

MEADOWOOD

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In the depths of a cold winter, enthusiasm for our neighborhood burns bright. A nearby family moved to another city recently and I watched a steady parade of possible new neighbors tour their home – more than 25 showings in two days. Meadowood is in demand! Our neighborhood is livable, walkable, and within a reasonable commute of businesses, work places and entertainment. A neighborhood is more than the sum of its parts – each resident contributes to the overall sense of belonging, friendliness and well-being. Meadowood Neighborhood Association is one of the oldest such organizations in Madison. We have a long and rich history of working for the betterment of our community. As we begin this New Year, the MNA board appreciates all you do to make our neighborhood attractive and welcoming.

The MNA board has completed a calendar of neighborhood activities for 2022. You'll find the dates for our activities elsewhere in this newsletter. Due to surging COVID cases, our Bingo Party will be held virtually again this year on Saturday, -----February 26, at 7 p.m. See a separate article in this newsletter on how to participate in the Bingo game. We look forward to "seeing" you and your family there virtually.

[Southwest Madison Action Coalition](#) (SMAC) is an outgrowth of a five-year federal Department of Justice grant focused on crime reduction in southwest Madison. SMAC "advances opportunities to build a thriving community by fostering partnerships, sharing information and resources, and connecting intertwined neighborhoods to enhance community assets". SMAC's housing committee works on affordable housing issues and housing that promotes stable neighborhoods. You can get involved in SMAC by sending an email to general.smac@gmail.com.

Meadowood Health Partnership, led by Sheray Wallace, is a significant player in promoting housing stability and preventing evictions in our area. MHP has received an extension for 2022 of the Dane County CORE 2 funds, which flow from federal COVID relief money to the city. Core 2 can pay housing costs, such as rent and utilities, for eligible households. Sheray helps applicants and landlords complete questionnaires and meet reporting requirements for the funds.



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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- Area 13: Sheray Wallace, sherayw@yahoo.com
- Areas 14 and 15: VACANT
- Member at Large: VACANT
- MNA Board Treasurer: Lisa Schulz, buttonldy@aol.com

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/contact-us

2022 Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) Events:

Saturday, February 26, 7:00 pm: MNA Virtual Bingo Game
(see article below)

Friday-Saturday, May 20-21: Meadowood Community Garage Sale (see article, same page)

Tuesday, June 21: Make Music Madison, Meadowood Park

Monday, July 4: MNA-sponsored Children's Bicycle Parade

Saturday, August 20: MNA Annual Picnic

For updates on additional events in the Meadowood area, please refer to the 'Events' page of the MNA website: meadowoodneighborhood.org/events

Meadowood Community Garage Sale

by Janice Bauman

What better thing to do in the springtime than to start cleaning out your cluttered house and making a profit in return?



After two years (or was it three?), the Meadowood Neighborhood Association is organizing a Meadowood Garage Sale this year. It will be held on May 20-21, 2022. Each home hosting a sale will need to register at least two weeks before the date. The Meadowood Neighborhood Association will be responsible for the advertising and making a map of garage sale locations. More information to come in updates on Nextdoor Meadowood and the MNA website page.

MNA's 2022 Virtual BINGO Game!

MNA will again hold our neighborhood BINGO game VIRTUALLY. The game takes place **Saturday, February 26 at 7 p.m.** We will run the game the same as last year -- you'll have lots of fun and participate from the comfort of your home. As always, fabulous prizes will be awarded to Bingo winners.

Each household will connect to the game by Zoom and each participant will download two Bingo cards. Multiple Bingo players in a household, each on their own device, can play together and participate through a single Zoom connection. Look for a BINGO REGISTRATION LINK in your email later in January. By registering, you will receive a Zoom link and a link to the Bingo cards a day or two before the game. Participants can print out their cards, if they wish, or play the cards on their screens.

Here are the basics of attending the MNA Bingo game:

- ◆ Participation is limited to Meadowood residents.
- ◆ **Only MNA members can win prizes.** An annual MNA membership is only \$10/household so [join today!](#)
- ◆ Multiple people in a household, including children, can participate. Two Bingo cards are allotted for each separate email address. Each participant needs their own device (or alternately, the Bingo cards can be printed for those without a device).
- ◆ Prizes will be delivered to prize winners by MNA Board members. If you win, a board member will verify your 2022 membership and address.
- ◆ Each participant can play two Bingo cards; the same cards will be played throughout the game.
- ◆ No individual can win more than two prizes and no more than two prizes per household. If you win two prizes, you can continue to play, but cannot claim additional prizes.

We will play approximately 20 individual games of Bingo. Every card is unique but it is possible for more than one person to win Bingo at the same time. We expect to have enough prizes to award a prize to each person who wins Bingo.

Avoid the winter doldrums! Join our BINGO game on February 26th!

Send us your ideas!

Do you have an idea for engaging neighbors and strengthening our neighborhood? Send them to us. We can't promise to implement all of your ideas, but we'd love to expand the ways in which Meadowood residents interact with one another. Email your ideas to MNABoard1@gmail.com

Tails from the Neighborhood – A New Column!

An exciting op-purr-tunity for all you pet lovers! Would you like to feature your pet in the Meadowood? Send a photo (extra credit if it's taken at your favorite location in Meadowood) and a short article about your pet. We may not be able to print all submissions, but we'll try to include as many as possible. Send Meadowood submissions to our editor at msbauman57@gmail.com.

A Voice for Southwest Madison

Southwest Madison Action Coalition, is a neighborhood organization formed to improve the quality of life in Southwest Madison. The goal is to bring together groups and individuals to better coordinate services, create activities and advocate for the neighborhood. The organization currently has four workgroups looking for members—Housing, Youth Activities, Mental Health and Community Relations. Members are also being sought for the Advisory Board. Informational meetings, via ZOOM, are being held:

- Tuesday, February 8. 4:30-5:00 pm, and
- Thursday, February 10. 7:00-7:30 pm.

For more information or to obtain the link to the meeting, send an email to general.SMAC@gmail.com. Attending an informational meeting is not a commitment to join. Everyone who lives in Southwest Madison or works in an organization serving the community is welcome. Visit the website at SouthwestMadison.org.

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Skip the Pesticides

by Jackie Steinhauer

Before contracting a lawn care company for pesticide and fertilizer services for the 2022 season, ask yourself, why? Our planet is home to a spectacular array of flora and fauna. A monoculture of contaminated grass does a poor job of supporting anything other than an outdated ideal.

Pesticides are substances meant to control pests, including herbicides, insecticides, etc. Pesticides are not as targeted as many believe and have adverse effects on many non-target species.

Broadleaf herbicides, including Triplet SF, Lesco Three-Way, and Tri-Mec 992, used by local companies, all state, "This product is toxic to fish and aquatic invertebrates and may adversely affect non-target plants." Water finding its way to Madison's storm drains ends up primarily in our lakes. Thus, pesticides make their way into area lakes when applied too soon before rain events, potentially harming the aquatic ecosystem.

Bifen I/T, an insecticide used in our neighborhood to kill mosquitoes and other bothersome insects, is highly toxic to bees, non-target insects, fish, and aquatic invertebrates.

Many pesticides can only be applied twice per calendar year, legally. Also, applications must be spaced out, generally 21-30 days, depending on the exact product. Yet, many companies claim they will come back and spray until you are satisfied. This behavior is illegal and detrimental.

Please consider the bigger picture when considering pesticides for your lawn.

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) offers the landscape pesticide registry. The registry allows residents to be notified at least 12 hours before a pesticide application on neighboring properties. If pesticide use concerns you for any reason and you would like to be notified before nearby applications, visit the WI DATCP website and sign up for the Landscape Pesticide Registry before Feb. 1, 2022.

Also, the DATCP can only enforce the laws if they know about violations. Concerned citizens must watch for pesticide application violations and report them to protect our fragile environment.

Agrace Offers In-Person and Virtual Grief Group Options in February

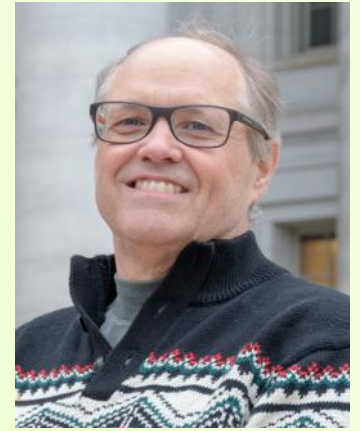
In February, Agrace is offering professionally led, in-person and virtual (accessible with a tablet, computer or smartphone) grief support groups.

- **Family Grief Support Program** is for families with children aged 5 to 18 who are grieving the death of a primary caregiver or child. It meets in-person every other Tuesday, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Agrace Grief Support Center. For dates and to register, call (608) 327-7135.
- **Spouse/Partner Loss Support (virtual)** is a six-week grief support group series for adults whose spouse or partner has died. It meets Mondays, February 14 to March 21, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required.
- **Bridges (virtual)** is for adults grieving the death of any loved one. Meetings are held every other Wednesday. In February, meetings are February 2 and 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Pre-registration is required.

There is no fee for these programs if a participant's family member was in hospice care in the past 12 months; fees for others can be lowered or waived, if needed. Pre-registration is required; call (608) 327-7118 with questions or to register.

Hello and Happy New Year!

I hope you had a wonderful, safe and healthful holiday season. The COVID-19 virus continues to greatly affect all of us in a variety of ways. While we all make the decisions that are best for our families and ourselves, it's important to reiterate that getting vaccinated and a booster shot is the surest way to return to a pre-pandemic life. Let's all remain vigilant by wearing masks in public places and practicing good personal hygiene. To that end, the county has just announced that it will be reopening the Alliant Energy Center for testing. It won't be the drive-through setup as before the discovery and availability of the vaccine, but it will be robust enough to accommodate large-scale testing. It will be a walk-up site, by appointment only. The current hours are M-F, 10 AM - 6 PM. Check the here for more details: <https://www.publichealthmdc.com/>



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

It's official, I have chosen to run again in the new Supervisory District # 4. Pending a serious write-in candidacy, I should be your Dane County Supervisor for the new term starting in April. There is no specific reason why the district number changed from 7 to 4, it was just the way the map was drawn and codified. But there is good news for all of us! I mentioned in my last newsletter that the way the map was drawn and preliminarily approved by the board, Meadowood was split. However, after the county board approved that version of the map, it was sent to all municipalities in Dane County where slight changes were made. Then when the final map came back to the board for final passage in November, Meadowood was made whole again by the city in the same supervisory district! So I know I will continue to represent all of Meadowood. I am honored once again to have the chance to represent you on the board and always welcome your feedback, responses and ideas.

As we start to implement the budget, undoubtedly the jail consolidation project will continue to be at the top of our agenda. I believed the original design and cost was the best, given the space chosen, to build the new facility. It would address mental health issues, better isolation areas, and still have fewer beds than we currently have in the three county facilities. I also believed that we needed to do something to replace the antiquated and dangerous floors in the City County Building.

However, with the pandemic and the murder of George Floyd, the Board, in part, changed its view of the whole project. We have looked at some design changes that would reduce the overall number of beds. But we are still dealing with increasingly rising cost projections.

I hope we all have a happier and safer 2022.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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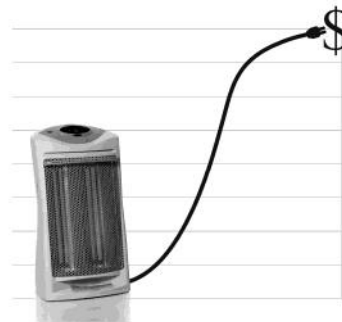
A few inches of snow, freezing temperatures and warm air leaking into your attic are a perfect combination for ice dams. What's an ice dam, and why should you be concerned if you have icicles hanging from your gutters?

Ice dams form when heat in the attic melts the snow on the roof and water runs down to the overhang and then refreezes. The ice starts to build up, holding water which can then flow back up the roof under the shingles. This often results in serious water damage to the ceiling and walls inside the home. Often, the damage can't be seen until it's too late, and repairs can be expensive.

Warm air leaking into your cold attic through attic bypasses (the small holes and paths by which heated air flows into the attic) is usually the culprit. Some sources include electrical boxes, exhaust fans, lighting fixtures including recessed lights and wiring penetrations and attic hatches/entrances. These warm air bypasses have to be fixed first to eliminate the problem. A lack of ventilation and/or not enough insulation can add to the trouble.

If you think you have a problem, your best bet is to have a home energy audit performed. An energy professional can do a blower door test to find the leaks and seal them. He also can tell you if you need more attic insulation or ventilation. Remember, this problem is not going to just go away. It will continue to happen year after year when conditions are right.

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Winter fun at Elver Park

Time to enjoy winter at Elver Park. Tickets for a free hour rental of ice skates, snow shoes, cross country skis or sleds are available to use from January 29 to February 20, courtesy of the Southwest Madison Action Coalition. Tickets for these rentals can be picked up at the Common Wealth office at 5802 Raymond Road and redeemed at the Elver Park warming shelter at 1250 McKenna Blvd. A kickoff event is scheduled on January 29 from noon to 2 PM at Elver Park. More information can be found at Southwest Madison's website at www.southwestmadison.org

What is the Meadowood Neighborhood? See the map...

