

MEADOWOOD

Newsletter of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association, Inc.
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Greetings!

Summer is almost here and with it the solstice. This year the solstice is Friday, June 21st and, not coincidentally, Make Music Madison! Once again your Meadowood Neighborhood Association is sponsoring a concert at Meadowood Park.

The lineup looks good:

6:00PM - 7:00PM Adam Bowen: Indie-Folk,
Singer / Songwriter

7:00PM - 8:00PM Old Black Joe and the Third
Rail Sparks Blues Band

8:00PM - 9:00PM Paul Filipowicz Blues Band

If the Blues aren't your thing, you can check
out other concerts at [https://
makemusicmadison.org/](https://makemusicmadison.org/).

And that's not all. August 17, 2024 is the
Meadowood Neighborhood Association Picnic
at Meadowood Park. Come! Bring a neighbor,
even if they are not a member (they can join at
the picnic).

Finally, a safety reminder. A lot of folks are
out in their yards working and
gardening. Remember to lock your home and
garage. It's difficult to keep an eye on the
house when you are in the backyard planting
petunias, tending to the tomatoes, or trying to
get the dang mower to work.

Enjoy your summer! I hope to see you at the
picnic.



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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/contact-us

2024 Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) Events Calendar:

Wednesday, June 12: Meadowridge Library 50th Anniversary Celebration. See article next page.

Friday, June 21: Make Music Madison, Meadowood Park. See article this page.

Saturday, August 17: Meadowood Neighborhood Association Annual Picnic at Meadowood Park. See article this page.

Community Suppers: These will be held on: **June 12th**; **August 21st**; **October 23rd**; and **December 18th**. Stay tuned for updates on times and locations of the community suppers.

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

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Paul Filipowicz Headlines Meadowood's Make Music Madison Stage

A not-to-be missed evening of free music is on tap at Meadowood Park on Friday, June 21st. We are delighted to announce an amazing line-up of musicians at our [Make Music Madison](#) stage to celebrate the summer solstice. Guy Fields, aka, Old Black Joe, will MC and perform at our stage. Our performers include:

6 p.m. [Adam Bowen](#) - Indie-folk singer, song writer and Meadowood resident.

7 p.m. [Old Black Joe and The Third Rail Sparks Blues Band](#) - Performing traditional Chicago Style Blues from the barbecue circuit. OBJ is also a Meadowood resident.

8 p.m. [Paul Filipowicz](#) - Chicago blues musician, Paul has released eight albums and is a singer, songwriter, guitarist, and harmonica player. He has performed across the USA.

Bring your friends, family and chairs and enjoy the talented line-up of performers. In case of rain, the MMM stage will be held in Peterson Hall at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Meadowood Neighborhood Association's Annual Community Picnic

It's that time of year again - finally! The weather is warming, there's more daylight, the birds are chirping and the dandelions are sprouting. That means it's time for a picnic!

Come one, come all to the annual Meadowood Community Picnic!

Date: Saturday, August 17th, 2024

Time: Noon - 2:00 p.m.

Location: Meadowood Park - Leland Drive

Meet your neighbors!
Meet your Meadowood Neighborhood Association Board Members!
Find out what is happening in our neighborhood!
Meet your alderperson!
Meet your police liaisons!
Door prizes to be given away!
Plenty of food to be served!
Hope to see you there!

Meadowridge Library's 50th Anniversary Celebration

Date / Time: *Wednesday, June 12, 2024; 3-6 pm.*

Where: *Meadowridge Library and Commons Area.*

Come join the fun!

Balloon Artist, Face Painting, Scavenger Hunt.

Photo Booth, Popcorn, Cotton Candy, Cupcakes.

Music by DJ Pain.

Adults can win a book a month for a year from the Friends of Meadowridge Library Cart.

After the fun at the library head on over to Meadowood Park for the City of Madison Parks Alive Event!

Parks Alive: Meadowood Park, 5810 Thrush Lane

Date / Time: *Wednesday, June 12, 2024; 5-8 pm.*

What is Parks Alive? Held in parks across Madison, Parks Alive events are a chance to visit your local park, listen to music, participate in fun, family-friendly activities, enjoy free food and get to know your neighbors. Build connections with your community and connect with green spaces across the city at events throughout the summer.



Meadowridge Welcomes Library

The new Meadowridge Branch of the Madison Public Library will be officially welcomed Sunday into the Meadowood, Orchard Ridge, and Greentree neighborhoods it will serve.

Mrs. Lois Robinson, the branch librarian, is shown with the program for the open house which will last from 1 to 5 p.m. in the new library building at 5722 Raymond Rd. in the Meadowood Shopping Center.

The branch library has been in the planning stages for many years, during which the three neighborhoods were served by the Library Bookmobile. The project received final approval in 1973 for opening in 1974.

The building was built by the owners of the Meadowood Shopping Center and the Midland Development Corp. and its president, David W. Crocker, for lease to the

city. The open house is sponsored by the Meadowood Community Club, the Orchard Ridge Assn., and the Greentree Community Club.

The branch library's hours will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

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The Board of Directors meets at 6:30 pm the first Wednesday of every month (no meeting in July) at the Meadowridge Community Room. Meetings are open to the public. www.meadowoodneighborhood.org Like us on Facebook!

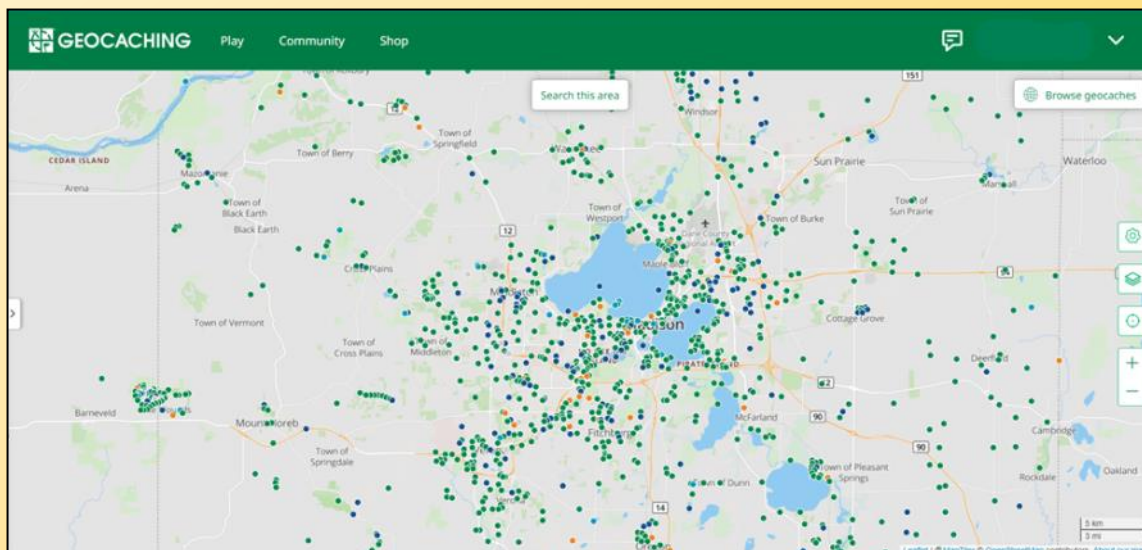
Try Geocaching This Summer!

Submission from Kara Pezzi

Are you looking for an all-season activity that is enjoyable for people of all ages? Geocaching is a “high-tech” treasure hunt where cachers use an app on their mobile phones (or dedicated GPS devices) to find containers hidden in the community based on published latitude and longitude coordinates. The website, www.geocaching.com, offers basic memberships at no cost which allows you to hunt for selected caches of lower difficulty and terrain (D/T). All you need to do is choose a caching name and register for a free account. You can register as an individual, couple, family, or team. If you enjoy caching, you can pay an annual fee and become a premium member. A premium membership provides you with access to all levels of difficulty and terrain as well as premium member-only caches. Currently, there are over 3 million caches hidden worldwide.

Caches come in a variety of sizes from extremely small (nano) containers, to pill bottles, peanut butter jars, and even 5-gallon buckets. Sometimes you will need to solve a puzzle to find the coordinates (mystery cache) and sometimes you will need to go to several locations to find coordinates that will lead you to the final (multi-cache). Different types of caching events occur throughout the year including the West Bend \$1000 Cache Ba\$h 2024 on August 9 and 10 (mega event).

The adjacent map shows over 650 caches located in the greater Madison area. Elver, Pilgrim, and Heugel Parks have caches just waiting to be found by neighborhood residents. If anyone has questions about geocaching, please reach out to Kara Pezzi (Area 10 representative) or Ron Monson (Treasurer). Our caching name is pezmon and we'd be happy to help you.



“Music Monday” at Good Shepherd Lutheran

Good Shepherd will once again have our “Music Monday” concert series on our Raymond Rd. front lawn. There will be a variety of bands and food will be provided from our pay-what-you-can food cart the Holy COW. The events are free and all are welcome to attend. The dates of the events are as follows: **June 3, 10, 24, July 8, 22 and August 5 and 19**. Bands and food will be available from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

On the June, July and August Mondays that we aren't having a “Music Monday”, the Holy COW will be at Meadowood Park providing a pay-what-you-can meal along with free fresh produce.

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Meadowridge Library Activities

Latine Dance Passport - Salsa Program

Saturday, June 15th at 11am at Meadowridge Library

Join us at Meadowridge Library to celebrate Latine music and dance as part of the Latine Music and Dance Festival hosted by Beyond the Page. Dancer, dance instructor and musician Luis Armacanqui will focus on Salsa dance, its music, national origins, and cultural significance. After a brief presentation to learn about the dance, get on your feet for solo and partner dance instruction set to live music. Our goal is to have participants learn and appreciate what makes each Latin dance a unique life skill that can be enjoyed anywhere!

Bubbler Artist in Residence: This year, the Bubbler Artist in Residence at the library will be Meadowood's own Lashay the Artist! Lashay will be leading workshops on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:30pm, June 18—August 20. Get excited to work on a new art project every week, appropriate for all ages – from paper mâché to canvas painting to mixed-media collage. To learn more about the artist, check out Lashay's work on her Instagram, [@lashaytheartist](#).

Storytimes: Calling all little ones and caregivers! On Monday mornings at 10:30am this summer, come to Meadowridge for storytimes and other activities for babies, toddlers, and young children. In June, we'll have [Baby Play Date & Storytime](#); in July, we'll have [Growing Voices Music Class](#); and in August, we'll have [bilingual Spanish-and-English storytimes](#).

Read to a Dog: On Monday afternoons this July and August, from 4-5:30pm, read aloud to a furry friend from Guardian Whiskers. This is a great opportunity for new and improving readers to practice their skills in a fun, relaxed setting. The exact start date for this program has yet to be decided - check the Madison Public Library events calendar in early-mid June to learn if we'll be starting on June 24th or July 1st.

Blink

by Meadowood Resident, Heidi Schultz

There used to be an abundance of beetles
flickering in their berets of battle

trying to win the heart of

their species

spitting specks of
luminance,

lighting up warm
summer nights,

silent and slow, they glow -

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But now there is a reduction,

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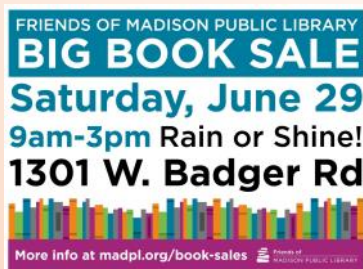
They will just quite simply

disappear.



Library Fundraiser

Save the date!
Seven Friends
of the
Madison
Public Library
groups are
coming
together on



June 29 from 9am - 3pm to offer a HUGE sale of gently used and donated books, CDs, DVDs, and more! Most items are \$2 or less, and this is the biggest book sale of the year - plus, all proceeds benefit Madison Public Libraries, including the Meadowridge Library! The sale takes place at the Library Service & Support Sale at 1301 W. Badger Rd - make sure to mark Saturday, June 29 on your calendar, and we'll share more info soon!

Local Kid-Friendly Activities

Submission from Jay Close

Summer is here! That means it is time to keep the kids busy. Here are a few neighborhood ideas and resources:

Meadowridge Library—Our neighborhood library has books and electronic media, access to computers, and holds events for both kids and adults. At the library's Calendar of Events, there is even a filter by Age Group List! To view their calendar, [click here](#).

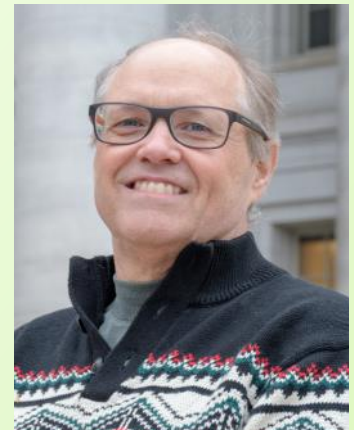
Ridgewood Pool—The memberships begin in March, but you can still inquire about trial memberships at: [ridgewoodpool.com](#); 5109 Barton Rd., Madison; (608) 441-0240.

Elver Park—There is a little bit of everything at Elver Park! Hiking, splash pad, and wonderful playground equipment. Disc Golf course too. For additional info, [click here](#).

Meadowood Neighborhood Center and MSCR—Planning for fall? There are afterschool options, check [this out!](#)

Hello Neighbors!

It's been a while since I updated you on the Dane County Board and myself. As spring is ending, we look forward to a delightful summer. First, I would like to thank all of you who voted for me. It was a tough and challenging election for a couple of reasons. It was the first time that I had to seriously campaign in the district since the 2020 redistricting. The second reason is that usually there has been a stark contrast between myself and my opponent, but this election paired me against a fairly like-minded opponent. This made for a new type of contest for both the voters and the candidates. I was happy in the race I ran and also my opponent ran a race where he didn't attack me but ran on his worthy credentials, especially since he was a former county supervisor and someone I knew from my first term when we both served together. For the residents who did not vote for me, I hope you reach out to me when you have an issue and we can reach an agreement. The majority of issues are things that we all share the same concerns over and can come to a reasonable consensus.



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

Not only did I have a big race, but the current board chair, Patrick Miles, also had a strong opponent. But we and other supervisors welcome the opportunity to speak to constituents on a real one-to-one basis. I received my new committee assignments for the new term and have once again been appointed to the Personnel and Finance Committee. I expect a tougher budget this year but we do not enter the coming year with a large potential deficit as the City of Madison. I was also appointed to the Airport Commission and reappointed to Specialized Transit Commission. I expect some challenges on both commissions, but will likely be completely different issues. More to follow as they both begin. Interestingly, I was appointed to these commissions by the acting-Dane County Executive, Patrick Miles. He became the acting county executive after the retirement and resignation of County Executive Parisi. I wish him well.

Since the county executive's office is currently vacant, it will also make the remainder of the year interesting. Chair Miles is no longer in the executive's office having returned to the county board. But his last duty was to appoint an interim county executive. The interim Dane County Executive is Jaime Kuhn.

I know and served with the interim county executive when she served on the board in 2016 & 2018. She will be responsible for putting the 2025 budget together and presenting it to the county board in October. The election of the new county executive will take place on the same date as the presidential and the other federal and state offices that are up this year. There will also be a primary on August 13th. Unlike those other offices, the newly-elected county executive will be sworn in within two weeks of the certification of the election in November. All I'll offer here about the election is that it should be an interesting race with strong and capable candidates.

If you have a chance this summer, visit one of the great parks in our county park system. There are many things to do and enjoy. It is a great way to spend an afternoon, a day or even a weekend if you want to camp out overnight. They are valuable assets that the county continues to invest in. So take a little time and discover a new part of Dane County!

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

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