Board of Directors and represent 85 – 100 households. Board members conduct the annual membership drive in their respective area, attend monthly board meetings, bring neighborhood issues to the attention of our city alderperson, and plan and implement MNA sponsored activities which include the bingo party, Make Music Madison and our annual picnic.

We currently have openings on the board for Areas 4, 11, 12, 14 and 15. You don't need to live in an Area to represent that Area. We also have "at-large" board members who help with all board duties but are not assigned to represent a given Area.

Make a difference in our neighborhood!

Come meet the board members by attending a board meeting, held the 1st Wednesday of every month (except July) at 6:30 p.m. in the Meadowridge Commons meeting room. We'd love to have you add your ideas and energy to MNA.



MNA Board Member Sheray Wallace Wins Chili Cook-Off

Police Blotter, March 6, 2019

Tuesday, March 5th marked the date of our third annual East Madison Chili Cook-off. North District officers collaborated with East Madison Community Center in the Truax Neighborhood to bring food, fun and festivities to the community. At least twelve big pots o' chili fed a crowd of about a hundred neighbors on Tuesday night.

The biggest news of the night was the outcome of voting for best chili in the neighborhood. In a shocker, Hawthorne Teachers, two-time defending champs, went down to defeat. Coming out on top, as the crowd favorite was Sheray Wallace's "Meadowood in the House Chili". Sheray proudly took home the coveted winner's trophy. Other contestants were heard to say, "next year, the trophy comes back home to the east side!"

Madison Police are pleased to continue this and other partnerships with community members throughout the City of Madison. The successful chili dinner is just the latest example of MPD's Core Value of community partnership.



Sheray Wallace accepts the coveted trophy from Officer Dex

2019 Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) Events:

Friday - Saturday, May 3 - 4: Meadowood Neighborhood Garage Sale (see article below)

Friday, June 21, 4-8 pm: Make Music Madison

Sat., July 27, 12:30-2:00 pm: MNA Annual Picnic

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

Other Events in the Neighborhood:

Saturday, July 6: Westfest at Elver Park

Community Suppers: Held at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on the following dates:

- * Wednesday, April 24
- * Friday, June 21 (at Meadowood Park)
- * Wednesday, August 21
- * Wednesday, October 23
- * Wednesday, December 18

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INFORMATION OR IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
VOLUNTEERING
srwagner2@gmail.com or tylerrehm@gmail.com



Meadowood Neighborhood Garage Sale

It's time to get rid of your clutter, dust off your boxes, and sell those things that have been piling up in your basement! The annual Meadowood Neighborhood Garage Sale(s) will



be held on May 3-4 from 7 am to 3 pm both dates. If you want to experience the incredible relief you will get from decluttering and decide to have a garage sale at your house, please email Janice Bauman at jdbauman4@gmail.com and/or Sara Wagner at srwagner2@gmail.com by April 19. Otherwise, please come and invite your friends, family, and neighbors to this fun neighborhood event. A map of all the participating households will be posted on Nextdoor Meadowood, Facebook, and the MNA website.

Turning Area Trash and Cow Manure into Renewable Fuel

A Project That's The First of its Kind in the Nation

Submitted by Dane Co. Executive Joe Parisi

A major construction project is currently taking place at Dane County's landfill that will significantly change how it operates. When completed, Dane County will be able to turn trash and cow manure into renewable fuel, while preserving our environment and natural resources.

Garbage at the landfill creates biogas as it breaks down, which contains about 50 percent methane. While methane is a harmful greenhouse gas pollutant, it also makes up about 98 percent of natural gas, which we can use as a renewable energy source. Due to changing energy markets, Dane County has chosen to harness this gas through a new method and



enhance our environmental stewardship.

Beginning this summer, Dane County's new landfill biogas facility will convert our landfill's biogas into nearly pure methane gas, which will then be injected into the interstate transmission pipeline that runs underneath the landfill so it can be bought and used as renewable vehicle fuel. This conversion will eliminate thousands of tons of greenhouse gas emissions, a leading cause to the extreme weather events triggered by climate change.

Our new facility will also have a biogas offloading station to allow biogas producers, like manure digesters, to inject their purified and compressed gas into the pipeline. Digesters reduce greenhouse gas emissions by collecting and destroying methane from cow manure that would otherwise be emitted into the atmosphere.

They also keep manure off the land, which reduces phosphorus on fields prone to runoff during heavy rain events that can get into waterways and cause algae blooms. Due to the increased revenue opportunities for local digesters, this offloading station is expected to spur the development of more digesters in our area and significantly increase Dane County's lakes clean-up efforts.

When complete, Dane County's landfill biogas project will be the first of its kind in the nation. We'll create renewable fuel to power thousands of vehicles across the region and country, while keeping our area lakes and air clean for future generations.



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The American Red Cross in Madison is in great need of volunteer drivers to deliver blood donations to area hospitals. All training and vehicles would be provided by the Red Cross. Watch this YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-hTsLecWDk>

Greetings from Matt Veldran

Welcome to Spring!

Now that we have finally shaken off this long late winter, we can look forward to being outside again. As a spring reminder, please keep the gutters clear in front of your property so that water can easily drain to the sewers to minimize area flooding. Here are some updates on county matters.

Henry Vilas Zoo: We have all been very surprised by the unfolding events with Dane County and the Henry Vilas Zoo Society. I only learned of the contract termination a few days before you from news articles. The proposals that will be before the county board on April 11th, will be to authorize new positions that were formerly funded by the Society, a new caterer to run concessions, run the carousel and train, to maintain a smooth transition for the public. While much has been written in the last few weeks, I have been responding to inquiries from you. I personally think that this could have been handled better by the County Executive, but he is intent on moving forward with new partners. One of the biggest concerns I have had is the possible loss of the AZA accreditation. Losing the accreditation would mean the loss of specific animals like the polar bears, the giraffes and the white rhino, some of the primates among other species that rotate with other accredited zoos throughout the country. We believe that the mission of the zoo is to educate the public on different animal species and conservation, not just to "look at animals". This will continue during this transition. I know I have just scratched the surface on this issue here, but if you would like to address the County Board you can come to the April 11th meeting starting at 7 PM or continue to contact me.

Jail Consolidation Plan update: After realizing that the original proposals to consolidate all three facilities would not be possible and the first alternative to build off the back of the Public Safety Building would practically double the cost, the *(Article is continued on bottom of page 6...)*



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

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GPT Electricity. Most of MGE's green energy comes from wind power. Our newest wind farm is in Saratoga, Iowa. It will generate enough electricity to power about 47,000 households. In 2018, we also purchased a share of the Forward Energy Center wind farm in Wisconsin.

MGE also is partnering to build two solar projects with another Wisconsin utility. If the projects are approved, construction will begin this year. To learn more, visit energy2030together.com/cleanerenergy.



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County Board has requested that the consultants for the project bring back three new alternatives for consideration. One is to completely rebuild the top two floors in the City County Building, or possible "greenfield" sites, which doesn't necessarily mean a facility far away from downtown but a new site. It will assess both operational and capital costs associated with the alternatives. The new proposals will be ready for presentation in May or June. There will be a presentation to review the alternatives that you can attend or watch on Madison City Channel. We are also having a mental health study done to see where gaps in Dane County exist and how best to address them.

Senior Services and Opportunities: The new RSVP facility on Watts Road, by the Post office is having an open house on April 11th! The Open House is from 1:30 PM till 3:30 PM at RSVP of Dane County office, 6501 Watts Road, Suite 250, Madison 53719. The need is always there for drivers to deliver meals and assist in other programs. If you are interested in helping in any way please stop at RSVP. Finally, the "Bus Buddy Tour has scheduled five outings this year. The Bus Buddy program offers seniors the opportunity to ride along with other participants on the bus. The program is designed to help seniors (over 60) to navigate Madison Metro. The events are to Monona Terrace, Madison Downtown Public Library, a Mallards game, Point Cinema and UW Space Place. You can get more details at RSVP open house!

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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