

MEADOWOOD

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President's Message – Terry Evanson

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PARTICIPATION – the engine that moves a city and a neighborhood onward. The fall 2018 mid-term election saw record turnout in Madison – almost 92% of the electorate! This astounding turnout was not an accident. The City of Madison worked for over a year to encourage voter turnout and ensure that everyone had the opportunity to vote. In the same manner, participation in your neighborhood makes a difference. The simple act of sharing ideas at a listening session, volunteering to help with a neighborhood project or attending a meet and greet of local candidates for office strengthens our community. Your participation in the Meadowood Neighborhood Association has a direct impact on your neighbors. Please support your association by becoming a board member. We currently need board members to represent Areas 4, 11 and 12. By participating, you will directly strengthen our neighborhood and carry on the work started 60 years ago by the original residents of Meadowood. Our board meetings take place the 1st Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in Meadowridge Commons. Come and participate!

We are deeply grateful for the hard work and sacrifice made by the Madison police to help keep Meadowood safe. We bid farewell to Capt. Cory Nelson and know that he will serve the South Madison Police District well. We welcome Capt. Tim Patton to the West Police District. We also extend a warm welcome to our new neighborhood officer, Ray Gillard.

Congratulations to Sheray Wallace! Her leadership of the Meadowood Health Partnership is making a real difference to the health and lives of our neighbors. Sheray received a \$2,500 unrestricted grant from an anonymous private donor this fall. This grant speaks to the excellent work and the far reach of Sheray's community-based health initiatives.

We were happy to see some of you at the December 19th community supper. We encourage you to take advantage of future opportunities to meet neighbors and make new friends. All MNA members are invited to our annual Bingo Party, Saturday, Feb. 16, at Ten Pin Alley, at 7 p.m.



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: Sally Stix, **Board Vice President**, sastix@tds.net

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Area 9: Terry Evanson, **Board President**,
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Area 10: Diane Berry & Gene Masters, dianexberry@gmail.com

Area 11: VACANT

Area 12: Kyra Swenson, **Web Master**, chakeer@gmail.com

Area 13: Sheray Wallace, sherayw@yahoo.com

Areas 14 and 15: VACANT

Member at Large: Christian Albouras,
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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

NewBridge: Your Connection to Successful Aging

Submitted by Sonya Lindquist



On January 1, 2019, NewBridge officially came into existence as a non-profit organization serving older adults in Madison and Monona. While a new organization, it has a long history of service. NewBridge formed from the merger of the four Madison Senior Coalitions (East Madison Monona Coalition of the Aging, North/Eastside Senior Coalition, South Madison Coalition of the Elderly and West Madison Senior Coalition). Each of these Senior Coalitions has provided service for over 40 years.

In addition to the rapidly growing senior population (NewBridge anticipates a 20% increase in the number of older adults served by the agency), the challenges older adults face are increasingly complexed. Issues such as outliving retirement savings, lack of family support, mental health and addiction struggles, and lack of transportation combine to make life for older adults difficult. Unfortunately, these growing challenges come at a time when there is a decrease in resources available through city, county, state and federal programs to help seniors who are living at risk. NewBridge provides a variety of programs and services for these older adults to ensure longer, safer and healthier independent lives.

NewBridge services include:

- ◆ Case Management that connects case managers to seniors who need assistance accessing resources such as food, transportation, affordable housing, energy assistance and benefits.
- ◆ Nutrition Sites that provide socialization and meals to seniors throughout Madison and Monona.
- ◆ Home Chore Program that connects volunteers to seniors who need assistance with household chores so they can remain in their homes.

By merging into one agency, NewBridge can integrate these core programs to provide high quality service citywide with reduced wait times. In addition, NewBridge will expand current programs that serve one portion of Madison into the whole city of Madison and Monona.

Best of all, NewBridge is located right here in our neighborhood in the Meadowood Shopping Center, 5724 Raymond Road.

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2019 Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) Events:

Saturday, February 16, 7 pm: Bingo Party at Ten Pin Alley, 6285 Nesbitt Rd., Fitchburg

Friday, June 21: Make Music Madison

Saturday, July 27: MNA Annual Picnic

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:

Saturday, July 6: Westfest at Elver Park

Community Suppers: Held periodically throughout the year at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Keep posted for dates.

Puzzle Winner(!) & New Puzzle

Remember the puzzle challenge about the leaky gas tank from the previous edition of the 'Meadowood' newsletter (page 2)? Kudos to all of you who submitted the correct response, but special congratulations to Bruce and Nancy Brinkerhoff whose names were picked from several correct respondents. They'll be receiving a \$25 gift card to the Vintage Brewing Co. on S. Whitney Way.

So, here's your new puzzle challenge, should you choose to accept it... These well-known sayings were translated by a computer to another language, then back into English, with surprising results. What were the original figures of speech?

- "Rear of 8 spheres"
- "Rests in the switch"
- "The short extremity of the pole"
- "Penny-intelligently and lbs stupidly"

Please submit your answer to: msbauman57@gmail.com.

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A New Year's Resolution For Our Lakes

Submitted by Dane Co. Executive Joe Parisi

As temperatures drop and the first traces of ice begin to form on our lakes, it may be hard to believe that only months ago, historic late summer rains caused devastating flooding in many Dane County communities.

While the rains have stopped, the work that needs to be done to support our neighbors, recover what we've lost, and improve the health of our lakes continues.

In January, a number of new County initiatives and resources will become available to do just that, with a response that is as multi-faceted as our chain of lakes and rivers.

The faster water moves through the Yahara River, the quicker lake levels decline. It currently takes two inches of rain two weeks to leave the Yahara Lakes system. To maximize water flow, Dane County will invest over \$2.5 million in 2019 to analyze and address where the flow may be constricted in the river.

In 2019, the County will also make \$1 million in matching grants available for park and trail repair, as well as a \$500,000 stream bank restoration fund to help communities recover, reduce future erosion, and promote healthy habitats.

Wetlands are Mother Nature's best remedy to reduce flooding. One acre of wetland can hold an estimated 325,000 gallons of floodwater. To help keep water where it lands, Dane County will create a new \$750,000 Conservation Reserve Program to convert lands at a greater risk of runoff into prairies and grasses.

In addition to heavier rains, urban and suburban stormwater runoff can contribute to higher lake levels. In 2019, Dane County will provide an additional \$1 million for the Urban Water Quality Grant Program to expand our partnerships with municipalities that want to improve water quality and reduce runoff.

2018 was another year full of reminders that we live in a different world than we did just a few short decades ago. With these initiatives, 2019 will be a year of recovery and increased resolve.



"Our Neighborhood: A Safe and Beautiful Place"

Submitted by Stephanie Bradley Wilson

Director of Health Equity & Violence Prevention, Common Wealth Development, Stephanie@cwd.org

Common Wealth Development Inc., in partnership with The City of Madison Police Department and the City's Community Development Division, applied for and received a grant (formerly known as the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation grant) through the U.S. Department of Justice entitled "Our Neighborhood: A Safe and Beautiful Place".

Through a process that incorporated an extensive analysis of community assets and needs, and resident engagement in the Raymond Road corridor, an Implementation Plan for these funds was developed. The plan identified three "program pillars" that will work together to reduce crime and improve underlying social conditions that contribute to crime: Community policing, increased guardianship (including increasing opportunities for mentoring), and support for struggling parents.

A second activity funded with these funds is Families and Schools Together (FAST), which will focus on middle school students and their families. FAST is a parent engagement and family strengthening program that is held for 2½ hours weekly for 10 weeks with a concurrent youth group that runs for 14 weeks. The whole family is included; generally 10-15 families will participate in each cycle. The west side program will offer 3 cycles between Spring 2019 through Fall 2020.

Greetings from Matt Veldran

Happy New Year!

I hope that your holidays were pleasant as we start 2019 with our first real snow storm of the season. The beginning of the year is the time when the county board acts on items and programs that were passed in the new budget.

Adding to a Successful Program for the benefit of the youth in Dane County

I sponsored an item in the new budget that adds two workers to the Neighborhood Intervention Program (NIP). NIP currently works with youth in all four Madison high schools and middle schools. The additional staff members will be able to serve more youth outside of Madison including Sun Prairie, Fitchburg and other areas. It offers innovative Community Supervision Services and Early Intervention Services to boys and girls ages 10-17 who are delinquent or at risk for delinquency. Programming seeks to redirect youth by simultaneously holding youth accountable for their behaviors, building youth competencies, and protecting the community. This is one of the most successful programs to help youth in our area to correct mistakes and more serious issues.

Committed to Improving the Lakes against further flood devastation

Another important part of the budget is the commitment by the County Board to improve flood mitigation in the chain of lakes. The budget includes \$18 million for various programs, practices and projects to further improve water flow from Lake Mendota down to the Rock River. It is more than just lowering lake levels, it's keeping nutrients out of the lakes, increasing wetlands, dredging where possible, and increasing aquatic plant cutting. *(Article is continued on page 6...)*



Matt Veldran, Dane County Board of Supervisors, District 7

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Alliant Energy Center update

The County Board saw the final presentation of the possible improvements and renovations to the AEC campus. The presentation of the Master Plan was made by the consultants Perkins & Will and the Destination District Vision and Strategy by Vanderwalle & Associates which includes Madison, Fitchburg and private interested stakeholders; MG&E and Alliant Energy as well as others. You can see the Master Plan and DDVS at the County Board page on the Dane County website (at <https://aecstudy.countyofdane.com/>). There is still a long way to go and it is in multiple phases, first to add on to the Convention Center and improvements to the Colosseum.

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

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