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## President's Message – Krista Ralston

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Wow, my head is spinning from all the great activities going on in Meadowood, especially at the Meadowridge Library and Neighborhood Center, and the Community Room connecting them. If you haven't been there you really should go! In addition to the diverse daily programs scheduled for children and adults, the Community Room is often booked for special events, and of course for our monthly community suppers and twice-a-week senior lunches. I've met lots of great people there.

The Meadowood Neighborhood Association also sponsors activities for MNA members in other locations. For example, we held our annual bingo party at the Knights of Columbus hall in February, and our annual pizza party at Vitense Golf and Country Club in March. On June 21st we expect to host a "Make Music Madison" venue at Meadowood Park, and on July 4<sup>th</sup> we'll put on our traditional Independence Day festivities beginning with the children's decorated bike parade around the Meadowood Park in the morning and culminating with our MNA membership picnic at Elver Park in the afternoon. **More information about these events will be posted on our Facebook Page and in the next issue of the Meadowood.**

At a time when the media focuses on all the ugly and terrifying things happening in so many places, it is truly gratifying to find that our own little corner of the world is full of caring and generous folk who enjoy participating in community activities. Of course that doesn't mean we've miraculously overcome all our inter-personal problems, but it does mean that we, as a community, are striving to come together and share our individual experiences, thereby learning from each other and getting to know each other as individual human beings. That's what keeps me optimistic and hopeful.

### Upcoming Meadowood Neighborhood

#### Assn. Events:

June 21, 2016 (Tuesday)

#### **Make Music Madison**

Meadowood Park

July 4, 2016 (Monday)

#### **Meadowood Independence Day Festivities**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Parking Lot:  
Kid's decorated bike parade, followed by Picnic  
at Elver Park.

Please mark the dates on your calendar!  
Additional details on the above 2 events will be  
posted on the Meadowood Facebook Page and  
on 'Next Door Meadowood'. Stay in touch!  
Bring your membership card to the Elver Park  
Picnic with you for proof of membership.  
Donations will be accepted.

## Come to the Senior Meal Program at Meadowood!

A hot, nutritious lunch is served on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Noon, located in the shared space between the Meadowood Neighborhood Center and the Meadowridge Library. Cost for seniors 60 and better is a suggested donation of \$4. The cost for anyone under 60 is \$7.50. Transportation can be arranged for west side seniors for a suggested donation of \$1. Call Candice by 12:00 noon the day before to reserve your meal, ride, or for more information: (608) 238-0196.

These meals are sponsored by a grant from the Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources, the Dane County Area Agency on Aging, the West Madison Senior Center, the Meadowood Neighborhood Center and the Meadowridge Library.

West Madison Senior Center newsletters with menus and information about Senior activities are available at the Meadowridge Library.



Hello neighbors,

If we have not yet had an opportunity to meet, I am Lisa Subeck, your Representative in the State Assembly. As we recently completed our legislative session, things have calmed down around the Capitol. Though we are no longer “in session,” I would like you to know that I am still here to answer your questions

and to assist you. You can contact me by email at: [Rep.Subeck@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Rep.Subeck@legis.wisconsin.gov), or call my office at 608-266-7521.

I hope you have been enjoying the warmer weather as we spring into summer. With the weather getting warmer and the days getting longer, it is a great time to take advantage of any of our state parks, forests, trails, and recreational areas. Below, you will find some tips from the Department of Natural Resources to help make your recreation time more enjoyable.

#### Beach Tips

- Wisconsin has 56 miles of beaches along Lake Michigan and Lake Superior as well as inland lakes and rivers. To check beach advisories and water quality, you can visit [www.wibeaches.us](http://www.wibeaches.us).
- When swimming, make sure you never swim alone, stay in designated swimming areas, spend some time outside the water in shaded areas, wear sunscreen SPF 30 or higher, and avoid swimming after a heavy rain.
- Make sure to shower after swimming, wash your hands before eating, and don't swallow the water.

#### Camping Tips

- There are more than 4,900 campsites in the Wisconsin State Park System. Reservations can be made online at [www.dnr.wi.gov](http://www.dnr.wi.gov) or by calling 1-888-947-2757.
- Notify others of where you will be, and when you plan to be home, in case someone needs to find you.
- Prevent animals from getting into your food. Place food containers in your vehicle or hang it in a tree (12' high, 4' from tree trunk).
- Don't move firewood! Check the Firewood in Wisconsin map on the DNR's website to check by county where it is legal and illegal to move firewood. Firewood purchased from a WI certified dealer is always legal to move because it is processed to eliminate harmful pests and fungi.

Hundreds of events are scheduled across Wisconsin in the coming months. The Wisconsin Department of Tourism compiles a list of these events for your convenience. Visit [www.travelwisconsin.com](http://www.travelwisconsin.com), or stop by my office to pick up a Travel Wisconsin Official 2016 Spring/Summer Event Guide.

Please take advantage of all of the wonderful summertime events and recreational opportunities Wisconsin has to offer. I look forward to seeing you out and about on the Southwest side during the summer months.

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, [sastix@tds.net](mailto:sastix@tds.net)

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Area 3: VACANT

Area 4: Dottie Loehrer, 271-5994

Areas 5 & 6: VACANT

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

Areas 14 & 15: VACANT

Members at Large: Kristen Schoepke & Willa Schlecht

You'll notice that several 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: <http://meadowood.readyhosting.com/index.html/473/2827.html>



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## Fireside Five-Oh

Livingroom Conversations



### What is a Fireside Five-Oh?

Lots of things: a chat, a party, a social hour, a conversation, a place of common ground. Mostly it's a chance to get together to meet friends and neighbors and the local cops who work in your neighborhood.

### What do we talk about?

Whatever is on your mind. Maybe it's a specific neighborhood concern, maybe its curiosity about the men and women who choose to be Madison police officers. There is never a shortage of questions when it comes to policing.



### Who can I invite?

You decide; your friends, neighbors and family are all welcome. One or two officers, the cops who work directly in your neighborhood, also attend. A group with anywhere from 8 to 14 guests plus the officers seems to work best. It depends on the group size you can accommodate. And as your guests, we'll even bring treats!

### Why is the Fireside Five-Oh held at my house?

Your home is your turf, not ours. Indoors or out, on the patio or in your family room, wherever you're most comfortable. The idea is to promote a more informal, intimate dialog. We want you and your guests to feel at ease so that meaningful conversation at a personal level begins to happen.

### How do I get started?

For more information, contact the Police Department's West District Neighborhood Resource Officer:

**Theresa Taylor:**  
Office: (608)  
243-0509

## Meet Kristen Schoepke

Hello! My name is Kristen Schoepke and I am the newest Board member of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association. I have lived in Madison (with brief sojourns to California and Colorado) for 34 years. The majority of that time has been right here in Meadowood, first in my parent's house and now in my own home. I went to Orchard Ridge Elementary and Middle School, Memorial High School, and I graduated from UW-Madison. My husband Dan works for Alliant Energy and we have two children, 10 year old Jacob and 5 year old Evan. The majority of my time is spent caring for them and they both attend Orchard Ridge Elementary, just as I did. The reason I became involved with the Neighborhood Association is because I believe in this community and I feel invested in it. It pains me to see how divided our community has become and to know that there are many who do not feel like their concerns are heard or their input valued. I think we all need to work together to make sure that we are able to come together, once again, as a community. We are people of many different races, ages, and abilities.



Some of us rent, some of us own our homes outright, and some of us have mortgages. Each of us is inherently valuable to this community and together we are powerful. We can make a difference in our lives, the lives of our neighbors, and to the city as a whole. I am very excited to find out what we can do going forward, together. I hope others join me in working with the Meadowood Neighborhood Association to see what this venue can bring to all of our lives.



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## 2016 Race to Equity Scholarship for High School Students

The Wisconsin Council on Children and Families and the Race to Equity Project are pleased to announce the availability of two "Race to Equity" scholarships. One \$1000 scholarship and one \$500 scholarship will be awarded to two students graduating from a Dane County high school in the spring of 2016 who plan to enroll in secondary education or vocational training. To apply, applicants should submit an essay of 500-1000 typewritten words that answers the question, **"What does racial equity mean to me?"**

Applications will be evaluated on the student's ability to express the importance of racial equity in our community and world, and how it has personally affected their lives. We hope to recognize students who exhibit understanding, knowledge, and passion on racial equity and social justice in their personal essay. To apply, go to Race to Equity's online application form at: <http://racetoequity.net/race-to-equity-scholarship-for-high-school-students-graduating-in-2016/>.

## University Houses Preschool Saturday Playgroup

Come along to play, chat and sing with your little ones. Bring a snack and talk to other families while the kids enjoy the toys and dramatic play area.

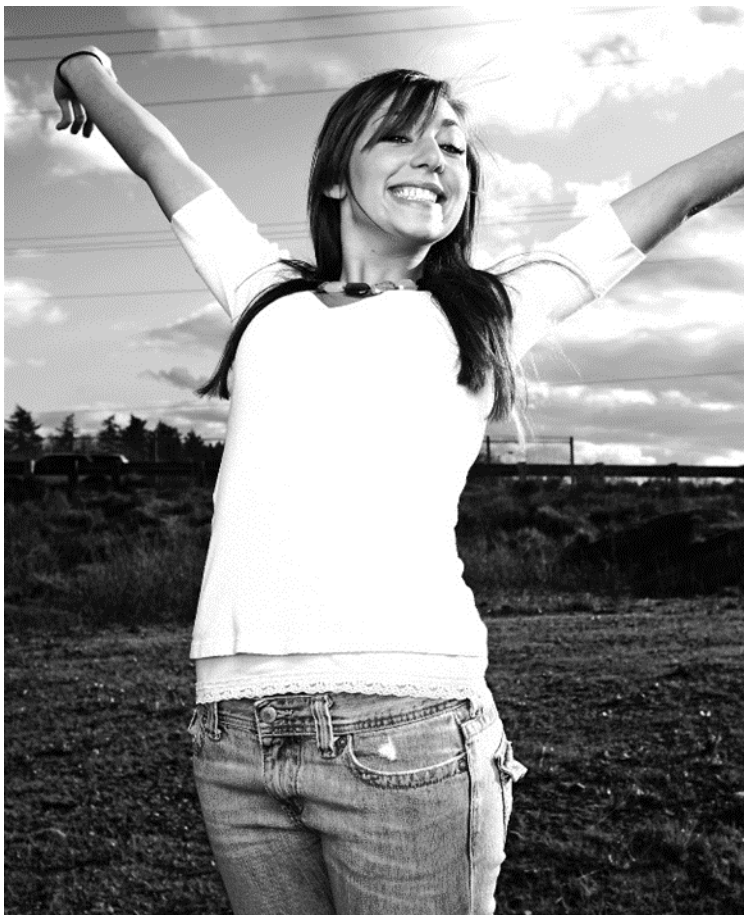
Saturdays, 10:30-12:00 Noon, April 9, and May 14.  
6033 Odana Road, Madison, WI 53719

Bring your friends! Everyone is welcome at this free, fun event.

## Friday morning Summer Playgroup

Come along to play, chat and sing with your little ones. Bring a snack and talk to other families while the kids enjoy the toys and outdoor play area.

Fridays, 9 - 11am, June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.



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## Who is Stephanie Bradley Wilson?

Seeing a new face in the community? Common Wealth Development hired Stephanie Bradley Wilson as the Project Manager for the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) grant. The 18 month federal funding is a planning grant only. It was secured by the Madison Police Department and is phase one of an ongoing effort to address short and long term public safety in the Raymond Rd corridor. Phase two may consist of applying for an implementation grant through federal funds or other sources.

Common Wealth Development, known for its STEP, housing and youth programs in the community, is a partner agency with Madison Police to oversee the Project Manager as well as work with UW-Milwaukee research partner Kimberly Haskell.

The BCJI grant is one of several planning only initiatives across the nation. This project focuses on public safety and revitalization efforts for the neighborhoods of Theresa Terrace, Balsam-Russett, Meadowood, Prairie Hills, Greentree and Orchard Ridge.

Bradley Wilson will work collaboratively with residents, neighborhood associations, governmental agencies and service providers to develop, coordinate and carry out a comprehensive plan. She says "there will be many opportunities for resident input through forums, a strategic planning team and one-on-one conversations". Bradley Wilson looks forward to meeting community members and learning about the concerns related to the very broad topic of public safety.

Along with Researcher Haskell, Bradley Wilson will be making contact with many different people to solicit input, concerns and hear about the assets of the community.

A retired Madison Police lieutenant, Bradley Wilson has lived in Madison since 1974. She worked in several units throughout her 31 year career at MPD with an emphasis on domestic violence and community involvement. A graduate of UW-Madison's Robert LaFollette School of Public Affairs, Bradley Wilson has served on several boards, volunteers through her local chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and is a parent to two adult daughters.

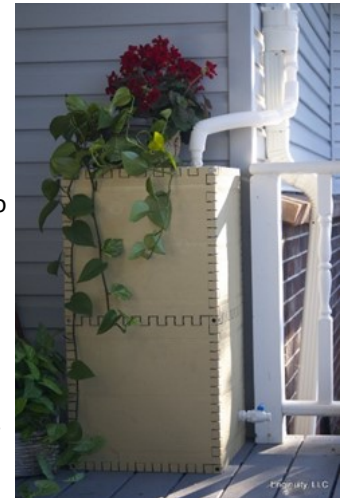
Bradley Wilson will have office hours at the Meadowood Neighborhood Center. She can be contacted at: [stephanie@cwd.org](mailto:stephanie@cwd.org), 608-516-4055 or 608-256-3527 x 33.

## Madison Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sale

Spring is here - and that means it's time to quench your thirst for gardening at the City of Madison Compost Bin And Rain Barrel Truckload Sale on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Alliant Energy Center. Discounted compost bins will be sold for only \$69.99 and 50 gallon mosquito resistant RainReserve rain barrels with a diverter are on sale for just \$119.99.

It is estimated that our urban communities contribute about 30% of the total phosphorus that enter in lakes Mendota, Monona, Waubesa, Kegonsa, and Wingra from runoff. Did you know that 600 gallons of water can be harvested from a 1000 square foot roof in every one inch rain event? By harvesting rainwater for your indoor and outdoor plants and putting clippings and leaves into backyard composters, you don't just make plants healthier; you're also reducing runoff and the phosphorus that feeds our algae problem.

By participating, you'll be joining the tens of thousands of homeowners in Madison already composting and harvesting rainwater. Rain barrels and compost bins also make a great gift for Mother's day. Individuals who pre-order rain barrels and compost bins before by April 25<sup>th</sup> will save an additional \$10 off. For more information and to pre-order your rain barrel and compost bin, supplies are limited, visit <http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/compost/CompostBinSale.cfm>. This event is open to both Madison residents and non-residents.



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## Dear Meadowood Neighbors, (from Alder Matt Phair)

I hope you are all doing well and feeling invigorated with the change of seasons, as I am. Let me update you on a few things that the City is involved in that affect our neighborhood and tell you about some city-wide initiatives that I have participated in.

**Emerald Ash Borer:** You may have noticed trees around the neighborhood, on street terraces and in our parks, with big orange dots on them. These are trees identified to be taken down per the City's EAP plan which you can find at <https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/services/forestry/pests/EAB/plan.cfm>. People have asked me if there is anything that can be done to save trees that are marked for preemptive removal in the park. The answer is yes, an individual or organization such as a neighborhood association can "adopt a tree." This essentially means that person or group would take on the costs of chemically treating it (every three years, I believe). The other question I have received quite often has to do with what a property owner can/should do about an Ash tree in his/her yard. The City does not plan to provide treatment or remove any infected or susceptible trees on private property. The decision of whether to treat, remove or do nothing is left to the owner.

**Local initiatives making a difference:** There are several organization and/or individuals involved in making our community a better place to live that have seen much success in the last few months-year. The Mellowood Foundation has several youth based programs that the neighborhood has embraced as positive and difference-making. The STEP program, a collaboration between several entities, continues to work in the neighborhood to help people find and prepare for employment. Just to name a few.

**Youth employment expansion:** I am happy to report that the City is adding \$200,000 to its youth employment funding and the request for proposals process is taking place as we speak. This expansion which I was able to add into the 2016 budget will mean 100 more at-risk young people will be employed this summer.

**Youth violence prevention:** This month, Alder Maurice Cheeks and I will be putting out a report with several recommendations about how we as a community can lead kids away from crime, especially gun violence. We are excited about the proposals we will lay out. Our full intention is that this will not be another report that "sits on a shelf" but one that inspires people work with us to implement at least some of our recommendations. There are so many other things I could talk about but space will not allow it. As always, if you have questions, concerns or ideas please do not hesitate to contact me. Happy Spring!

Regards,

Alder Matt Phair,

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## Hello Neighbors!

(from Dane County Board Supervisor Matt Veldran)

On the eve of this writing before Election Day I will be serving District 7 for another term on the County Board, which I am greatly honored and appreciative to represent you again. I want to make you aware (if you aren't already) of what the county has been doing to address homeless issues.

The county has found and is in the process of making necessary improvements to a building on East Washington Ave. for the long-delayed homeless day shelter. The frustrations have been mainly tied to finding an appropriate site where necessary services can be available to homeless people. The day shelter will only be open during day-hours and will not serve as an overnight shelter.

Similarly, one program that other municipalities are using across the country that has proven successful in addressing chronic homelessness, is called "Housing First". The idea is that it will be much easier for people who are in need of shelter to get back on their feet much faster and get the help they need if they have a place to live, rather than trying to get vital services and to look for a job while living on the street or in temporary shelters. The county board created a fund in the 2015 and current budgets to purchase buildings for this purpose. County Executive Parisi announced the purchases and awarding of contracts to the service providers this past week. Three purchases have made so far, two of which are in our neighborhood. Both are on Raymond Road; one will help homeless veterans and the other for people re-entering the community after serving their sentences. Both are being run by organizations who have well-established experience in working with these groups. I have already sat down with one agency and will do the same with the second one soon.

As "Spring" is off to questionable start, it's a great time to start using the fabulous park system in Dane County that we continue to invest. Dane County will be connecting Capitol City Trail to McFarland with a new bridge that is funded through grant received from the federal government. This is a big project and will be built next to the existing railroad bridge.

Once again thank you for allowing me to represent you.

If you have any questions, concerns or ideas don't hesitate to contact me.

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