

# MEADOWOOD

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## President's Message – Terry Evanson

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Neighborhood safety is top of mind for residents this summer. The West District Police (WPD) implemented a summer strategic plan with input from the local neighborhood associations. As explained elsewhere in this newsletter, the plan focuses on crime, disorder and community engagement. We are grateful for the excellent work and protection the police provide us. We, as residents, contribute to neighborhood safety by getting to know and care about one another. Family and community support help us stave off cynicism and fear and replace those with compassion and courage. If you haven't yet, introduce yourself to your nearby neighbors and consider inviting neighbors to bring their chairs, meet on the driveway and spend time getting to know one another while the weather still allows.



2021 Picnic & Annual Meeting a success! It was wonderful to see many of you at our annual meeting and picnic on Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> in Meadowood Park. A HUGE thank you to Mark Bauman who did the heavy lifting to obtain outstanding door prizes and arranged for the food. You can find a list of all our business contributors elsewhere in this newsletter. The annual Board election also took place. We welcome new area board representatives, Maureen Murphy, Area 10 and Lisa Kass, Area 5. I am grateful for the service of all our board members. Without these volunteers MNA would not exist.

"20 is Plenty" pilot program has begun in Meadowood. Anyone driving on neighborhood streets located in the area defined by Hammersley Road to S. Whitney Way to Raymond Road to Gammon Road back to Hammersley will have noticed the new 20 mile per hour speed limit signs. Within that area, only Prairie Rd will remain at 25 mph. The focus is to improve traffic safety. The city will evaluate the pilot program and decide whether to expand it.

2022 MNA membership drive is on NOW. We started selling 2022 MNA memberships (\$10/household) at the August 21 picnic. Please continue your support of Meadowood Neighborhood Association by joining. Area Representatives will contact you this fall to collect memberships. You can also join on-line through Pay Pal at <https://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/membership>. Or, fill out the membership form located in this newsletter and mail the form with a check for \$10 to the MNA treasurer.

Stay safe – vaccinate! You'll help protect yourself, your family and your community.

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](mailto:maggiedugan24@gmail.com)

Area 2: Miguel Benson & Sammy Clevenger,  
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Area 6: Lisa Veldran, [lveldran@yahoo.com](mailto:lveldran@yahoo.com)

Area 7: Heidi Wiley, [heidijeanwiley@gmail.com](mailto:heidijeanwiley@gmail.com)

Area 8: Mark & Janice Bauman, **'Meadowood' Editor (MB), Board Secretary (JB)**, [msbauman57@gmail.com](mailto:msbauman57@gmail.com)

Area 9: Terry Evanson, **Board President**, [mtevanson@gmail.com](mailto:mtevanson@gmail.com)

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Area 11: Jacob Kriegisch, [jacob.kriegisch@gmail.com](mailto:jacob.kriegisch@gmail.com)

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Area 13: Sheray Wallace, [sherayw@yahoo.com](mailto:sherayw@yahoo.com)

Areas 14 and 15: VACANT

Member at Large: Kristen McCool, [kristen.mccool@gmail.com](mailto:kristen.mccool@gmail.com)

MNA Board Treasurer: Lisa Schulz, [buttonldy@aol.com](mailto: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](http://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/contact-us)

## Join Meadowood Neighborhood Association TODAY!

Please continue to support Meadowood Neighborhood Association by renewing your membership or joining for the first time. The cost is \$10 per household for the year. You will receive a membership card, subscription to the Meadowood (5 issues per year), free participation in all our activities and free community dinners (once the pandemic has eased). You also help support Meadowood Health Partnership which serves needy families in our neighborhood.

**Re-join/join:** Online at: <https://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/membership>. Or fill out and return this form and \$10.00 to MNA Treasurer, P.O. Box 45528, Madison, WI 53744-5528.

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## Innovative Products to Help You Save Energy

*From Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE)*

### Save Time and Energy—Smart Thermostats and Plugs Offer Simple Energy-Saving Solutions for Your Household

Fall is just around the corner. For many, that means busier calendars as we bid goodbye to long summer days and the slow pace of summer. While saving energy may not be top of mind, MGE has simple tips that can help set your household up to save time and energy all year long.

#### Consider Upgrading to a Smart Thermostat

These internet-connected thermostats automatically adjust your household's heating and cooling systems, lowering the temperature when you're away in the winter or raising it in the summer. Like other smart devices, smart thermostats can be controlled remotely and automatically adjust to your household routine.

#### Smart Plugs

Did the kids turn off the TV? Did we leave the lamp on? Investing in smart plugs, or smart outlets, can help you remotely control almost anything from electronics to lamps with a smartphone. They are available in a variety of styles and prices online and in local stores.

#### Save with FOCUS ON ENERGY®

Our energy efficiency partner, Focus on Energy, offers an incentive on smart thermostats for eligible MGE customers. Focus on Energy also offers free energy-saving kits, which include items like smart power strips that can cut off power to electronics when they are not in use. To learn more, visit [focusonenergy.com/smart](https://focusonenergy.com/smart).

#### Free Energy-Saving Advice

MGE is available to provide tips and answer your questions about using technology to save energy. Call the MGE Home Energy Line at (608) 252-7117 or send an email to [AskExperts@mge.com](mailto:AskExperts@mge.com).

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## Get to Know Your Neighbor: Kelsey Card

Did you know we have a local celebrity right here in Meadowood?? Yes, that's right. Kelsey Card is an Olympian athlete and participated in the discus throw event in both the 2016 Rio (Brazil) Olympics and just completed the 2021 Olympics held in Tokyo, Japan. She also has participated in other international competitions held annually or biennially and is considering the 2024 Olympics, scheduled to be held in Paris. Kelsey is very grateful to have had these amazing opportunities. Although both Olympic events were special in their own way, the COVID pandemic put a damper on extra-curricular fun and really placed a lot of limits on athletes in Tokyo (including a total absence of fans/friends/family). She was not able to experience the opening or closing ceremonies, and had travel and other restrictions placed on her. But what she saw of Japan sparked an interest in returning for a visit once travel is deemed to be safer.



Kelsey is originally from a small town in southern Illinois called Carlinville. She became involved in the discus throw in 5th grade through the prodding of her dad, who was a high school track coach. She now continues in the same tradition

through her coaching / mentoring of high school athletes of the Madison Throws Club and Wisconsin camps which focus on training for young



athletes that throw heavy objects far distances – shot put, javelin, discus, and hammer throw. Kelsey moved to Wisconsin ten years ago to attend the UW Madison, where she met her future husband, Andrew (also a discus thrower!). She later received her Master's degree from Edgewood College in Marriage & Family Therapy and now holds a private practice providing couples counseling. Her practice is called Elephant in the Room Counseling LLC (<https://www.elephantcounseling.com/>) and is located on Madison's west side. On weekdays, she likes to split her time between mornings for workouts (weight lifting, practice throwing) and afternoons for her counseling work. Her other interests include her dog, which she loves!, and grilling and reading.

Kelsey moved to the Meadowood neighborhood just one year ago and loves the location – its proximity to city life and amenities, while also providing some space. A big draw for her was that several of her friends lived in the neighborhood. The house across the street from a friend looked just right for her & her husband's needs, but sadly was not for sale. That didn't stop her; she simply asked if he'd be interested in selling, and that's how she got the house! Welcome to the neighborhood, Kelsey.

### Thanks to Area Businesses!

Thank you to the following area businesses that generously donated 'door prizes' for our 2021 annual picnic event!

- ➡ Coppertop Restaurant
- ➡ Dana Lou's Laundromat
- ➡ Dane County Credit Union
- ➡ Glass Nickel Pizza
- ➡ Hyvee Grocery
- ➡ Home Depot
- ➡ Lost Atlantes Restaurant & Bakery
- ➡ Moo Yah Restaurant
- ➡ Nonno's Restaurant
- ➡ Ten Pin Alley Bowling
- ➡ Thai Basil Restaurant
- ➡ Walgreen's Pharmacy
- ➡ Vintage Brewing
- ➡ Vitense Golfland

## Safety Corner

*By Kristen McCool along with the input of Lucas Hale, Neighborhood Police Officer*

### **What can you do about crime?**

West and other MPD districts have documented that more officers are needed. Currently, patrols are reactionary going from call to call. If there were more officers on the road, they could be proactive in “hot spots”. On July 23rd, West & Midtown reported a property hot spot centered on Barton Road and Whitney Way. In November, the City Council will address the MPD budget. There is a proposal that would take \$4.5 million away, a loss of 35 officers. It is highly recommend that all with an opinion on the matter contact their Alder. More money, no cuts or more cuts, all voices need to be heard at City Council!

Meadowood is District 20, Alder Christian Albouras [district20@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district20@cityofmadison.com)

If you see something, say something. All investigations need witnesses to come forward and tell MPD what they know, what they saw, even if it's after the fact.

Report suspicious behavior. Never assume “someone else will report this.”

Guns – do NOT leave it in a vehicle! Remove firearms from car and bring it to a secure location.

### **Residential Burglaries are on the rise**

Although awful, these crimes are expected in the warm summer months. Most burglaries are crimes of opportunity: garage door open, garage to house door unlocked, unlocked vehicle with garage opener.

The 1st best thing you can do is to get a garage buddy! Walk across the street and talk to your neighbor, share phone numbers so if either garage is open after 9pm you can call or receive a call from your buddy.

The 2nd best thing you can do is get into a 9pm routine: garage closed, lights on, doors locked, cars locked. 1st and 2nd points address an evening routine, but vigilance needs to happen during the day as well. Close your garage when mowing out back, remove garage openers from vehicles when not in use (even when locked in garage), lock your vehicle even when parked inside, lock the door from garage to house.

### **The Strategic Summer Plan (SSP)**

Shortly after being sworn in, Chief Barnes requested all districts submit an SSP with community input. The individual district SSPs have been implemented for June – August. Chief Barnes stated that citywide priorities will remain: violent crimes, weapons offenses, sexual assaults, aggravated battery & armed robbery. The goal is to have District SSPs to address additional areas of concern.

You can view West District's SSP:

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:9790ae7e-4128-4300-babd-8bcc6e2f27f5>

### **Panhandling at Intersections**

The MPD West District will begin an initiative addressing panhandling. The goal right now is to begin Sept. 1st. Initial contact with drivers and panhandlers will be education and voluntary compliance. Subsequent contacts with the same individuals may be subject to arrest/citation.

For more information and a map of targeted corners, visit:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/police/documents/MedianBrochure.pdf>

## 20 is Plenty

*By Jeremy Nash, Traffic Engineering Division, Madison*

City of Madison Traffic Engineering kicked off the 20 is Plenty program on August 9th and Phase 1 of this initiative includes a portion of the Meadowood Neighborhood. 20 is Plenty is part of the broader Vision Zero initiative and aims to increase the safety of all road users on local, neighborhood streets in the City of Madison by reducing the speed limit from 25 mph to 20 mph. 20 is Plenty is focused on local streets as this is where there is a large mix of pedestrians, bicyclists, and motor vehicles all sharing the same space. Two locations were selected by the Transportation Commission to be included in Phase 1: part of the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood on the isthmus and part of the Theresa-Hammersley neighborhood on the southwest side of the city. The Theresa-Hammersley area is bordered by McKenna Blvd. to the west, Hammersley Rd. to the north, South Whitney Way to the east, and Raymond Rd. to the south. With the exception of Prairie Road, all streets within this area had their speed limits reduced to 20 mph and the speed limit signs were changed to reflect this. McKenna Blvd, Hammersley Rd, S Whitney Way, and Raymond Rd will not have their speed limit reduced as part of the 20 is Plenty program.

Increasing safety on City of Madison streets is the driving force behind the 20 is Plenty program. According to the NHTSA, crashes between pedestrians and motor vehicles increased by 46% across the country between 2009 and 2018 and that is a trend we do not want to see here in Madison. Statistics tell us that a crash between a pedestrian and a motor vehicle traveling at 20 mph results in a 13% likelihood of severe injury or fatality to the pedestrian. However, if the vehicle is instead traveling at 30 mph, then this increases to 40% likelihood of severe injury or fatality to the pedestrian. Phase 2 of 20 is Plenty will begin next year and will include further implementation around the city.



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## Giving Thanks

*By Sheray Wallace*

I am giving thanks to all of the people that are on the Meadowood Association, starting from the very beginning of my journey when I first joined the board.

Lisa and Matt Veldran, thank you for recognizing my leadership skills and encouraging me to get more involved.

Krista Ralston and Sally Stix, thank you for always providing me with legal support and advice.

Lisa Schultz, from the very beginning of my journey with Meadowood Health Partnership, you have always truly been there for me. You have always had an open door and a listening ear.

Terry Evanston, thank you for taking such great interest in my work and working to find funding for Meadowood Health Partnership, as well as speaking so highly about the work that I am doing in the community.

Thank you to my Alderman, Christian Albouras, for supporting Meadowood Health Partnership on the city level.

Thank you, Good Shepherd Church, for all of the support, especially Pastor Joe. There was never a time that I couldn't walk into his door and discuss what was on my mind. With the support of Good Shepherd Church, I was able to attend the Milwaukee Area Health Education Center in order to receive my Community Health Certification.

And to all the other board members that have given donations, have had an open ear to hear me speak about all that I am doing to make a difference in the Meadowood community - I truly want to take this time to say thank you. This is what makes a community better, when you have leadership and people that take a great interest in others.

My journey with this community and all of the people I have mentioned, has truly allowed me to understand the community, its people and its needs.

I sincerely look forward to many more years serving this community alongside you all.

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## Remember, Large Item Collection Has Changed

Before you set your items out to the curb for the Streets Division to collect them, you need to submit a work order to schedule the pickup. The website to book your large item collection appointment is: [www.cityofmadison.com/LargeItemWorkOrder](http://www.cityofmadison.com/LargeItemWorkOrder).

Collection is scheduled only ONCE A MONTH. See this website to answer questions you have about large item pick-up: [www.cityofmadison.com/streets/refuse/WorkOrderFAQ.cfm](http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/refuse/WorkOrderFAQ.cfm)

## Hello Neighbors!

Good-bye to a very hot, dry and still a partial COVID-19 restricted Summer! Hopefully the coming fall months will be just the opposite and returning to a pre-pandemic life! Though I know we're all doing our part to continue to fight off this dreaded virus, it is still a challenge! If you haven't gotten the vaccine yet, please go and get your shot(s)!

The current order by public health that requires masks again to be worn indoors is in effect until September 16th. While I believe this is warranted, I would like Public Health to give us some indication on what needs to happen to lift this order permanently. We all know that getting the vaccine is paramount to ending these orders.

Another current issue that is related to the American Rescue Plan are housing issues. First, if you are, or know of people who are behind in their rent, Dane County has millions of dollars unspent to help residents pay their back rent. Now that the eviction moratorium has been lifted, we want to get the funds for people who need it. Please contact the Tenant Resource Center for help. Secondly, the county also is reviewing a proposal that will use approximately \$7 million for homeless issues. The proposal uses these funds to purchase a hotel and convert it into a men's overnight shelter, to build another tiny house community, and to use county parkland for longer term camping.

An update on building projects. First after the news that the cost of the new jail could be substantially higher before the bidding process started, the County Board and the Executive put a temporary hold on the process. We have requested an update on costs from our consultant and are having a review of the entire project by a group, used early in the process, to reassess the needs again for the county. Secondly you may have just read about the proposal to redesign and redevelop the AEC. As a member of the committee that has oversight over both of these projects, I will keep you first in my thoughts and decisions. I have been skeptical of the AEC project nearly from the outset. While I think it is a good idea, I think the people who really want this project believed it could happen without proper funding in place. I will push to make all three proposals public for all of us.

I also wanted to make you aware of an upcoming event. As chair of the Specialized Transit Commission, we got a presentation by Madison Metro about the upcoming changes in the Metro bus system, including the BRT. There will be a public hearing via Zoom on September 23 at 6:00 pm to see and comment on the plans. If you are interested in these major changes, please plan on attending or watch the recording after.

Briefly, the budget deliberations will begin soon. Three important dates for you: Public Hearings are scheduled for September 13 & 14, and October 20 starting at 6:00 pm. Here's a link on the process for you to review: [Dane County, WI Budget Process](#). Because this is also a year for redistricting, there are also 4 dates of note:

October 4: Presentation by the Redistricting Commission of 3 selected maps

October 7: Executive Committee recommends one map to the Dane County Board

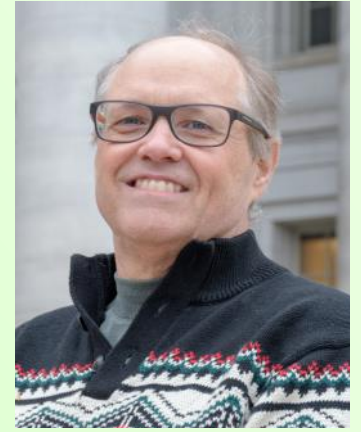
October 14: Dane County Board holds public hearing and adopts a tentative supervisory district plan via resolution

November 18: Dane County Board of Supervisors holds a public hearing and adopts a supervisory plan via resolution

Finally, my usual and important note to all, as fall approaches and we are starting to rake the falling leaves, PLEASE keep the leaves out of the gutter and street. It is the best way for us to keep the lakes clean!

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

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

## Gear Up for Dane County's Ever-Growing Network of Bike Trails

By Dane County Executive Joe Parisi

Dane County is proud to have a vast network of bike trails that serve daily commuters, pedestrians, and recreation cyclists throughout the county. In fact, it's estimated that the Capital City Trail and Lower Yahara River Trail support more than 150,000 trips a year. Biking is good for our health, for our environment, and for our communities.

For ten years now, Dane County has provided matching grants to municipalities and non-profits for the development of regional bicycle trail facilities through our PARC & Ride Grant Program. Over \$3 million has gone to more than 30 different bicycle trail projects. A few examples include the Upper Yahara River Trail in Deforest, Wolf Run Trail in Mazomanie, Phase 1 of the Oregon to Badger State Trail near Oregon, and Phase 1 of the CamRock County Park to Glacial Drumlin State Trail.

It's exciting to have communities come forward with plans to strengthen Dane County's network of bike trails. These projects enhance our quality of life and heighten the overall experience visitors and residents can have while enjoying the outdoors.

Planning is underway for several other major bicycle trail projects as well, including a segment of the North Mendota Trail around the north shore of Lake Mendota through Governor Nelson State Park, Phase 2 of the Lower Yahara River Trail, and the Capital City Trail connection to the Glacial Drumlin State Trail. A nearly milelong section of trail at Anderson Farm County Park will also finish soon and connect the park with the Village of Oregon. When complete, all of these projects will provide Madison area residents with outstanding recreation and non-motorized transportation options throughout Dane County.

Dane County continues to be a leader in the planning and development of its regional bicycle trail network, providing safe off-road connections for riders of all ages to a variety of parks and other trails. Biking is a big part of our quality of life and a way for people to get out and enjoy our lakes and countryside. I encourage you to explore them this summer and beyond!

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Dane County Executive Joe Parisi



### New Bridge: In-Person Restaurant and Congregate Meals

Our in-person congregate meal sites have reopened. Orders are due Thursday by 10:00 am, one week prior with Candice at (608) 512-0000 Ext. 4006.

Hy-Vee West, 675 S. Whitney Way, Wednesday, 10:00 am-1:00 pm

\*No meal reservation required. For transportation call (608) 512-0000 Ext. 4006

Meadowridge Commons, 5734 Raymond Rd. Tuesday, Thursday, Noon

For reservations call (608) 512-0000 Ext. 4006

Good Shepherd Church, 5701 Raymond Rd. Friday, Noon

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