

MEADOWOOD

Newsletter of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association, Inc.
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President's Message – Terry Evanson

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It's time to welcome SUMMER! Celebrate the solstice at our Make Music Madison stage in Meadowood Park on Thursday, June 21, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Bring your family and enjoy children's activities including a Bounce House! Lemonade and popcorn will be served throughout the activity. Youth from Meadowood will perform and some of the favorite performers from last year are back. A community supper including brats and hotdogs will be served at 6 p.m. This is a great way to meet your neighbors and enjoy a lovely summer evening. If you have time, consider [volunteering](#) and making the event even better.

The MNA Annual Picnic takes place Saturday, July 28. Our picnic takes place at MEADOWOOD PARK from Noon to 2 p.m. Lunch is served at 12:30 p.m. Bring your neighbors. If you haven't joined the neighborhood association yet, you can join at the picnic for \$5. Lunch will be served and there are terrific door prizes. The annual election of MNA board officers and area representatives takes place at the picnic. Please consider serving on the board. Areas 3, 11, 14 and 15 have no area representative. Please contact me at MNABoard1@gmail.com if you'd like to serve on the MNA board.

Entering its second summer, the [Elver Park Farmer's Market](#) will be held from 8 to Noon every Saturday between June 9 and September 29. MNA is participating this year by providing gardening demonstrations on June 9 and June 30. Come support local farmers, take the opportunity to enjoy good healthy food, fine summer weather and meet your neighbors.

West Fest, also in its third year, takes place Saturday, July 14, from noon to 7 p.m. This community event is intended to highlight our neighborhoods. There will be music, events, food carts, a dunk tank, etc. City officials, business leaders, community leaders and many others will be there! This is a great opportunity to network while having fun. While you're there, visit the MNA booth at West Fest to see a gardening demonstration. Volunteers make this event run smoothly. You can sign-up to help [here](#).

MNA board members are working hard on your behalf. We are very involved in supporting and improving the neighborhood. Each family is integral to our neighborhood. Your effort to get to know your neighbor, befriend a youth, volunteer for a neighborhood activity, etc. strengthen all of us. Please be involved!

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: Krista Ralston, kralston@wisc.edu

Area 3: VACANT

Area 4: Willa Schlecht, willazoe61@gmail.com

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, Board Secretary**, msbauman57@gmail.com

Area 9: Terry & Marty Evanson, **Board President**, mtevanson@gmail.com

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

Area 11: VACANT

Area 12: Kyra Swenson, **Web Master**, chakeer@gmail.com

Area 13: Sheray Wallace, 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

Upcoming Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) Events:

Thursday, June 21: Make Music Madison at the Meadowood Park. 4:00 - 8:00 pm.

Saturday, July 14: West Fest at Elver Park. Noon - 7 pm.

Saturday, July 28: MNA Annual Picnic, 12:30 - 2:00 pm.

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

www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/newsandevents

Elver Park Farmers' Market is Back!

Last summer saw the new west side Farmers' Market established at Elver Park. When it was established, there were several goals in mind, including:

- Expand the availability of foods that are fresh, healthy, nutritious and affordable to the Madison community;
- Promote the sale of locally-grown farm products;
- Contribute to the vitality, health, nutritional and shared values of the Elver Park communities;
- Provide an opportunity for residents, farmers, and visitors to the neighborhood to interact directly with each other;
- Give growers and producers of local agricultural commodities and other farm-related products direct marketing opportunities;
- Enhance the quality of life in Elver Park by providing an activity that continues to foster community and social interaction.

To further these goals, the farmers' market will return again this year! Beginning June 9th and running through September, from 8am to 12pm market patrons will be able to find veggies, meat, soaps, crafts and more, with an even wider selection of vendors than last year. In addition, the Meadowood Neighborhood Association will be hosting free gardening demonstrations by Master Gardener Linda Mattson. On June 9th, the theme will be "Just Get Growing", with simple ways to get a garden started anywhere. On June 30th, the theme will be "Make and Take Wildflower Gardening", and patrons will be able to pick out and plant a variety of wildflower seeds in personalized pots. We hope Meadowood Neighborhood residents will join us in supporting the new and growing market this summer!

Make Music Madison 2018!

Thursday, June 21st
4-8pm at
Meadowood Park

**JOIN
US!**

Lineup including:



Meadowood
Dream Team



Brad Graham



Willie Wright



Mtrane Plus

With:
Kids Activities! Popcorn!
Lemonade! Bounce House!

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Third Annual Make Music Madison at Meadowood Park

Thursday, June 21st

Last year's event had about 150 attendees and a good time was had by all. We're planning a repeat afternoon of great music, kids activities (including Bounce House) and a community supper. The community supper team, led by Sheray Wallace, will be serving hot dogs and brats. The meal will be served about 6:00 pm.

We are still in need of volunteers. Please consider signing up for a one-hour slot or two. There are many ways to help. Click on this link to see choices: <http://signup.com/login/entry/55311936807>

Timeline of Musical Events

4:00 to 4:50 pm – Meadowood Dream Team (area youth performing hip-hop, pop and R&B)
5:00 to 5:35 pm – Willie Wright (jazz, Afrobeat and pop)
5:45 to 6:00 pm – Madison Bay Drill Team
6:05 to 6:55 pm – Brad Graham (Americana, bluegrass and folk)
7:00 to 8:00 pm – Mtrane (R&B, Jazz, Afrobeat)

Meadowood Park: from Raymond Road, go 1 block south on Leland at the flashing pedestrian light. Popcorn, Lemonade and Water will be available throughout concert times (4:00 to 8:00 pm).

A few picnic tables will be available. Please bring a blanket or chairs.

This event is sponsored by Meadowood Neighborhood Association.

Get to Know Your Neighbor: Dottie Loehrer

Submission by Kyra Swenson

On a windy and snowy day in April, I had the privilege of meeting with one of the founding members of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association, Mrs. Dorothy "Dottie" Loehrer. Dottie has lived in Meadowood since 1956, when there were only four houses on her street of Crabapple Lane. Dottie said she moved to Madison from Green Bay to attend nursing school, and after she and her husband married they were looking to move into something new and bigger. The house she still lives in is where she raised her four children, three girls and one boy. Dottie said the biggest change she has seen in the neighborhood has been the growth over the years. When she moved in, Dottie said, the south side of Raymond Road was corn fields, owned by the Sharpe family. There was no Orchard Ridge Elementary or Toki. And her daughter recalled the dirt piles at the end of Cameron Drive, where houses and an apartment complex now stands.

In 1958, Dottie and another half dozen or so neighbors began what was then called the "Meadowood Community Club". The initial motivation was a desire to get together and get to know other people in the growing community. The community club, with Dottie at its head, coordinated a host of activities including dinner and dance parties, the Fourth of July picnic and bike parade, ice skating parties, a Christmas decorating contest, and the bingo party, which MNA still continues today. I was most impressed to hear about how at Christmas time, Dottie personally sewed costumes for twelve Santas and twelve elves, who then walked the neighborhood delivering fruit, candy and, in later years, small toys. This was not only a favorite activity of hers, but of the neighborhood as well.

I asked Dottie about her hopes for the Meadowood Neighborhood moving forward. Her biggest hope was for a sense of togetherness in the community. People are so busy, she said, she feels like the desire to know one another is losing importance. She hopes to see more community activities, and a renewed push to get to know the people in our little corner of the city. Not a surprising request from the woman who began fostering that sense of community sixty years ago.



2018 WestFest Call for Volunteers!

The 2018 WestFest is upon us and we need help! This is a large community event that brings the Madison community together and to show our pride in our neighborhoods.

We are looking for any help you might be willing provide to ensure all activities, events, traffic, dunk tanks, etc. go off without a hitch. Also take this time to network with city officials, business leaders, community leaders and many more. They will be there!

Information:

- **When:** July 14th, 12:00 - 7:00 pm

- **Where:** Elver Park

- **Volunteer Information/signup Page:**

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0548A8AF2EA02-3rdannual

For more information, contact Joseph Ryan, President of the Madison West Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Office phone: (708) 469-6055

email: president@madwest.org

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MNA Board Elections

Meadowood Neighborhood Association Board elections will take place on Saturday, July 28, at our Annual Picnic and Membership meeting in Meadowood Park. MNA works because of the volunteer efforts of people in our neighborhood. PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING AN AREA REPRESENTATIVE and serving on the MNA Board. Areas 3, 11, 14 and 15 and one at-large seat are currently unfilled.

- MNA Board positions consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 15 Area Representatives and 2 At-Large Reps.
- Board members are elected for one year terms and may be reelected.
- Officers and At-Large Representatives are elected by majority vote of the MNA membership.
- Area Representatives are elected by majority vote of members from each corresponding Area.
- All MNA members over 18 years of age are eligible to run for any Board position, with priority given to candidates from each Area.

For more information about the duties of each Board member check out the MNA Bylaws at <https://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/>

To be included on the ballot, nominations should be submitted to MNABoard1@gmail.com or Sally Stix at 271-7609 by July 14. The ballots will also have a write-in option for each position at the time of the election.

backs and legs, mixed with the dirt and dust of the garden. When everything was all planted and watered, Jill asked me to say a prayer to bless our garden, and we had a group hug for added good luck! We were all exhausted, emotional, and yet so joyful when this phase was completed!

My ultimate goal of this project is to bring in the veggies for my clients to learn about and take home and cook with. I want to share the importance and self-satisfaction of growing their own food like I am, and at harvest time, cook a community supper for everyone!

I will keep you updated and hopefully inspire others to give this a try, especially our neighborhood children!

Jill Lundberg is an active community philanthropist and volunteer. She is a former President of the Board of Directors of Planned Parenthood Wisconsin and continues to work to empower and support women in our community and beyond. She and her husband Pete have honed their gardening skills and share in the community including the Agrace HospiceCare gardens.

Michelle Heitzinger works at the Urban League of Greater Madison as the Executive Assistant to the President and CEO. She was the former Executive Director of Susan G. Komen South Central Wisconsin. Michelle is a member of Women In Focus, and along with her husband Don and daughter Zoe, volunteer and support many community organizations.

Meadowood Community Health Partners is Growing – Literally!

By Sheray Wallace

On the hottest Memorial Day weekend on record in Madison, two community members helped me make my dream of growing my own garden a reality! Jill Lundberg and Michelle Heitzinger met with me a few weeks ago to talk about the work of my Health Office and what they could do. When they asked what would help in my efforts to promote healthy lifestyles, the idea of growing vegetables in the Meadowood Community Garden was on my mind. They loved the idea and off we went to make it happen!

I have wanted a garden for a few years, but having NO experience in gardening, I knew I had to ask for help. It appeared in these two ladies who pushed me to apply for the plot permit, took me to buy the plants, seeds, wire fencing and other accessories needed to get my garden growing! Then with the help and tutoring of Acelynn of the Meadowood Community Garden, I was using a roto-tiller for the first time in my life, and turning over the dirt to make my planting soil! Next we prepped the perimeter, staked out the plot and added the wire fencing, again, all new adventures for me!

The following day we planted tomatoes, 2 kinds of peppers, 3 varieties of greens, cabbage, spinach, beans and watermelon. I can't tell you how much fun it was to work together as a team, with sweat running down our arms,



Introducing the Meadowood Junior Youth Group

The Meadowood Junior Youth Group is a group of 11-15 year olds (6th-9th graders), or "junior youth," facilitated and mentored by older youth, which meets weekly at the Meadowood Neighborhood Center. The group began three years ago this summer and has been meeting non-stop since its formation.

The Junior Youth Group is part of the worldwide Junior Youth Spiritual Empowerment Program developed by the Bahá'í Community in Columbia in the 1990s as part of a grassroots community development initiative and literacy program for young people. The Junior Youth Program is now in neighborhoods and villages all over the world.



Junior youth groups provide a safe and positive environment for adolescents to discover their talents, capacities, and skills, develop their powers of expression, grow their spiritual qualities (e.g. truthfulness, trustworthiness, love, kindness, respect) and their ability to see these qualities in others, learn to analyze the positive and negative social forces that act on their lives and their community, and combine all of this together into designing and carrying out service projects to better their community.

Group time is spent engaging in meaningful discussions and artistic expression through drama, cooperative games, and study of literature. All of this, combined with acts of community service, aid the junior youth in forming a strong moral identity and empower them to contribute to the well-being of the community and the world at large.

Do you know a middle schooler who might be interested in joining the group? Do you know a high school or college-age youth who may be interested in facilitating a junior youth group? There is no cost for participation in the group or facilitator training. The entire program is provided free of charge; facilitators volunteer their time.

The Meadowood Junior Youth Group is sponsored by the Bahá'í Community of Madison. It meets weekly on Wednesdays from 6-7pm at the Meadowood Neighborhood Center and always welcomes new participants (with parental/guardian permission). The Meadowood group is one of three current groups in the Madison area.

For more information, please contact:

Carmel Morgan-Weisberg, Regional Junior Youth Program Coordinator, Wisconsin
carmelmw@gmail.com / 608-358-2755

THANK YOU!!

The Meadowood Neighborhood Association and attendees of the annual Bingo Party held last March wish to thank the following businesses and individuals for prize donations: Pancake Café, Ten Pin Alley, Waggin Tails, Fitchburg Animal Hospital, Walgreens, Coppertop Restaurant, Vintage Brewing, Dana Lou's Laundry, Terry Evenson and Lisa Schulz. Thank you for your commitment to keeping our neighborhood strong!



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West Madison Senior Center Meals

Nutritious lunch meals are offered at noon at two locations on the west side, Tuesday-Friday.

- ◆ Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, [5701 Raymond Rd](#)
- ◆ 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.

Become a donor and receive a monthly newsletter listing daily menus and activities happening around the west side. Newsletters are also available at west side public libraries, grocery stores, churches, the Meadowood Community Center and online: www.wmseniorcenter.org.

Volunteer to Help a West Side 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 west side seniors who want to live independently in their homes or apartments, but struggle with day-to-day cleaning tasks. Some seniors are isolated and would love 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

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Meadowood Community Garden Grows Deeper Roots

As spring bolts into summer, the Meadowood Community Garden is bursting into life for another growing season. Nestled into the vibrant energy of Meadowood Park, the community garden is the home of 28 garden plots, rented for the season by neighborhood individuals and families to grow food for their family tables. We host a diverse group of individuals who share the common bond of growing food together.



According to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), having community gardens present may offer physical and mental benefits by promoting local residents to eat fresh foods, engage in physical activity, revitalize empty spaces, and even lower violence in some areas as these spaces can “improve social well-being through strengthening social connections”.

A portion of the community garden is devoted to the Youth Garden. This space is specially designed for young visitors. The Meadowood Program will be continuing their legacy of fostering strong connections between young people and their community through service learning projects in the garden. We hope the space will help instill a reverence for the process of growing food, and inspire our young visitors to become the next generation of gardeners!

This season we hope to raise funds to complete some exciting improvement projects at the community garden. Our wish list includes:

- Sturdy fencing to communicate boundaries on the north and south sides of the garden;
- Small seating area in the Youth Garden;
- Signage to indicate the Youth Garden and to emphasize the guidelines for visitors;
- Collaborative Art installation to honor a neighbor who was a great advocate for the garden.

Donations in any amount are greatly appreciated, and will go a long way to help us realize our garden improvements goals. Tax deductible donations can be made via Community Groundworks. To donate with a credit card, debit card or e-check, visit the secure website at: <https://communitygroundworks.wufoo.com/forms/meadowood-garden-donation-form/>
Donations can also be mailed to:

Community Groundworks
3601 Memorial Drive, Suite 4
Madison, WI 53704

Checks should be made out to 'Community Groundworks'.

Are you interested in becoming a community gardener at Meadowood Community Garden? There is limited space available for new gardeners. Contact Katie at katie@communitygroundworks.org or call (608) 225-0103 for information about renting individual or family plots at Meadowood Community Garden.

Hello Meadowood Neighbors,

The Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) has a newly formed gardening committee. The committee's function is distinct from the role of Community Groundworks (see above article) and its main goal is the upkeep / beautification of the Meadowood Neighborhood signs and plantings in the medians that the neighborhood association has committed to maintaining. We invite you to get involved. Some ways you can help this committee's work is by:

- ⇒ Assisting in maintaining various median plantings
- ⇒ Assisting in maintaining neighborhood signs

If you're interested in helping in this capacity, please contact Sally Stix at: sastix@tds.net.

Additionally, we invite you to partake in some fun-filled gardening demonstrations that will be hosted by a member of the gardening committee, Linda Mattson, on the following dates:

- * June 9th @ Elver Park Farmers' Market (9:00 - 11:00 am)
- * June 30th @ Elver Park Famers' Market (9:00 - 11:00 am)

We look forward to seeing you later this summer at WestFest for the gardening demonstrations. Be well.

Welcome to Summer!

As the Dane County Board starts its new term, we continue to work on racial disparities through increasing the use of the alternatives to incarceration programs. These are how we lower the pressure on the jail space and keep people out of jail which allow us to have less beds in the new facility. At the same time, the board is having a review of the current mental health care system in Dane County. We want to be able divert more people who have short term acute issues that may not need to be in the jail either. The study/review will be complete in the next few months. We won't see anything for another year while initial planning for expansion continues as this time.



Matt Veldran, Dane County Board of Supervisors, District 7

Dane County has now completed the transition to Family Care, the state's system to administer care to adults with developmentally, physical disabilities, and the frail/elderly population. This was a function of the county human services, but now clients will now go directly to the state for their needs. Because of our great system that already partnered with local agencies, citizens that used our system will transition to Family Care. That being said, if you hear or know of issues please contact me and I can help you get in touch with the right people. The other fabulous resource that's available to all of us is the ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) on the northside of the city. The staff, who I have come to know, is great at their jobs and made the transition for the 1,200 citizens go as smoothly as possible.

I also worked on a newly-completed informational/outreach program available to teens who may be at risk for a variety of reasons. This came out of our triennial Dane County Youth Assessment administered to middle and high school students. It is a single place where teens and preteens can connect with a variety of nonprofit agencies to discuss any issues they may encounter. This is available through the county's website. This survey is used by academic professionals at various institutions here and in Canada.

Turning to a more pleasant subject for all of us, the Dane County Parks "Unite Festival" took place on June 2nd, but it is still a great time to explore the continued improvements at the parks, particularly the new pedestrian/bike bridge now completely opened that connects Fitchburg and McFarland! It's also a great time to visit the Vilas Zoo, which was recently awarded as the third best free zoo in the country! There have also been new improvements, upgrades to various facilities. So please take advantage of the this great asset.

As always, it is a great privilege to represent you! If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Matt Veldran, Dane County Supervisor, District 7; (608) 235-8369; veldran@countyofdane.com

Report from Police Co-Liaison Merle Bengston

The week of May 13-19th was National Police Week in America. On Wednesday that week, at the West District Police Station on McKenna Blvd., the third annual Police Appreciation Event was held. From 2:00-6:00 p.m. police officers from three shifts, while reporting and leaving work, were treated with donated snacks and beverages while they met with the public. The event was organized by Paula Fitzsimmons who lives in Midvale Heights Neighborhood.

A dog from the Canine Unit enjoyed lots of petting. When he wasn't getting enough, he yelped for more. Unlike the West and Midtown officers who were off duty as they came and went, the dog was on duty and had to leave for a tracking assignment at the scene of an armed robbery. Also, two officers arrived on horseback from the Mounted Unit. The horses attracted lots of attention from the public outside the entrance to the building.

Chief Koval arrived to cut the large sheet cake with white frosting, and the blue police department insignia, and speak about the selflessness and dedication of the Madison officers. He appreciates them profoundly, and thanked us for hosting the event.

From Meadowood, Jim and Pat Rodeberg manned the welcome desk in the foyer, and offered the visitors an opportunity to sign a huge greeting card, thanking the officers for their service. The Glomps, Cheryl and Police Co-Liaison Dave, and I, were co-hosts. We helped Paula and her husband, Steve, set up the venue, replenish the snacks, pizza, homemade root beer, bratwurst, etc., and cleanup afterwards. In all, it was a very rewarding experience.