

MEADOWWORD

Newsletter of the Meadowood Neighborhood Assn

www.meadowoodneighbors.org

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President's Message –Krista Ralston

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The first signs of Spring are finally here – no more ice or snow on the sidewalks; neighbors leisurely strolling or biking down the street or happily raking last year's leaves from their lawns and roof gutters; birds chirping in the trees ... I've even seen a deer roaming in neighbors' back yards early in the morning! The other sure sign of Spring in Madison is the beginning of construction season. As promised by the DOT, Verona Rd. between the Beltline and Raymond Rd. is undergoing phase I of the reconstruction plan. Check out the pictures posted on our facebook page.

Lisa Veldran, our former MNA President and current web master for both our facebook page and our web page has been doing an excellent job keeping these websites updated and interesting. If you haven't visited them recently, I encourage you to do so. It's a great way to feel connected with our community.

The Meadowood Neighborhood Association, Inc. is now in the process of becoming a recognized non-profit. This will increase our ability to raise funds for neighborhood enhancement projects and activities such as festivals, sports events, community suppers, and more. But to plan and organize these projects we also need VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS, and more VOLUNTEERS. For example, there are currently four "Area Representative" seats vacant on the MNA Board of Directors, numerous unfilled "Block Captain" slots and many volunteer opportunities for targeted projects. We need young and old, experts and novices, thinkers and doers, leaders and followers, etc. If you're willing to donate a little time to be an area representative, block captain, to work on a community project, or to help out a neighbor, PLEASE CONTACT ME OR YOUR AREA REPRESENTATIVE! I will be at the **Community Supper on April 29th**. (Money donations, of course, are also welcome).

Current MNA Board vacancies and areas are:

AREA 5: Iris Lane, Thrush Lane, Leland Drive East side of 2100 block, Leland Circle, Tanager Trail 2100-2300 blocks, S. Whitney Way West side of 2100 block.

AREA 9: Golden Oak (West side of 1600-1800 blocks), Birch Hill Road (6000-6100 blocks), Redwood Lane, Prairie Road (East side of 1600-1800 blocks).

AREA 14: The Orchard Village Apartments and apartments and duplexes on the 5800- 6000 blocks of Raymond Road.

AREA 15: Apartments and duplexes on Cameron (the 1500-1600 blocks), Russett Rd., and Raymond Rd. between Prairie Rd. and Whitney Way, on the 5700-6000 blocks, including the apartment building on Whitney Way and Russett Rd., across from Orchard Ridge school.

Meadowridge Library News

Alice Oakey, Supervisor



Construction is beginning on the new expanded Meadowridge Library space! We expect to move into our space this summer. Then work will begin on our vacated space to make it into a new space

for the Meadowood Neighborhood Center. Our final phase will be converting the Neighborhood Center's old space into a space shared by both of us. It will include a kitchen so expect classes, meals and other fun events to occur at the Library and Neighborhood Center!!!!

Emerald Ash Borer: What Can You Do To Protect Your Trees

Ernie Pearson, Certified Arborist (WI-0605A)

Bassett Inc. Arborcare, Lawn and Landscapeworks

As a certified arborist and resident of the Meadowood community, I am concerned about the trees in the area. Many of our streets are lined with mature ash, as well as in our yards. It would be a shame to lose them when there are options to manage this pest. There are a number of products on the market today.

The best method currently available is a trunk injection that will protect an ash tree for two years, which will be done starting the middle of May. We recommend a thorough inspection of the tree first to determine its overall health, followed by a long term management plan.

As far as the city-owned trees, there is currently an adopt-a-tree program for park trees. This program will allow private residents to sponsor a public tree for treatment. All terrace and right of way trees will be treated or removed at the cities discretion. In the hope that we can protect our mature canopy, I encourage residents who are concerned about their trees contact their alder or the mayor to encourage the city to either treat terrace trees.

If communities get together, this invasive pest doesn't need to be a landscape changing event. Contact a local certified arborist for more information on what you can do to protect your trees from the emerald ash borer.

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.**

www.facebook.com/Meadowood.Neighborhood.Association



**Celebrate Earth Day:
Do Good in your
Neighborhood**

Meadowood Park Cleanup
Sat., April 19-10am until noon

Join your neighbors in celebrating Earth Day by helping clean up the Park (5810 Thrush Lane). No need

to RSVP--just show up! Trash bags will be provided. This project is part of the Madison Parks Earth Day Challenge.

Youth track season to begin

Meadowood youngsters 7-14 can participate in the Madison Westside Track Club which begins its 31st season on Saturday, April 26. The program has been coordinated by Meadowood resident Glenn Rindfleisch since its inception in 1984.

Practices are held 6-7:30 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays at Mansfield Stadium (JMM High School). Contact Glenn at 2740-1449 for more details.

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Recycle your old refrigerator or freezer



Chances are the older refrigerator or freezer in your basement or garage is running up your utility bill by an average of \$150 a year. Recycle it, reduce your energy use and keep harmful materials out of landfills. We'll pick it up for free, and you'll pick up a \$40 reward.

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Trucks and Treasures

Saturday, May 10, 2014 - 9:00am-Noon
Elver Park, 1250 McKenna Blvd.

Madison Parks is pleased to present Trucks and Treasures, featuring the Kids to Kids Garage Sale and the Big Rig Gig! This is a fun event that brings two popular summer programs together for an exciting morning out with the entire family. Trucks and Treasures is hosted twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall.

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/kids/TrucksandTreasures.cfm>

Kids to Kids Garage Sale

The Kids to Kids Garage is a unique opportunity for youth to reserve a space to sell their own items to other kids. Kids and families may sell items such as toys, games, dress-up attire, books, bikes, DVDs, and other similar items. The selling of food or baked goods is not permitted.

For more information about this program, or to register to have your own booth to sell items, visit the Kids to Kids Garage Sale webpage:

www.cityofmadison.com/parks/kids/garageSale.cfm

Big Rig Gig

The Big Rig Gig is a showcase of Madison's premier public service machinery, equipment and employees. Kids of all ages (adults too!) are welcomed to climb on, explore and get up close and personal with the big rigs and meet the employees who operate them. Vehicles participating include those from Madison Police Department, Madison Fire Department, Madison Metro, Madison Water Utility, Madison Streets Division and the Madison Parks Division including a fire engine, police car, construction equipment, dump trucks and more! Don't forget to bring the camera, there will be plenty of photo opportunities you won't want to miss!

Learn more about this exciting program by checking out the Big Rig Gig webpage:

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/kids/BigRigGig.cfm>

Free Admission

If driving to the event, limited parking is available in the park parking lots at no cost. Guests are encouraged to bike or ride a bus to the event! Do you need directions? Visit the following websites to plan your trip: Bike Madison or Madison Metro.

Questions?

Contact Anne Whisner at awhisner@cityofmadison.com.



University Houses Preschool
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Enjoy our **FREE Parent & Child Story Time:**
10:30am, Saturdays, April 12 & May 10
All are welcome!

Now Registering for our NEW location at
6033 Odana Road for
Summer 2014, Monday-Thursday, 8:45-11:45
And
Fall 2014/Spring 2015
Ages 2 - 6

Morning Class: 8:45-11:45am
5 days(MTWRFR), 3 days(MWF), or 2 days(TR)

Optional Lunch Bunch: 11:45 - 12:45pm

Afternoon Class with MMSD 4K: 12:45 - 3:45pm
5 days(MTWRFR), 3 days(MWF), or 2 days(TR)

- Parent cooperative preschool with member and nonmember options.
- MMSD 4K openings in our 3-6 year old afternoon class
- Morning openings for children 2-6 years old
- Part-day program, morning or afternoon - optional lunch bunch to extend am or pm
- Mixed ages classroom
- Dynamic and gentle learning community with strong home/school partnership
- International population
- Play-based learning in a stimulating environment
- Qualified, dedicated teachers with decades of experience
- One of the first state licensed and city accredited preschools in Madison
- Convenient west side location at the intersection of Odana Road and Research Park

45 years...the neighborhood preschool for Madison Families!
238-3955, Karen Beck, Director
kmbeck@uhpparentcooperative.org
<http://uhpparentcooperative.org>
UHP is a part-day program which means children can come in the morning or afternoon, not all day.

Show your talent!

“Tacos & Talent” **Meadowood Community Supper**

Tuesday April 29 6:00-7:30 PM
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
(Raymond Rd. & Whitney Way)



- *Tacos are provided as a main dish, meal is free*
- *Please bring a salad or dessert to share*
- *Children are welcome but must come with an adult*
- *Updates on road construction and summer activities*
- *Talent show and Open Mic*



Contact Sheray at 276-7708 to sign up for Open Mic, or to volunteer!