

MEADOWOOD

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Join The Club!

The 2025 Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) drive is taking place now. MNA Board members are the only folks who have knocked at your door and have not asked for your vote (However, we have asked for money - just \$10 per household to join). Thanks to those of you who have renewed and a special thanks to those who have joined for the first time. If you have not renewed your membership, please join the club!

In fact, when the Meadowood Neighborhood Association was founded, it was called the Meadowood Community Club. Although we are no longer called a club, I do like the idea of a Meadowood community. The purpose of the MNA is to foster a strong community. We do this by sponsoring community events such as Bingo Night, community suppers, and our annual picnic. We support neighborhood groups such as the Friends of the Meadowridge Library and the Meadowood Health Partnership. By joining the MNA, you contribute to the strength of our community.

One way we can ensure the strength of our community is to check in with our neighbors. This is especially important during winter when the snow and the cold keeps us indoors and we see our neighbors less frequently. So check on the folks on your block, especially those that live alone. You might even offer to shovel their walk or driveway. You can build a community shoveling snow!

Mike



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

Donuts and Coffee with the Neighbors!

On a lovely Saturday morning in October, neighbors living near the intersection of Birch Hill and Redwood Lane gathered for free donuts, coffee, and orange juice. Some neighbors contributed newly picked apples and bakery items from Los Atlantes. Jordan and David MacKey hosted the gathering in their driveway. Neighbors, new and long-time residents, retired and those with babies and toddlers, all enjoyed meeting and chatting with one another over the course of two hours.



It's easy to host a donuts and coffee gathering and, even better, the Meadowood Neighborhood Association will reimburse MNA members for the cost of the refreshments! The season for being outdoors is growing short, so start planning for spring!

If you're interested in hosting a neighborhood gathering, contact the [Meadowood Neighborhood Association](#) for details about funds for the gathering and any planning help you need.

Renovation

by Heidi Schultz, our neighborhood poet!

It is the dying season that brings the most clarity.

Soon, the air will turn crisp and we will brace against the frozen and the faulty,
Faith caught in the palm of the earth,
Silence sitting softly on the edge of safety and sky.

This shift in aura is
the precursor to the sharp and shortening days,
yet still we dance in the daring drop of the sun,
searching for redemption before it slides behind the horizon.

The beauty before darkness is so short lived,
but its ambition lives on forever.



Friends of Meadowridge Library Annual Pie Sale Tuesday, November 26, 2024 10am - 2pm (or until pies sell out) Meadowridge Library, 5726 Raymond Road

The Friends' popular Pie Sale is back! Pick up a pie or two for your Thanksgiving table this year. Pies are only \$12 and \$15 for nut pies.



Calling all bakers out there - we need pies! The more we have to sell the more successful this fundraiser will be. All proceeds directly benefit the Meadowridge Branch Library.

If you can bake one or more pies, please contact Jacky Byrnes at madcity99@tds.net to let her know how many to expect and find out more information on dropping off your pie(s). And if you don't bake, but want to contribute, feel free to drop off your monetary donation at the pie sale on November 26 or at the library's front desk anytime.

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MGE is offering a new sustainable energy option for our natural gas customers. Our new Green Power Tomorrow (GPT) renewable natural gas (RNG) option, known as GPT RNG, combines the environmental benefits of renewable energy with the reliability of natural gas. MGE is the first utility in the state to offer this option to customers.

RNG is a processed biogas derived from organic waste material such as food, yard and animal waste. It also can be produced from degradable carbon sources such as paper, cardboard and wood. Our GPT RNG option is a way for customers to reduce their footprint by offsetting their greenhouse gas emissions from their use of natural gas.

How GPT RNG Works

Under GPT RNG, customers pay an incremental charge to participate, selecting either a set number of therms each month to offset through GPT RNG or a percentage of their monthly usage. Renewable Thermal Certificates (RTCs) are purchased by MGE on the customer's behalf to offset the emissions associated with the customer's use of natural gas. RTC units are added as an incremental energy charge of \$1.78 per therm to your monthly natural gas bill (either as a set number of therms or as a percentage of your usage).

Why the Added Cost?

Since this technology is new, collecting, processing and converting organic materials into pipeline-quality gas is an expensive process today. As demand grows for RNG, it's expected production costs will decrease.

MGE does not set the price of the RTCs—it is a pass-through cost set by the market. We apply a nominal administrative fee to cover costs associated with administration of the program. The purchase of RTCs is traced by M-RETS, a nonprofit organization that tracks environmental attributes.

Net-Zero Methane Emissions by 2035

MGE has a goal to achieve net-zero methane emissions from our natural gas distribution system by 2035. This new GPT RNG option is another way MGE is building on our commitment to advancing safe, reliable and sustainable energy. Visit mge.com/RNG to learn more.

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Meadowood
Health
Partnership

Meadowood Health Partnership (MHP) is a Community-Based Health office located in the Meadowridge Library on the southwest side of Madison. Since 2016, MHP has worked in the community to provide health education and resources. In the fall of 2023, Meadowood Health Partnership worked with the Fitchburg Pharmacy to provide vaccines at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Food Pantry. MHP hosted a total of nine events, reaching 250 individuals who were visiting the food pantry. These events proved impactful, with a total of 75 vaccines administered to community members.

If you are interested in being a part of the services offered by MHP, we have a number of ways you can connect to us this fall! Our team of CHWs hosts regular educational table talks about a variety of health issues. Over the next few months, we will have a series of table talks about natural disasters, severe weather related safety, and environmental concerns. We also will host regular health education table talk events about chronic diseases such as hypertension and diabetes. These table talk events happen every Wednesday from 12:00 – 1:00 pm at the Meadowridge Library, 5726 Raymond Road.

Another health related community service that MHP offers is regular blood pressure screening. Every Friday from 10:30 am – 12:00 noon at the Meadowridge Library you can stop by to get your blood pressure checked. We will talk with you about what your blood pressure reading means and how you can work to improve your blood pressure.

Meadowood Health Partnership also hosts a bimonthly community supper event that brings together over 100 community members to share a meal, access resources for housing, food, employment and child care, and build relationships. These community supper events take place at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 5701 Raymond Road. The next community supper is Wednesday, December 18th.



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