

# MEADOWOOD

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## President's Message – Terry Evanson

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Summer 2018 was certainly eventful! Some of you may still be making home repairs due to the recent record-setting rainfall. We thank all who helped those in Madison and nearby communities who were devastated by the floods. Pulling together and serving each other in times of need are the very definition of community.

Rainfall dampened, but did not cancel, Make Music Madison on June 21. Our deepest thanks to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for opening their doors and allowing the show to go on. Thank you to all the performers and to those of you who came out to support them and enjoy a delicious and healthy community supper.

Sheray Wallace organized, with the help of Good Shepherd and Our Redeemer Lutheran Churches, Stop the Violence! Save our Children Parade down Raymond Road. The parade kicked off the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual West Fest at Elver Park. MNA board members, Tyler Rehm and Sara Wagner, were key members in the planning and execution of this year's West Fest. The Elver Farmer's Market and West Fest are both intended to build a stronger identity and sense of community for the southwest side neighborhoods. Please support these efforts.

MNA's annual picnic on July 28<sup>th</sup> took place at a new venue – Meadowood Park. Thank you to all who attended. This was our inaugural use of the new park shelter, which was completed only the day before the picnic. We had excellent door prizes (business support is listed elsewhere in the newsletter), a wonderful opportunity to meet neighbors, and a short business meeting that highlighted the critical partnerships that are strengthening Meadowood.

The *Isthmus* recently quoted a young man elected to the Eau Claire school board as saying, "There's something we can do right now, locally . . . I think it gives people a level of hope". I serve on the MNA board because I believe that individual action can accomplish a great deal on the local level. I urge you to become a member of MNA. Our [2019 membership](#) drive is taking place now. The cost per household is \$5. Your neighborhood is strengthened by you – come to our board meetings (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month, 6:30 p.m., Meadowood Commons), get to know your neighbors, make a difference.



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](mailto:sastix@tds.net)

Area 2: Miguel Benson and Sammy Clevenger,  
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Area 3: VACANT

Area 4: Willa Schlecht, [willazoe61@gmail.com](mailto:willazoe61@gmail.com)

Area 5: Tyler Rehm & Sara Wagner, [tylerrehm@gmail.com](mailto:tylerrehm@gmail.com)

Area 6: Lisa Veldran, [lveldran@yahoo.com](mailto:lveldran@yahoo.com)

Area 7: Lisa Schulz, **Board Treasurer**, [buttonldy@aol.com](mailto:buttonldy@aol.com)

Area 8: Mark & Janice Bauman, **'Meadowood' Editor (MB),  
Board Secretary (JB)**, [msbauman57@gmail.com](mailto:msbauman57@gmail.com)

Area 9: Terry Evanson, **Board President**,  
[mtevanson@gmail.com](mailto:mtevanson@gmail.com)

Area 10: Diane Berry & Gene Masters, [dianexberry@gmail.com](mailto:dianexberry@gmail.com)

Area 11: VACANT

Area 12: Kyra Swenson, **Web Master**, [chakeer@gmail.com](mailto:chakeer@gmail.com)

Area 13: Sheray Wallace, [sherayw@yahoo.com](mailto:sherayw@yahoo.com)

Areas 14 and 15: VACANT

Member at Large: VACANT

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](http://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/contactus)

## New Home, Fresh Start: Youth remodel home on Gilbert

*Submitted by Greg Miller, Outreach Specialist, Operation Fresh Start*

Josh Williams came to Operation Fresh Start because he knew he needed a diploma and OFS could help him get it—even though he had not been in school for a while. However, he didn't yet understand that OFS does a lot more than offer a diploma. Early on, he asked himself, "Why are we building houses?" Now that he and his crew have been rehabbing the home at 1801 Gilbert Road for more than 6 months, he understands: not only is he building a new, affordable home for a family, but he is also building his own "road to success".

Josh is a participant in Operation Fresh Start's Pathways program that hires young adults to work on construction and conservations crews while they work to earn their diploma (or HSED). OFS is currently hiring qualified young people for the Pathways Program. Applicants should be 16-24 years old, not have a high school diploma (or be behind in credits at their school), and need to be willing to work on construction or conservation projects. Participants are paid a small living allowance while learning employability and life skills and preparing for post-high school education and work. The program consists of a 900-hour commitment and an additional year of follow-up support, plus money for college upon completion of a term of service. If interested or to learn more, contact Greg Miller at (608) 244-4721 or [gtmiller@operationfreshstart.org](mailto:gtmiller@operationfreshstart.org) or visit our website at [www.operationfreshstart.org](http://www.operationfreshstart.org).



Additionally, the OFS STRIVE program is hiring for their 7-week September Construction program. Applicants must have their high school diploma, GED, or HSED and must meet other eligibility requirements. Participants are paid while gaining job-readiness skills training, construction experience, construction certifications (including OSHA-10, Flagger, and CPR/ First Aid), and job search help. Participants will finish with a strong work reference, real experience, and qualify for additional paid work experience. If interested or to learn more, contact Jasmine Banks at (608) 244-4721 or [jbanks@operationfreshstart.org](mailto:jbanks@operationfreshstart.org).

## Madison's Garbage & Recycling Collection

Within the Meadowood Neighborhood's boundaries, there are three different collection schedules for garbage and recycling collection. Here they are:

- ◆ If you live north and east of the Whitney Way / Raymond Rd. intersection, garbage and recycling are collected on **Mondays** (unless that day is a holiday). The only street that falls in this region in Meadowood's boundaries is Russett Rd. east of Whitney Way. Garbage is collected every week, while recycling is collected only every other week. For the month of Sept. 2018, recycling is collected on 9/10 and 9/24.
- ◆ If you live south of Raymond Rd., garbage and recycling are collected on **Tuesdays**. Recycling collection in September falls on 9/4 and 9/18.
- ◆ If you live north of Raymond Rd. and west of Whitney Way, garbage and recycling are collected on **Wednesdays**. Recycling collection in September falls on 9/5 and 9/19.

Madison City ordinance states that garbage and recycling containers must be removed from the terrace within 24 hours after the day of collection and stored at the rear of the building.

For schedules, recycling information and other helpful information on refuse collection, please refer to the City of Madison's website: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/refuse/collectionlookup.cfm>

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

**Gardeners.** Volunteers are needed for the MNA Gardening Committee. We are particularly in need of a committee chair. The committee will meet once or twice a year to determine how to manage the three small gardens at the base of the Meadowood signs on Raymond Road (2) and Whitney Way (1). If you are interested in helping beautify Meadowood, please send an email to the MNA board at [MNABoard1@gmail.com](mailto:MNABoard1@gmail.com).

**Paint touch-up.** The signs themselves need to be occasionally painted. If you are interested in paint touch-up, please send a message to the same email address.

**MNA Board Representatives.** Areas 3 (just east of Whitney Way) and Area 11 (Mayhill, Malabar roads) are currently not represented on the MNA board. Please consider volunteering to represent these areas. Board members do not need to live in the specific area they represent, but do need to live in Meadowood.

## MNA Board Election Results

The Officers and Board members listed on the first page of this newsletter were all elected during our recent annual membership meeting and picnic held on July 28<sup>th</sup>. The new terms begin September 2018. We say goodbye to Krista Ralston, a long time board representative for Area 2 who also served as our Board President. Krista will continue to be active in the Meadowood neighborhood. We are very grateful for the unstinting service she has given us. A huge WELCOME to our newest board members – Miguel Benson and Sammy Clevenger – were elected to represent Area 2.

We continue to need representatives for [Areas 3 and 11, as well as 14 and 15](#). Please support our community and build a stronger neighborhood by serving on the board! Send an email to [MNABoard1@gmail.com](mailto:MNABoard1@gmail.com) expressing your interest.

## 2019 MNA Membership Drive

The Meadowood Neighborhood Association is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. This is possible only because people who founded our association in 1958 (some of whom still live in Meadowood) desired to build a sense of community and create new friendships. Many things compete for our attention today. Our top priorities are those things that affect our own family and our immediate surroundings. The MNA board works hard to represent the interest of Meadowood to the city through our elected representatives; to provide interesting and fun activities through the year; to keep you informed via this newsletter and email; and, with MNA police liaison volunteers, to keep you apprised of safety issues. MNA supports the quarterly community suppers. We write grants and receive support for Meadowood Health Partnership and other worthwhile efforts within our neighborhood. Please support these efforts by becoming a member of MNA in 2019. You can join on-line at <https://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/joinold>. MNA representatives will also be going door-to-door over the next couple of months collecting memberships. Dues are still only \$5/family. The cost has not changed in 60 years. If you are so inclined, you are welcome to donate to MNA. Our association can only be as strong as the neighborhood that supports us.

For your membership, you receive:

- ◆ The *Meadowood*, published 5 times a year;
- ◆ Free admission to MNA sponsored events (including great prizes at the spring Bingo game and July annual picnic);
- ◆ Information about upcoming neighborhood activities, such as our free Community Suppers;
- ◆ Access to the new, on-line MNA directory (directories will be printed for those without email addresses). The on-line version will be updated twice a year.



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## Summer 2018 MNA Events



*Make Music Madison—June 21, 2018*



*Stop the Violence Parade—July 14, 2018*



*MNA Annual Picnic—July 28, 2018*

## Parent-Child Home Program

The Parent-Child Home Program (PCHP) is a FREE childhood home visiting program for 2 and 3 year-olds designed to prepare children for school. Families are matched with an Early Learning Specialist who supports parents and caregivers in their roles as their child's first and most important teacher.

Families enrolled in the Parent-Child Home Program (PCHP) can expect to meet with an Early Learning Specialist twice per week for a 2-year period. Visits are 30 minutes each, take place in the home, and are scheduled at a time that is convenient for the family. Each week families receive a high quality educational book or toy that they keep to help support learning. Additionally, PCHP can assist caregivers with their needs for housing, employment, education, and other family needs.

This program is free for qualifying families. Eligibility criteria are:

- ◆ Children must be 2 years old on or before September 1st
- ◆ Families must live in Dane County
- ◆ Parent education and income restrictions may apply
- ◆ (Participation is not dependent on citizenship status or languages spoken)

To learn more about the program or to enroll your child, please contact Michele Bergman at: (608) 729-1171 or (920) 517-4130; email: [michele.bergman@risewisconsin.org](mailto:michele.bergman@risewisconsin.org); [www.RISEwisconsin.org](http://www.RISEwisconsin.org).

## Midtown Police Station

*(Submission from Dave Glomp & Merle Bergston, Meadowood Police Co-Liaisons)*

The Meadowood Board and many Meadowood residents participated in the long, sometimes contentious, but successful campaign that resulted in the construction of the Midtown station. President Krista Ralston received an award from Chief Koval on behalf of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association Board for its support. Police Co-Liaisons, Dave and Merle, also received awards for spearheading the campaign, by personally contacting neighbors in most of the 120-plus associations citywide. We were invited to represent Meadowood at the groundbreaking ceremony, pictured in our Police Liaison Report of October 2017.

Since February, Midtown police staffing has been in place, operating smoothly out of the West District station within the newly established Midtown boundaries. The new station will open on September 9<sup>th</sup>. An open house will take place in October. Congratulations! Thanks to all who helped make this happen!

## West Madison Senior Center Moves to the Meadowood Shopping Center

The West Madison Senior Center was established in 1975 to help older adults stay independent and active in the community by providing programs, services, and resources. The programs and services include Case Management, Senior Activities, Nutrition, and a Home Chore Volunteer Program.



The Case Management Program provides one-on-one help to senior adults, 60 years and older who are income eligible, the support, resources, and community services they need to safely remain in their own homes. Case Managers conduct home visits to assess the individual needs of each senior adult. Case Managers work with seniors for as long as the coordination of services are needed.

Nutritious meals are offered Monday-Friday at Lechayim-Beth Israel Center, Meadowridge Commons, and Lussier Community Education Center. Meals are catered by Goodman Catering. The suggested minimum donation for senior 60 and older is \$4.00. Transportation is available for a donation of \$1.00 round trip. You must reserve a meal and transportation one business day in advance by calling the office at (608) 238-7368.

The Home Chore Volunteer Program assist limited income adults who are 60 and older, with basic home chores to help them remain independent. The program includes individual volunteers, families and groups.

The Senior Center also provides a broad range of opportunities for learning, socializing, volunteer work and community involvement. The activities take place in different neighborhood centers, libraries, and churches on the west side.

The Center recently moved their administrative office from Segoe Road to Raymond Road in June. The new office, located at 5724 Raymond Road, is be spacious with excellent parking facilities. The office is located next to Meadowridge Library. They are having an Open House on Thursday, November 1 from 2:00-4:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. "We're hopeful that our new location will enhance our visibility and provide greater accessibility to the 16,000 seniors who reside on the west side," said Executive Director, Katie Gallagher.

If you have any questions about the new location or their programs and services, please call their office at (608) 238-7368 or visit their website at: <http://www.wmseniorcenter.org/>

## West Madison Senior Center Meals

Nutritious lunch meals are offered at 12:00 noon at two locations on the westside, Tuesday-Friday.

- Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: Meadowridge Commons, 5734 Raymond Road
- Friday: Lussier Community Ed. Center, 55 S. Gammon Rd.

If you are age 60 and older, the suggested minimum donation is \$4.00. Please give what you can afford. If you are under age 60 and do not meet the nutrition program eligibility guidelines, you are required to pay the total cost \$9.73. Door-to-door transportation is available for a donation of \$1.00. To make a meal and bus reservation, contact: Candice Martin, Program Manager, 608-238-7368 ext. 8. Call before noon the day before the meal.

## Volunteer to Help a Westside Senior With Home Chores

Make a difference in a senior adult's life and volunteer for the West Madison Senior Center Home Chore Program. Volunteers offer light housekeeping and friendly visiting to help low-income westside seniors who want live independently in their homes or apartments but struggle with day-to-day cleaning tasks. Some seniors simply appreciate a friendly visitor to chat with. Opportunities are very flexible and can be quite rewarding.

For more information, please contact Tiffany Schafer, Volunteer Coordinator, at 608-238-7368 ext. 2 or email: [tiffanys@wmseniorcenter.org](mailto:tiffanys@wmseniorcenter.org)

## Sign Up to Get Locally Generated Solar Energy

*From: Madison Gas and Electric*

Customer support helped launch Madison Gas and Electric's (MGE) Shared Solar program about a year and a half ago. Customers who subscribed to the program support solar power generated by an array on the roof of the Middleton Municipal Operations Center. The voluntary program sold out quickly!

Now, MGE is preparing for Shared Solar's expansion, which will give more customers the opportunity to participate and grow solar energy in our community. MGE is adding customers to a waiting list in anticipation of the program's expansion.

Program participation is easy and affordable. Join our waiting list at [www.mge.com/sharedsolar](http://www.mge.com/sharedsolar) and be among the first to learn about our next steps. This limited opportunity will be available to MGE electric customers on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Features of Shared Solar

Shared Solar is convenient and simple. Participants:

- ◆ Subscribe for up to 50% of their annual electricity use;
- ◆ Pay a one-time up-front fee and a fixed per-kilowatt-hour rate for solar;
- ◆ Pay the standard rate for the rest of their electricity;
- ◆ Take solar with them if they move within MGE's electric service area;
- ◆ Reserve their spot for 25 years but may exit at any time.

### Working together to reach shared goals

Shared Solar helps grow solar in our community. It also advances MGE's Energy 2030 framework, which includes our goal of supplying 30% renewable energy by 2030.

Join us in the Shared Solar program as we work toward shared energy goals for our community. Stay tuned for more details about the expansion and to learn about our other clean energy projects. Visit [www.energy2030together.com](http://www.energy2030together.com).

## Selection of Electric Vehicles Continues to Grow

*From: Madison Gas and Electric*

We all like choices. "One size does not fit all" when it comes to vehicles (or most other products). What many buyers may not realize is the assortment of electric vehicle options at dealerships in the Madison area. There are more than 40 electric vehicle models available in almost every vehicle class from the Chevy Bolt hatchback to the Chrysler Pacifica minivan. And that number is expected to double in the next five years.

**All Electric or Gasoline Backup?** Like their gasoline counterparts, today's electric vehicles offer many choices when it comes to trim, color, and packages. And like gas-powered vehicles, which may take either regular or premium fuel, electric vehicles also are "fueled" in different ways. For example, some vehicles are all-electric while others are plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV) or battery electric vehicles (BEV).

**What's the Difference?** BEVs like the Chevy Bolt, Nissan LEAF, and Tesla Model 3 run on electricity only. They have an electric motor. The battery recharges by plugging into an electrical outlet or charging station. On average, you can drive from 100 to 240 miles on a charge. Automakers are promising future models will travel 300 miles or more on a single charge.

PHEVs also have an electric motor and battery with a gasoline engine for backup. You can drive from 10 to 50 miles on electricity before the gasoline engine kicks in. PHEVs can travel between 300 to 600 miles before you need to charge or fuel up. There are many models available including the Chrysler Pacifica Minivan, Honda Clarity, Mitsubishi Outlander, and BMW 330e.



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## Column Submission from Dane County Executive Joe Parisi



Over the last few weeks, Dane County has experienced some of the worst flooding we have ever seen. This tragedy has brought our community together and I have been heartened by the incredible demonstrations of neighbors helping neighbors. Our first responders once again rose to the occasion.

In the months ahead we will learn the extent of the damage to homes, businesses and infrastructure. Dane County Emergency Management will work with municipalities to help apply for relief.

What we are seeing in our community is that climate change is real and will present more severe weather patterns – the extent to which we have never seen. We must pull together as a community, as a state and as a country to make infrastructure changes that can handle more severe weather while also addressing fossil fuel emissions. Dane County will continue to lead the way when it comes to addressing climate change and we urge other municipalities, counties and the state to join our efforts. As we have seen it is too important to not address.

Dane County created a website that houses all of our resources to help those affected by the recent floods. For more information and up to date resources please go to: <https://dcflood.countyofdane.com/>

## Goat, Wolf & Cabbage



A farmer returns from the market, where he bought a goat, a cabbage and a wolf (what a crazy market!). On the way home he must cross a river. His boat is small and won't fit more than one of his purchases. He cannot leave the goat alone with the cabbage (because the goat would eat it), nor can he leave the goat alone with the wolf (because the goat would be eaten).

How can the farmer get everything on the other side in this **river crossing puzzle**?

Email the 'Meadowood' newsletter editor (Mark Bauman) for a chance to win a prize! Email address: [msbauman57@gmail.com](mailto:msbauman57@gmail.com).



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## Submission from Matt Veldran

The leaves are starting to turn ...

That means the air will start being a bit crispier! With August winding down, we are all happy for that given the last two weeks! I hope that the rains did not devastate too many of families on our side of Madison. First off, I want to acknowledge Alderman Matt Phair and his wife Connie who helped two people, possibly saving their lives with their quick response during the historic storm in August.

### **New Madison Senior Center in Meadowood Shopping Center**

The West Side Senior Center, formerly located on Segoe Road, has moved into Meadowood Shopping Center and has been operating since June 5th and is in the process of merging with the North/Eastside Coalition, the Southside Coalition for the Elderly, and the East Madison/Monona Coalition of the Aging. The executive director, Katie Gallagher (currently on maternity leave), is excited about the new location as it is larger, with more visibility and accessibility, and that the merger will serve seniors better, but all the locations will remain open. Meals will now be served at noon on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays. Please visit the new center, as I have heard from many of you over the years about better access to the senior center. It is now within a short drive or even walking!



*Matt Veldran, Dane County Board of Supervisors, District 7*

### **Alliant Energy Center (AEC)**

The County Board AEC committee is currently reviewing various proposals to expand and upgrade the AEC and the Coliseum. Possible upgrades include adding more convention center space with ballrooms, a second hotel, retail space, parking garage. The coliseum would be made more accessible with wider hall space outside of the arena and new dressing rooms. Some of these additions have been mentioned by different groups, individuals, and online surveys conducted by the county board. Nothing is confirmed yet and funding is not established as to how we will pay for any additions or expansions. This will need private funding to move the project.

**Review and provide input for the AEC!** The next information/visioning session will be **Wednesday September 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 PM at the AEC**

### **Ongoing and Adding to Our Neighborhoods**

As you likely know, there are continuing investments made on the Southwest Side and especially, Meadowood. The county through its JFF offices remains as the bedrock of neighborhood outreach. This is one of the most valued non-mandated services in Dane County. Our JFF office helps countless neighbors which is a great investment. There will also be a new director. Mike Bruce is now overseeing all JFF offices in the county, but he said he will always keep a strong interest over here. We are increasing our investment to Commonwealth Development by \$10,000 to add to the "Step Up" program which is helping to teach people trade skills. We are also helping the Road Home with its new program, **HEART ROOM**. It provides six families with young children to give long term housing stability with JFF, Orchard Ridge UCC & Dane County's Early Childhood Initiative, already in place here.

### **Leaves and Water**

With our record-breaking rains in August, we have been spared collectively of flooding devastation, but I have heard from and know of individual families who had their lives upended due to basement flooding. If you still need help contact either the County or the City as efforts continue to bring our area back to "normal" conditions. Because of all the additional water which continues, it is even more important this year to keep leaves out of the street and gutters, so **please put them on the terrace!**

### **Upcoming Dane County Budget Hearings**

Three important dates to keep in mind are the county budget hearings:

- ◆ **Human Services budget request hearing - Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in Room 201 of the City-County Building;**
- ◆ **All other county department budget request hearing (Sheriff, Public Works & Transportation, Land & Water, etc) – Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM also in Room 201 of the CCB;**
- ◆ **County Executive Budget Hearing – Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in Room 201 of the CCB.**

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

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