

MEADOWOOD

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President's Message – Terry Evanson

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Spring, [oh glorious spring!](#) Suddenly our lives seem manageable. Snow drops and crocus are blooming, snow has been banished and significant efforts to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic are underway. MNA, through the efforts of Sheray Wallace and UW-Health arranged a pop-up vaccine clinic for April 1. It was quickly over-subscribed. We expect more pop-up clinics in the future. As a board, we are grateful for Sheray's advocating for our neighborhood. We are hopeful that this summer will bring a reduction in COVID-19 restrictions and greater ability to gather. At this time, the MNA Board has not scheduled summer activities but we hope to announce in our June newsletter neighborhood activities for late summer.

Our virtual BINGO game in February was well attended. There were a few technical glitches but, by and large, the virtual approach worked smoothly. Almost 50 individuals participated and we gave away 20 prizes. We are grateful for the support of our local businesses who donated the prizes and made this activity possible. The list of businesses is provided elsewhere in this newsletter. A big thank you to the MNA Board members who ran the game and delivered the prizes.

Warm weather is often accompanied by an uptick in crime and vandalism. Concerted efforts are being focused on Meadowood and southwest neighborhoods to reduce these incidents. Our Community Safety Worker (CSW) pilot program has been extended until early summer and we are hoping the West Police District will obtain a long-term grant to continue funding this program. The CSW represents an innovative, neighborhood-level approach to community safety and violence prevention.

The fact is, all Meadowood residents are involved in community safety. You contribute by being aware of your surroundings, watching out for your neighbors and their property, and making it a habit to shut your garage door, lock your cars and home, keep exterior lights on at night, and report suspicious activity. MNA is sponsoring a "Hey Neighbor, #9PM Routine" effort in conjunction with surrounding neighborhoods. The MNA Board is procuring #9PM Routine yard signs and we expect to offer them to residents in the near future. Look for more information from us once the signs become available.

See you around the neighborhood!



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: Maggie Dugan, maggiedugan24@gmail.com
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Two (2) 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



Safety Corner

You Don't Say...

Here are some quick reminders to keep you and your belongings safe:

- ★ **WALLET & KEYS:** Store your valuables somewhere other than right inside the door
- ★ **GAS PUMP:** Always lock your car...even when standing nearby at the gas pump
- ★ **PARKED CAR:** Keep all possessions in your vehicle out of sight when parking on the street, driveway, or parking lot
- ★ **GARAGE:** Close your garage door when not outside...less than a minute is ample time for a crime of opportunity
- ★ **LIGHTS:** Turn your porch light on at night
- ★ **MINGLE:** Introduce yourself to a neighbor- it's easier to look out for one another when you know one another

#9PM ROUTINE

Have you seen these yard signs around the neighborhood? Meadowood Neighborhood Association will be placing an order in the near future. Watch for more information coming soon on how to get one!



Did You Know?

If you have outdoor home security cameras, you can register them with the Madison Police Department. This does NOT mean that MPD has access to your camera live feed or stored footage. It does mean that MPD has a map of homes with outdoor cameras. You may be contacted if a crime happens near you to see if your cameras recorded any of the activity.

Learn more here:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/police/forms/securityCamera.cfm>

City of Madison Yard Waste & Brush Collections

Yard Waste Collection

Like last fall, residents have assigned dates on when they should set out yard waste to the curb. For the Meadowood Neighborhood, this will be the week of April 4th and the week of April 18th.

In the spring, residents get two collection chances. The city does not pick up during the summer months, so that city staff can be used for other priorities. Curbside pickup resumes in the fall. The city will announce the start date for the fall season when that date is known.

Brush Collection

First, it's important to know that brush is a separate collection service from yard waste. Brush is woody material cut from trees & shrubs. Yard waste is weeds & leaves raked or pulled from your lawns or gardens.

Brush collection will use assigned set-out dates. Residents can get the set-out dates for their home for brush pickup at www.cityofmadison.com/brushcollection. The dates listed on the website indicate that work week starting on a Sunday. Residents will get 6 brush collection chances during the summer with the final one in September.

These dates are all on Sundays as well as brush crews will be working through assigned neighborhoods sometime during the work week following the set-out Sunday.


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Drop-off Site Hours

Madison city residents may drop off yard waste, disposals, and recycling at a couple of sites. The drop-off site at 402 South Point Rd. only accepts yard waste and food scraps. The drop-off site at 1501 W. Badger Rd. and 4602 Sycamore Ave. will accept all of the material collected curbside. Additional services like electronics recycling, food scraps recycling, and cooking oil recycling are available at these locations. Madison's Streets Division website for the drop-off sites has [a useful chart on what is accepted](#) for disposal and/or recycling.

Here are what the hours will be for all three sites between April 5 and December 4:

- Monday: 7:30 am—2:45 pm
- Tuesday: 7:30 am—7:00 pm
- Wednesday: CLOSED
- Thursday: 7:30 am—7:00 pm
- Friday: 7:30 am—2:45 pm
- Saturday: 9:00 am—4:00 pm
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Thanks to Area Businesses!

The Meadowood Neighborhood Association wishes to thank area businesses which provided prizes for our MNA Bingo game to help make the community-building event a great success. Please express your gratitude toward the following businesses through your patronage:

- ◇ Buffalo Wild Wings
- ◇ Coppertop Family Restaurant
- ◇ Dana Lou's Laundromat
- ◇ Fitchburg Veterinary Hospital / Waggin' Tails
- ◇ Glass Nickel Pizza
- ◇ Home Depot
- ◇ The Flying Hound
- ◇ MooYah Burgers
- ◇ Vintage Brewing
- ◇ Walgreens

Construction Begins for Flex Lane on US 12/18 (Madison Beltline)

Submitted by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is proceeding with the development of a new Dynamic Part-Time Shoulder Use or “Flex Lane” for US 12/18—commonly known as the Beltline—in Madison. Making improvements to the inside median shoulders will allow for their use as an additional travel lane during peak travel periods. The project will also address deteriorating pavement; improve existing drainage deficiencies; and replace the existing median barrier wall along the Beltline. These highway improvements will be made from Verona Road (US 18/151) to the I-39/90 interchange.

The Flex Lane project is a first for Wisconsin; however, part-time shoulder use is already in place in 17 states. This will improve daily commutes for drivers, as well as visitors attending major area events. This measure is recognized as a safe, sustainable and reliable way to alleviate congestion.

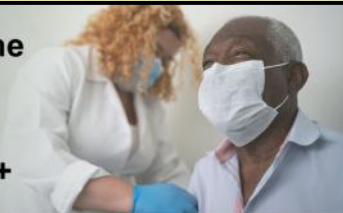
What you need to know:

- Flex Lane construction is expected to begin in March 2021 with completion in December 2021.
- Anticipated traffic impacts on the Beltline:
 - ◇ Daily single lane closures from 9 am to 2 pm Monday through Thursday and 9 am to 3 pm Sundays.
 - * Plan ahead for delays and allow extra time to reach your destination.
 - ◇ Off-peak ramp closures at interchanges between I-39/90 and Whitney Way.
 - ◇ Nightly lane closures from 6:30 pm to 6 am Monday through Friday.
- The Flex Lane system is anticipated to open in late 2021 or early 2022.
- Additional traffic cameras will be installed along the Flex Lane corridor, between Whitney Way and the I-39/90 interchange.
 - ◇ In coordination with the Traffic Management Center (TMC) in Milwaukee, those cameras and vehicle detection devices will be regularly monitored—especially during peak travel times (i.e., morning and afternoon rush hours).

Learn more about the Flex Lane project at wisconsindot.gov/; be sure to watch the narrated operations video on that home page.




COVID-19 Vaccine Transportation for Dane County Older Adults, 50+




Are you homebound or exhausted all options available to you and still need a ride to your COVID-19 vaccine appointment?

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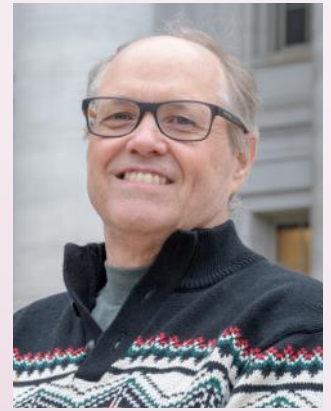
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Hello Neighbors!

Welcome to Spring and as we get closer to the end of the pandemic! I hope everyone has gotten their vaccine or is scheduling an appointment to get one as soon as possible. The best way to completely get back to our pre-pandemic world is by getting vaccinated, to keep on practicing social distancing and wearing a mask, hopefully for not too much longer. In that light, the county board continues all meetings virtually and will be for at least the next few months. The Alliant Energy Center (AEC) continues to be both a vaccine and testing facility for Dane County and the south central region, including a FEMA facility which will start shortly in order to increase vaccine distribution. Lisa and I just got ours at AEC and hope you do too!



Matt Veldran, Dane Co. Board of Supervisors, District 7

While I don't have any specific issue on the jail this time, I do want to acknowledge the announcement by Governor Evers of naming Calvin Barrett as the new Dane County Sheriff. I look forward to hearing his thoughts on the jail project and how to address racial disparities in the criminal justice system.

The county executive has had the AEC issue a request for proposal for improvements to the center campus. It is not as ambitious as many of the recommendations by the AEC redevelopment committee. But it continues to improve the facilities. More news to follow on that to come. One of the ways to keep improving the campus is to secure long term events and that is why the announcement of a new 10 year contract with the World Dairy Expo is so important to the long term health of the AEC. The AEC is just now reopening for events as they slowly return.

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The new American Rescue Plan ACT of 2021 directs funds to counties and other municipalities without going through the state. This means that we will be able to put funds exactly where we deem necessary without state oversight. We will be able to address more homeless issues, direct funding to businesses who are still hurting as they struggle to get back to pre-pandemic levels. As the economy continues to strengthen, it is important that all Dane County residents are able to share in the improving economic conditions. We will be able to support additional low income and challenged neighborhoods however needed; whether that is additional funding for rental and housing assistance or youth programming that was nearly impossible for the past year. There is also funding available to improve broadband access, which will aid a new county broadband task force which is currently forming. This will address not only rural broadband access, but broadband access in underserved pockets as well. We will be able to improve areas of county parks that may be in need of some distancing measures and cleaning provisions and procedures going forward.

And speaking of county parks, as we return to "normal" activities, please plan on visiting one of the great county parks or spend some time on one of the city and county bike paths or walking trails. One other area that I haven't emphasized but is a great asset in the county is fishing on either the lakes or on the rivers and streams, which we continue to invest in and improve for access to all our citizens. Additional investment in cleaning the lakes will hopefully increase enjoyment and usage in the coming months. These are great outlets to make us help our mental recovery as well.

As always and especially now, if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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From Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE)

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