

# MEADOWWORD

Newsletter of the Meadowood Neighborhood Assn, Inc.  
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## President's Message –Krista Ralston

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Welcome to all our new and continuing MNA members. Our membership drive is continuing, so you can still join for 2015. I also want to take this opportunity to thank the dedicated all-volunteer MNA board of directors, and all the block captains who help the area representatives keep you informed of neighborhood news and activities throughout the year.

The board of directors consists of the area representatives and officers, and up to two at-large members. The current board membership is not specified in our new Meadowood Directory. They are:

Area 1 - Sally Stix, 271-7609, [sastix@tds.net](mailto:sastix@tds.net) (*Newsletter Editor*)

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Area 14 - (vacant)

Area 15 - (vacant)

Secretary - Joyce Dingman,

Treasurer - Ann Marie Herman,

As you can see, we have several open positions. If you are interested in volunteering, please let me know. As President, I have the power to fill them, pending board approval. You can get more information about what board membership involves by accessing our web page or contacting any board member.

## Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale

The Friends of the Meadowridge Library will be hosting our annual sale on Tuesday, November 25th at the library. Pies are \$10! The sale starts at 10:00 a.m. and continues until all the pies are gone! No pre-orders. All proceeds benefit the Meadowridge Library.

## Meet Your Neighbor – Dave Glomp

Dave Glomp is a former MNA Board member (Area 9) who has recently agreed to serve as the MNA's liaison on the newly formed police/neighborhood communication committee. His job is to keep us informed of police activities in our neighborhood and to facilitate our communication with the West District police. His job is not to be a "snitch" or "informant". Rather, he and the other southwest neighborhood association liaisons will work to open the lines of communication between the police and the neighborhoods in order to increase everyone's safety. See other articles in this newsletter about this new police/neighborhood communication initiative.

## Meadowood: Madison's Postwar Suburb

by Jacqueline Geringer, a UW-Madison art history student. She was assisted by other undergraduate students on this research on Meadowood and other postwar Madison suburbs.

At the close of World War II, mid-century America was a time of booming industry and changing lives. As veterans returned home from the war, single-family housing was a dire need.



The rise of the steel industry was met by the rise of pre-fabricated, pre-cut housing. This was reflected both in policy and also design. In architecture, this changing aesthetic separated the

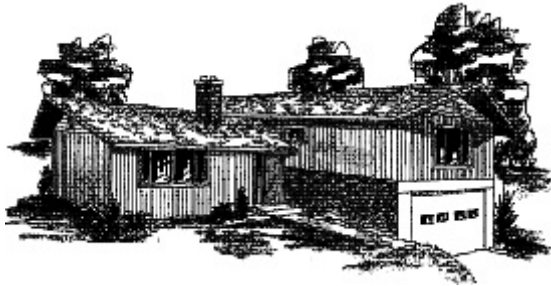
country. On the West coast, steel was incorporated, whereas, in the Midwest, plywood continued to dominate. This was no different in Madison, which also responded to the pressures of the era, constructing one of the city's first postwar suburbs, Meadowood.

Begun in the late 1950s, Meadowood was the brainchild of Midland Realty's president, Gilbert Rosenberg, a 1952 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Law School. Rosenberg, a visionary, directed the company towards the goal of improving housing for families in the postwar era.

In 1956, Meadowood was ready to be put in the public spotlight, with an innovative Parade of Homes, showcasing prominent Madison-area architects and designers who also identified Meadowood as a place of opportunity. Building their model homes primarily on Raymond and Russett Roads, Meadowood gained almost immediate popularity, solidifying

its place in Madison history and prompting its expansion. In fact, Meadowood was in such high demand that Midland Realty began designing their own homes modeled after those in the Parade of Homes.

Most of the homes, which were designed for growing families,



boasted three spacious bedrooms and two bathrooms, with living rooms

and cutting-edge kitchens. To passersby, the midcentury ranches invited interest with picture windows and sizeable lots. Meadowood had something to offer every modern consumer. During this time, these ideal homes were becoming more affordable due to government intervention in the housing market, through decreased mortgage rates and available funding. Although this later became stagnant, Meadowood retained its notoriety, even inspiring the development of Meadowood East. This continued into the late 1960s and early 1970s, as Meadowood was near complete with a last line of apartments on its peripheral in response to consumer demand for shared living spaces.

### ORE Principal Corner

by Becky Kundert

Hello Orchard Ridge Families and Community Members!

Our year is off to great start. During September, our teachers were working really hard to establish clear routines in their classrooms and providing students with multiple opportunities to practice the routines so they become a natural part of their day.

September is also a time when teachers and students begin to form relationships, and teachers assess students to determine their next level of learning. We are explicitly teaching children academic and behavioral expectations so they will be successful at ORE. Our motto is: "At Orchard Ridge, we are LEARNERS who are RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE and SAFE." All four of the bold words are intertwined, and we need to attend to all of them equally. In order for ORE students to be learners, they have to feel safe and respected, understanding they are cared for and belong, and also responsible, knowing they are an important part of our community. Every student, staff member, and family member is an integral part of our community. As a school we have many opportunities for growth and I am looking forward to watching our positive progress impact our students' academic, and behavioral success. This is going to be a great year!

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## ORE PTO Fundraising Scrip Program

Scrip is an old term meaning: "Certificates to exchange for goods and services only at the location listed on the document." Modern-day terms are "gift certificates" or "gift cards". When you order gift cards through the ORE PTO, the PTO makes money from Great Lake Scrip (parent company) which gives the PTO 3% of its profits. For example if you purchase a \$25 Shopko SCRIP, you get \$25 to use at Shopko and ORE PTO receives 3%. During the 2012-13 school year, we earned over \$3,000 from Great Lakes Scrip!

To get Scrip: 1) Download a form [www.orepto.com](http://www.orepto.com), 2) visit [www.orepto.com/scrip-gift-card-program.html](http://www.orepto.com/scrip-gift-card-program.html) 3) e-mail ORE "Scrip Guy" Scott Thom [scottrok@charter.net](mailto:scottrok@charter.net)

You have 2 opportunities to order: 1) forms due Nov. 18 with delivery Nov. 25 or 2) form due Dec. 9 with delivery Dec. 17. This is especially handy before winter break. Check your calendar for birthdays and special occasions. Frequent any retail, restaurant, or grocery stores and use SCRIP. ORE PTO keeps extra Woodman's and Willy St. Co-Op gift cards on hand throughout the year. Try it!

### Box Tops and Labels for Education

ORE is collecting box tops and labels. Please drop off at: ORE Office, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church or send them to school with an ORE student.

**Dinner Night Out** at Old Chicago, November 18, 2014, when ordering mention Orchard Ridge Elementary School and 10% of your tab is donated to ORE!

**ORE PTO meetings**— 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month 6:00-7:30pm, November 17, December 15, January 26, February 16, March 16. Childcare provided!

## Unprecedented Partnerships & Resources Focused on Cleaning our Lakes in 2015 budget

By Dane County Executive Joe Parisi  
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Long summer days spent enjoying Dane County's lakes may feel like a distant memory, but fall is budget season for the county and our lakes are front and center in my 2015 budget.

My 2015 budget puts more than \$10 million into targeted measures and collaborations in the fight against lake-polluting phosphorus so we can take the next steps in the county's leading role to clean up the Yahara chain of lakes. From addressing agricultural runoff to stemming pollution from urban streets and lawns, our plan is based on working together toward a common goal.

Dane County's innovation and partnerships continue to develop solutions that can serve as a national example. To protect our waters, Dane County will continue and enhance key strategies that have been shown to have maximum

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For example, my 2015 budget includes: community manure storage grants, testing new technology to eliminate 100% of phosphorus from manure at an area digester, new soil conservationists funded through a partnership with Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District and \$1 million for urban water quality grants to address pollutions from stormwater outflows that discharge directly into our lakes.

Across this community, the list is growing of the partners stepping up to work with the county to clean up our lakes. Whether its agricultural, business, environmental or public sector interests, we have a 'can do' coalition committed to reducing phosphorus and protecting and restoring our lakes.

There's no single fix to remedying our waters, but as I have done in each one of my budgets as county executive, I am increasing county government's commitment to confronting this challenge. Together, with our partners, we are turning the tide and taking continuous action to clean up our spectacular lakes.

### West PD Blotter—the good!

A number of MPD West District officer organized a cookout Sunday (Nov. 2) for the Russett Road neighborhood. Officers pitched in to provide hot dogs and brats, and grilled out for the neighborhood. Officer Drew Pullum coordinated the cookout...another great example of MPD officers working

with the community. Great work!



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO OUR LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

This month is the first anniversary of our Little Free Library in the Meadowood Park. Just like all living beings, it's life so far has been both good and bad. It was created with love and



cooperative work by a group of dedicated Meadowood residents of various ages and backgrounds. Several children's drawings were the inspiration for the beautiful pictures decorating the outside of the LFL.

Their names are inscribed on the shelf inside the LFL. The three Meadowood residents pictured with the LFL (from left to right: Richard Ralston, the sign maker; Chuck Pickhardt, the builder; and Linda Rose-Mathis, the artist) are primarily responsible for the eye-catching finished product.

But most importantly, many residents have kept the LFL stocked with fun and interesting books. But here comes the bad part - from time to time books have been destroyed and scattered about the park. Worse yet, the door to the LFL has been vandalized and destroyed two times. Luckily, good Samaritans from the neighborhood fixed and replaced the door. Let's hope that the LFL enjoys its second year without any more growing pains, and that many of us will accept the "take a book, leave a book" invitation.

### Mayor Soglin's Blog—Urban Ash Project

October 30, 2014

Recently we gained a new piece of furniture in my office: a handcrafted urban wood table constructed from a City of Madison ash tree.



This beautiful piece is unique because it is made from an urban ash tree that once lined one of our busy city streets. The table is an example of one of the many ways to

put the lumber from the trees cut down as a result of the Emerald Ash Borer to good use. While we often see ash furniture stained to look more like oak, the natural wood has a distinct color and markings that are very striking. Thank you to Fred Clark and Chris Jungbluth with Baraboo Woodworks for their remarkable artisanship! Baraboo Woodworks was the recipient of a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry grant. In partnership with the city, staff there are recovering and milling logs for other projects.



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