

MEADOWOOD

Newsletter of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association, Inc.
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www.meadowoodneighborhood.org

President's Message – Terry Evanson

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Meadowood has been the focus of city efforts throughout October. Residents were able to meet and ask questions of Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway, Alder Christian Albouras and city staff at Los Atlantes restaurant early in the month. The Mayor discussed issues such as Bus Rapid Transit, the proposed wheel tax, and police protection. A Community Safety meeting was held at Olson Elementary School with several alderpersons, including Alder Albouras, and representatives from the police and Mayor's office. Statistics on crime and crime prevention were discussed as well as the upcoming city budget for the police force. There was a great deal of support for adding more police officers due to population increases. At a Watershed meeting, held at the Meadowridge Library, several city engineers discussed flooding problems and the development of plans to replace aging and undersized storm sewer pipes.

You'll shortly be hearing more from the city about the 2020 Census. The census, a once-a-decade tally of all the people in the United States, is critical to our city and neighborhood. It ensures that each community gets the right number of representatives in government. Federal grant money is also allotted based on census data. It's estimated that every person counted is worth \$2,000 in federal funding to local and state government. The city is already beginning to recruit census workers. Jobs will be activated in February 2020. It's important that all of us work in partnership with the city to encourage participation in the census. Those with email addresses will receive the census form by email in March – please fill it out! Those who do not fill out the survey by email will be contacted personally in the spring.

Our new Meadowood signs should be installed by the time you read this. Installation was delayed because we discovered the old posts (which we were prohibited from removing) had rotted. City Engineering kindly replaced the old posts with new, pressure treated lumber in mid-October. The new signs are being installed as this goes to press. A huge thank you to the 2019 City Neighborhood Grant, which made replacement of the signs possible and to Mike Edmonds and those who helped him install the signs.

The 2020 MNA membership drive is going on RIGHT NOW. Please support MNA by joining on-line or when an MNA representative comes to your home. By supporting MNA, you support neighborhood cohesiveness and safety. We all experience greater well-being as we watch out for each other.



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: Elizabeth Schroeder, **Webmaster**,

eliz.k.schroeder@gmail.com

Area 2: Miguel Benson & Sammy Clevenger,

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Area 3: Mike Edmonds, **Vice President**,

m.edmonds@sbcglobal.net

Area 4: Tony Smick, skyumahwi@aol.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 (MB), Board Secretary (JB)**, msbauman57@gmail.com

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

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

Areas 11 and 12: VACANT

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

US Census Coming in March 2020

Ben Zigler, Planner, City of Madison

The 2020 Census is approaching.

The Census is a once-per-decade count of all people living in the United States that is mandated by the Constitution. The count will begin in mid-March of 2020 when most households will receive a mailed invitation to respond online or by phone. Federal law requires the Census Bureau to keep personally identifiable census information confidential – it cannot be shared with any other governmental agencies, law enforcement, landlords, credit agencies, or anywhere else outside the Census Bureau.

The Census usually takes less than 10 minutes to complete, but brings 10 years of benefits. The Census informs how \$675 billion of federal funds – an average of over \$2,000 per person – will be allocated for things like affordable housing, childcare, healthcare, education, transit, roads, and more. The Census count is also important to ensure equal representation when drawing electoral districts—from aldermanic districts all the way to U.S. House of Representatives districts. District boundaries are based on the total population count – not the number of voters or citizens. Lack of a complete and accurate Census count can lead to underrepresentation in certain areas and a lack of funding for important community programs and infrastructure.

The City is actively publicizing the importance of the 2020 Census through a variety of channels, including working with the UW and MMSD, publicizing the census at community events, working with nonprofit community partners to spread the word, talking with local TV stations and newspapers, and more. One effective avenue is also working through neighborhoods to inform people about the census and encourage people to fill out their census forms. The City encourages residents to reach out to their neighbors to make sure everyone is aware of the 2020 Census and its importance.

Visit www.cityofmadison.com/2020Census to find out more about what the City is doing and learn about 2020 Census events and updates, or visit www.2020census.gov for more from the Census Bureau. The City of Madison wants to ensure all residents are counted - help shape our future by completing the Census next year!

Focus on Flooding

Submission by Terry Evanson

On October 29, the city of Madison held a public information meeting at the Meadowridge library on the topic of flooding. Personnel from Madison's engineering department presented a city-wide overview of planning and infrastructure activities undertaken since the historic flooding of August 20, 2018. Essentially, the age and sizing of our city's storm water infrastructure is not robust enough to handle many of the very intense rain events we've had in recent years. City engineers described how they have mapped the city by watersheds to help formulate detailed planning to address the most flood prone areas. The Meadowood neighborhood is within the East Badger Mill Creek watershed. The lead contact for this area is engineer Mat Allie who can be contacted at mallie@cityofmadison.com (608-266-4038).

Many questions were posed by the 30 or so citizens in attendance which were answered by city staff. The presenters emphasized that anyone aware of private or public property locations subject to flooding (including your own basement) should report these incidents to cityofmadison.com/reportflooding. Information regarding flood insurance, rain garden benefits, backflow preventors and keeping storm drains unclogged was also provided. Look for additional public information meetings in 2020 for the purpose of discussing further developed flood mitigation goals, plans and strategies.

2019 Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) Events:

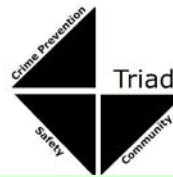
For updates on additional events in the Meadowood area, please refer to the 'News & Events' page of the MNA website:

meadowoodneighborhood.org/newsandevents

Other Events in the Neighborhood:

Community Suppers: Held at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on the following dates:

- * Wednesday, December 18
- * Wednesday, February 26
- * Sunday, June 21 (at Meadowood Park)



RSVP of Dane County

6501 Watts Rd., Ste. 250, Madison

608-238-7787

Winter Emergency Preparedness

November 20 at 10:00 am

Speakers: Jim Jenkins, RSVP

Ed Ruckriegel, Madison Fire Department

RSVP Office: 6501 Watts Rd., Ste. 250

Everyone Welcome

Triad is a national program that promotes safety and crime prevention for seniors. Locally, RSVP partners with the Dane County Sheriff's Office, local police departments, senior agencies, and others in the community to bring vital crime prevention and safety information to Dane County seniors. We invite you to participate in any of the Triad activities. Volunteers are needed to help make programs successful. To get involved, contact Mary Stamstad at mstamstad@rsvpdane.org or (608) 441-7897.

Kudos to the Neighborhood!

Submission by Terry Evanson

In September, a refugee family of 5 from Honduras settled into their new space in Madison. They were so grateful to move into the fully furnished bedroom, including 3 single beds, a double bed, mattresses & bedding, full-length mirrors, dressers, towels, bath supplies, laundry supplies, kids' games, etc. Mark and Janice Bauman, MNA Board members, made a request through "Nextdoor" to neighbors in Meadowood and surrounding neighborhoods for these items and were just blown away by your response and generous offers - not only for furnishings and supplies, but also for help in moving furniture, offers to shop, to help with translation and welcome the new family to the area. Many people they met commented that this is exactly what the "Nextdoor" website should be designed for - a way for us to respond to neighbors in need. Thank you for your generosity and for caring for one another.

PROPERTY CRIME YOU CAN HELP PREVENT IT



LOCK IT

Ensure your car doors and all doors to your residence are kept locked.



REMOVE IT

Removing valuables from your car is better than hiding them. This includes garage door openers and spare keys.



LIGHT IT

Leave exterior residence lights on at night or utilize motion detecting lights.



CLOSE IT

Keep your garage door closed and double-check it is closed at night.



HIDE IT

Keep valuables in your garage, car, and home out of sight.



REPORT IT

Report all criminal & suspicious activity immediately.



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www.madisonpolice.com



Meadowood Neighbors,

I hope this message finds each of you well and enjoying the fall weather. With winter around the corner, there are a few things I wanted to highlight and share as resources as you prepare for the winter and holiday season:

1. **Alternate Side Parking.** In a couple of weeks, alternate side parking will be in effect. Don't let the snow and inclement weather lead to a ticket or a tow. Below are a few things to know:

- ◇ Alternate Side Parking is in effect from November 15th through March 15th, seven days a week, regardless of weather conditions.
- ◇ Please park on the even house numbered side of the street on even numbered days from 1AM—7AM.
- ◇ Please park on the odd house numbered side of the street on odd numbered days from 1AM—7AM.

2. **Madison Parks.** Our Madison parks offer great activities all winter season. Please consider utilizing what our parks offer during the winter. During this time, our parks offer indoor and outdoor activities, snow required or snow optional activities and much more. Many of the activities offered at our parks during this season are weather dependent so I would encourage you to call or visit the individual activity pages to get the most recent updates.

The various activities pages can be found here: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/seasonal/winter/>

Contact Madison Parks: (608) 266-4711

3. **Wisconsin Salt Wise.** As referenced in our city website, Madison is a part of WI Salt Wise, which is a coalition of organizations from across Dane County working together to reduce salt pollution in our lakes, streams and drinking water. This coalition educates residents, leaders and winter maintenance professionals on salt pollution and solutions. Oversalting sidewalks is quite common; however, it is also preventable. For example, a 12-ounce coffee mug full of salt is enough to treat a 20-foot driveway or 10 sidewalk squares. For more information regarding this initiative and how to equip your winter toolkit while being environmentally conscious, please visit the following link: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/news/goodbye-fall-hello-winter-prepare-your-winter-kit-with-saltwise>.

As always, please feel free to contact me if there is anything that you would like help with or want me to be aware of as I am here to serve you. Wishing you a very joyful holiday season.

Regards,

Christian Albouras, District20@cityofmadison.com | 608-358-8387



*Madison District 20 Alder
Christian Albouras*

Insects as Food

Would you consider eating insects as food? About twenty people got up the courage to do just that at Meadowridge Library on Oct. 22. Valerie Stull, a post-doctoral researcher with the Global Health Institute and Monica Theis, a Distinguished Lecturer in the Department of Food Sciences, discussed the benefits of including insects in our diets and hurtles to make that happen. Andy Jack, a L'Etoile trained chef, prepared four gourmet dishes featuring cricket flour, ants, fried scorpion and Nutella covered mealworms. Each dish was unique and delectable. If you're into environmentally sustainable food and want to fight climate change, consider adding insect protein to your diet.

Our Neighborhoods: Safe & Beautiful Places

Submission from Stephanie Bradley Wilson, stephanie@cwd.org

Innovations in Community Based Crime Reduction (CBCR) is a federally funded US Department of Justice grant that is being implemented in the Meadowood, Theresa Terrace and Park Edge/Park Ridge neighborhoods to support youth and their families. CBCR is guided by a southwest community advisory team with help from Madison Police Department, City of Madison Community Development Division, Common Wealth Development and researcher Dr. Jeffrey Lewis.

Mentoring

Mentoring was one of the areas funded to engage middle and high school aged youth. Four organizations were selected to provide mentoring opportunities. These local organizations not only are looking for youth participation but are recruiting adults to serve as mentors:

- **Healing Power of Hip:** Individual mentoring for middle school and high school aged youth (ages 13-18). Contact Demond Hill; healingpowerofhip@gmail.com; (608) 251-5126.
- **Project Soar:** Group mentoring for middle school and high school aged youth. Contact Dr. Floyd Rose, president@100blackmenmadison.org; (608) 205-8572.
- **Intentional Mentoring:** Individual mentoring for middle school and high school aged youth. Contact Dianne Willadsen for Mentors, dianne@intentionalmentoringmadison.org; (608) 235-5744. Contact Katie Mae Imhoff-Smith for Mentees, katiemae@intentionalmentoringmadison.org; (262) 366-0030.
- **Dear Diary:** Group mentoring for high school aged girls (9th-12th grade). Contact Kalyanna Williams; deardiaryofmadison@gmail.com; (608) 515-8113.

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FAST

Families and Schools Together (FAST) engages middle school youth and their families during regular weekly activities that help to strengthen family bonds. The Wisconsin Youth Company will hold several FAST cycles from 2019-2020.

Contact: Jenna Stoughtenger, jstoughtenger@wisconsinyouthcompany.org; (608) 622-6719.

Safe Passage

Helping youth to travel home or other points safely after the end of the school day is the purpose of Safe Passage. The Mellowood Foundation's People on Premise (P.O.P.) staff are providing this important service in the community.

Contact: Tutankhamun Assad, coachassa.ta@gmail.com; (608) 209-1863.

Our Climate Commitment

A message from the Chairman, President and CEO of Madison Gas and Electric (MGE)

Our climate is changing. This reality is recognized by climate scientists around the world. At MGE, we share the urgency of many in our community who want to work together to create a more sustainable future as quickly as we can.

By working together—to be energy efficient, to support renewable energy, to advance cleaner transportation—we can achieve net-zero carbon electricity for our customers by 2050. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has identified carbon neutrality by 2050 as a benchmark for limiting global warming to 1.5-degrees Celsius. MGE's goal is based on the latest climate science, and our strategies are the same as those identified by the IPCC. If we can go further faster toward our goal by working with our customers, we will.

Since announcing clean energy goals under our Energy 2030 framework just four years ago, we have developed a number of renewable energy projects to serve our customers—and we're not done yet.

Our first Shared Solar project in Middleton came online in January 2017. In 2018, we purchased a 16-megawatt (MW) share of the Forward Energy Center wind farm in Wisconsin. Our 66-MW Saratoga, Iowa, wind farm began generating in early 2019.

Construction is underway on two large-scale solar projects, Two Creeks Solar and the Badger Hollow Solar Farm, totaling 100 MW. MGE has a proposal to purchase another 50 MW from phase two of the Badger Hollow Solar Farm.

We're expanding our Shared Solar program with a 5-MW solar project at Morey Field in Middleton.

We're partnering with Dane County to build 9 MW of solar at Dane County Regional Airport.

MGE's roots in the Madison area date back more than 150 years. Together we share not only this great community, but we share long-held values and ambitious goals. Join us in working, growing and charging our own unique path forward.

Sincerely,

Jeff Keebler
MGE Chairman, President and CEO

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

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