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Newsletter of the Meadowood Neighborhood Assn

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President's Message – Lisa Veldran

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Winter is here but that doesn't mean you need to hunker down at home! There are two upcoming MNA-sponsored activities happening; the Bingo Party on January 12 and the family-oriented Golfland Gala on March 2. Don't forget to attend the Meadowood Community Chili Supper on Tuesday, February 12th (see more information in the newsletter). **This is an important event in setting the course for Meadowood in 2013 so I hope you make an effort to attend.**

Here are a few things that are happening (or could happen) in Meadowood. If you see something you are interested in finding out more about or want to be involved, please let me know!

- Meadowood Economic Development Work Group meets monthly to develop and promote an economic plan including attracting businesses to Meadowood
- Meadowood Community Supper Group meets to plan our successful neighborhood suppers
- Balsam-Russett Neighborhood Resource Team is made up of city employees who identify issues and deploy resources where needed in Meadowood
- Friends of Meadowridge Library are currently devising a fundraising strategy to raise \$30,000 to assist with relocating the library into the former hardware store space in the shopping center.
- Meadowood Neighborhood Center – there are goals to expand the current space into the former library space.
- Meadowood Arts Plan seeks to develop a comprehensive arts plan for Meadowood
- Participating in Make Music Madison - One-day, city-wide, free, outdoor music festival to be held on the Summer Solstice, June 21. The goal is to generate a continuous wall of music as people walk around participating spaces.
- Meadowood Neighborhood Festival – Exploring starting our own neighborhood festival (think mini-Willy Street Fair)
- Growing/supporting Local Food Initiatives – Meadowood Front Yard Gardens, Meadowood Community Garden, Toki Middle School garden, Farmers Market (with food carts), Freshmobile
- Makerspace/Sector67-type Possibilities – A community-operated physical space where people with common interests, often in computers, technology, science, digital art or electronic art, can meet, socialize and/or collaborate.

With all of this happening (or potentially happening) in Meadowood, we can make 2013 be anything but boring! It is

my sincere hope you find something above that sparks your interest and you find yourself becoming involved. Happy New Year!

MNA Winter Bingo Party



Saturday, January 12, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Hall

The MNA is sponsoring its annual Bingo Party. The K of C Hall is located on Anton Dr. next to Chalet Ski Shop. There will be snacks and a cash bar. This event is for ADULTS ONLY who are current MNA members. You can join that night for \$5.00. For more information contact Lorene Wendricks at 271-5054.

Directions: Whitney Way south to Williamsburg Way. Left on Williamsburg Way to Anton Dr. Right on Anton (M&I Bank is on the corner). The KofC bldg. is on the left. The building is handicap-accessible.

MNA Annual Vitense Golfland Gala

Saturday, March 2, 6 - 8 p.m.

Vitense Golfland, 5501 Schroeder Rd

Join your neighbors for the Annual Golfland Gala. You must be a current member of the MNA.

You can join at the event for \$5.00!



*Free pizza and soda

*Free game of golf for children 12 and under

*\$7.75 for people over 12; \$6.50 for seniors

Meadowridge Library's Busy Winter

Please join us Saturday, January 5, 1:30-3:30 pm at the



Meadowridge Public Library for a screening of the documentary *Education Under Fire*, co-produced by Amnesty International. The movie tells the inspirational story of Iran's largest non-Muslim religious minority, the Baha'is, whose youth have been banned from attending universities

since Iran's 1979 revolution. Plus:

Thursdays at 10:30 beginning January 24: Storytime for the Very Young. Stories, songs and activities for babies & toddlers ages 0-35 months. One adult per baby is required.

Wednesdays at 10:30 beginning January 23: Toddler Time. Enjoy stories, songs and rhymes. One adult per child is

The Meadowood Neighborhood Association Board of Directors meets at 7:00 pm the first Wednesday of every month (except July when there is no meeting) at the Meadowood Neighborhood Center. **Meetings are open to the public.**

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recommended.

Mondays at 10:30 beginning January 28th: Preschool Storytime. A happy blend of stories, fingerplays and songs that help preschool children develop print and phonologic awareness, vocabulary, letter knowledge and narrative skills. Groups welcome.

Wednesdays at 3:30 Meadowridge Chess Club. Come to the Library and play. Any level of experience, all ages are welcome. Drop in any time 3:30-5 pm.

Thursdays at 3:00 Meadowridge Library Knitting Circle meets. Any level of experience, all ages are welcome.

Saturday, February 16, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Bubble Art Kids will make a set of stationery using colored bubble solution and straws. For ages 3 and up. Children under 8 must have an adult helper present. Register beginning Feb. 2.

Friday, February 22, 11:00 a.m. – noon, American Girl Party Make and enjoy crafts and treats inspired by your favorite American Girl characters. For grades K-2. Register beginning Feb. 8

We are located at 5740 Raymond Road, our hours are Monday through Friday 10-8 and Saturdays 9-5. Our phone number is 288-6160.

Area 9 has a New Representative: Tanya Kirtz!

Tanya Kirtz has volunteered to be the new Area 9 Representative following the resignation of the former one. Area 9 is comprised of Golden Oak (West side of 1600-1800 blocks), Birch Hill Rd (6000-6100 blocks), Redwood Ln, Prairie Rd (East side of 1600-1800 blocks). She will be coordinating the membership drive in your area so please send in your dues and membership form to Tanya at 6001 Birch Hill Rd, Madison WI 53711.



Anatomy of a Neighborhood Theft

By Krista Ralston, Area 2 representative

At about 9:00 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 28th, a police officer came to our door on Aspen Rd. to ask whether we were missing any tools. According to the officer, a truck was stolen overnight from a driveway a few blocks away, and when it was recovered some hours later it contained items not belonging to the truck owner, including power tools with the initials DR engraved in them. The tools were not ours, but I later learned some details about the theft. The owner of the truck, who wished to remain anonymous, is a friend of one of our neighbors and agreed to be interviewed for the *Meadowood*.

He owns a Dodge truck and a small Toyota automobile, both of which he left locked side-by-side in his driveway the night

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of Dec. 27. When he got up about 6:00 a.m., he noticed that his truck was missing and his Toyota had been ransacked. Unfortunately, he had left a set of his truck and house keys locked in the Toyota, which were now missing. He called the police to report the theft. Soon after the police came to his house, they told him they had recovered his truck near Segoe and Mineral Point Rds. They said the truck had side-swiped another car, and when the driver of the other car alertly followed the truck and got the license plate, the truck stopped and two people (a man and a woman) jumped out and ran away.

When the police recovered the truck they found several items in the cab which did not belong to the owner. Included among the items were power tools, a Monster iCarPlay cassette adapter, a cell phone, and two McDonald's french fry wrappers. Unfortunately, the fleeing thieves did not leave the truck or house keys behind. The owner must now change all his locks, and of course, continues to feel very vulnerable.

Fortunately no injuries resulted from this crime and the truck was quickly recovered, due to a citizen's quick actions upon being side-swiped. But it's nevertheless scary and serves as another reminder to be alert but prudent, and to always immediately report suspicious activity. It also goes without saying that we must renew our resolve to securely lock our cars, homes, garages, etc., even when we're home—and look out for each other.

Update: Economic Development Workgroup

by Sally Stix & Rachel Howard

The Meadowood economic development workgroup (EDW) meets at 5:30 pm on the third Thursday of each month. Attendees include city employees, interested community members and elected officials. The group is currently focused on trying to assist in finding tenants to fill the vacancies at the Meadowood Shopping Mall and promoting good paying jobs for those members of our community who are looking for them. The new employee-owned Hy-Vee being built in the Westgate Mall will be hiring and people should keep an eye out for information on applying. As the EDW gets additional information, it will distribute it as quickly as possible.

Given the success of last summer's weekly meet & eat, the city has agreed to sponsor a second season in Meadowood.

Finally, keep your eyes on the shopping center and some exciting possibilities for expanding the Meadowood Neighborhood Center and the Meadowridge Library.

City Beat:

Be ready for the next election: February 19, 2013

Storm Damaged Tree Limb Collection To Start Jan. 7th

The Streets Division will begin collection of storm damaged tree limbs and brush on Monday January 7th, the same date we begin Christmas tree collection. Residents who have suffered tree damage from the recent snow storm should put their limbs out for collection by 7 a.m. on January 7th to insure they will be collected during the first round of collection. A second round of collection is tentatively set to begin on Tuesday January 22nd.

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Save energy and money this winter. Turn back your thermostat while asleep or at work. Each degree can save 1% on your heating bill. If we all setback 1°, we'll save enough gas for 3,100 homes. Bigger setbacks save even more.

Visit mge.com/setback to calculate your savings or call 252-7117.

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Meadowood Community Chili Supper

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Fellowship Hall, 5701 Raymond Road
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013**

5:30 p.m. - Doors Open

**6:00 p.m.- Introductions, Table Talk, Dinner and..
2012 Year in Review!**

Come and enjoy some homemade chili and meet up with your neighbors!

We ask people to bring a side dish or dessert...

If your LAST NAME BEGINS with:

A - L Please bring a *SIDE DISH*

M - Z Please bring a *DESSERT*

**This is the time we share our 2012 Meadowood Successes & Make Plans for 2013
Interested in access to fresh food, safety issues,
economic development or other important issues?**

Now is your time to be heard and take action!

** Child Care and Kid Activities Available **

(Children under 12 must be accompanied by adult or guardian)

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

For more information contact Aislynn at (608) 442-8624