

MEADOWOOD

Newsletter of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association, Inc.
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www.meadowoodneighborhood.org

President's Message – Terry Evanson

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It is with deep appreciation and sad hearts that we bid farewell to Alder Christian Albouras and his family. Christian and his family moved out of Meadowood and District 20 last month, which necessitated his resignation from the City Council on May 20. Christian served on the MNA Board in 2018 before being elected alder for District 20 in 2019, then reelected in 2021. Christian has always been deeply involved in and understood the issues facing the westside neighborhoods of Meadowood, Greentree, and Prairie Hills. He constantly reached out to me, personally, as well as the other neighborhood association presidents and advocated for our needs before the City Council. He increased neighborhood traffic safety, worked with local businesses, went door-to-door meeting residents and collaborated with dozens of groups interested in making Meadowood neighborhood stronger, more vibrant and more inclusive. The good news is that the Albouras family continues to live in Madison and continues to be a force for improving our city.

We are not left without representation on the city council. As part of redistricting in 2022, Meadowood neighborhood became part of District 10, represented by Alder Yannette Figueroa-Cole. Alder Figueroa-Cole is eager to learn about Meadowood and help the residents. You can contact her at district10@cityofmadison.com.

Please join your neighbors in celebrating the summer solstice at Make Music Madison on June 21st in Meadowood Park. The festivities take place from 4 to 8 p.m. and includes a supper, music performances, resource tables, and more. This free event is open to all! Bring your family, enjoy a summer evening and meet and interact with neighbors.

Meadowood Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting and Picnic takes place Saturday, August 20, at noon in Meadowood Park. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. Come for the great door prizes and comradery with your neighbors. Vote for 2022/23 MNA Board members and officers. If you are not a 2022 MNA member, you are invited to become a member by joining here: <https://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/membership> or join at the picnic. Annual dues are \$10/household.

A huge thank you to Maggie Dugan, Janice Bauman and Heidi Wiley for making our Garage Sale on May 20/21 so successful. Thanks to all who participated and those who shopped!

I look forward to seeing you at our summer activities!



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

Area 2: Miguel Benson & Sammy Clevenger,
miguel.a.benson@gmail.com

Area 3: Mike Edmonds, **Vice President**,
m.edmonds@sbcglobal.net

Area 4: Tony Smick, skyumahwi@aol.com

Area 5: Lisa Kass, lkpenguins@gmail.com

Area 6: Lisa Veldran, lveldran@yahoo.com

Area 7: Heidi Wiley, **Webmaster**, heidijeawiley@gmail.com

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

Area 9: Terry Evanson, **Board President**, mtevanson@gmail.com

Area 10: Maureen Murphy, murphy.k.maureen@gmail.com

Area 11: Jacob Kriegisch, jacob.kriegisch@gmail.com

Area 12: VACANT

Area 13: Sheray Wallace, sherayw@yahoo.com

Areas 14 and 15: VACANT

Member at Large: VACANT

MNA Board Treasurer: Lisa Schulz, buttonldy@aol.com

Three (3) 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

2022 Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) Events:

Tuesday, June 21: Make Music Madison, Meadowood Park

Saturday, August 20: MNA Annual Picnic

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

Volunteer Opportunity: Treasurer of Meadowood Neighborhood Association

Lisa Schulz has done an outstanding job as Treasurer of MNA for more years than she, or anyone, can remember. Lisa is hoping to retire, and we are looking for a volunteer to serve as MNA treasurer. If you have experience as a bookkeeper, accountant or CPA, please consider volunteering to serve as treasurer. Board elections take place August 20. We'd love to include you on our ballot. Send a message to MNABoard1@gmail.com or call me, Terry Evanson, at 608-271-6846.

MNA Board Elections

Meadowood Neighborhood Association Board elections will take place on Saturday, August 20, at our ANNUAL PICNIC AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING in Meadowood Park. MNA works because of the volunteer efforts of people in our neighborhood. **PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING AN AREA REPRESENTATIVE and serving on the MNA Board.** If you have bookkeeping or accounting skills, please consider serving as **Treasurer**. Volunteers to represent **Areas 12, 14 and 15 and two at-large positions are needed.**

- ◇ MNA Board positions consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 15 Area Representatives and 2 At-Large Reps.
- ◇ Board members are elected for one year terms and may be reelected.
- ◇ Officers and At-Large Representatives are elected by majority vote of the MNA membership.
- ◇ Area Representatives are elected by majority vote of members from each corresponding Area.
- ◇ All MNA members over 18 years of age are eligible to run for any Board position, with priority given to candidates from each Area.
- ◇ For more information about the duties of each Board member check out the MNA Bylaws at www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/

To be included on the ballot, nominations should be submitted by August 13 to MNABoard1@gmail.com or Mike Edmonds at m.edmonds@sbcglobal.net. The ballots will also have a write-in option for each position at the time of the election.

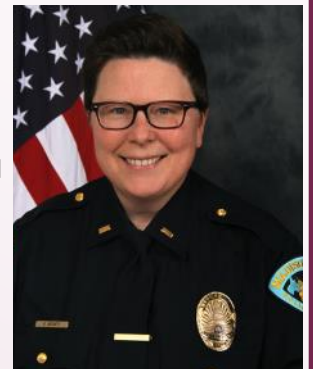
New West District Captain (City of Madison Police Department)

I just want to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Kelly Beckett and I am the new West District Captain. I come to you from the South District where I served for over 3 years as the Patrol Operations Lieutenant. Before that I was a Detective Sergeant with our Burglary Crime Unit. I am proud to have called the city of Madison home since 2001. I have been a member of the Madison Police Department since 2005.

Before that I was busy being a grad student at UW-Madison where I obtained an M.S. in Educational Psychology. I am also a proud alum of the University of Illinois and originally hail from the Champaign-Urbana area, where it is so flat that on a clear day you can see a very, very long way.

I am very excited to begin this journey with all of you and look forward to joining some of your neighborhood events, meeting with your alders and stakeholders, and learning as much as possible about what life is like in the West District. I want to work collectively with all of you to keep this part of Madison safe.

If you'd like to meet or have questions, please reach out! My email is kbeckett@cityofmadison.com and my direct line is 608-243-0545. Please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to working with you!





TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022

MEADOWOOD CITY PARK
THRUSH LANE

Free and Open to All



THE FIRST DAY OF SUMMER IS ABOUT THE MUSIC IN MEADOWOOD.





It will be the Summer Solstice and worldwide, it will be "Happy Summer" with International MAKE MUSIC DAY
Some generous musical acts will to help Meadowood celebrate.

5:00 pm: **FREE Community Supper**
(by Meadowood Health Partnership.)

THE MUSIC:
4:00-6:00 PM: THE TENT SHOW TROUBADOURS
6:00-7:00 PM: ADAM BOWEN (FROM MEADOWOOD)
7:00-8:00 PM: THE ELECTRIC JUICE BOX






Meadowood Neighborhood Association's Annual Community Picnic

It's that time of year again - finally! The weather is slowly warming, 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 20th, 2022
Time: Noon - 2:00 p.m.

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



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 WITH UW EXTENSION DANE COUNTY PRESENTS:

Love Your Neighborhood: Reinvigorating Southwest Madison

A 6 part leadership series aimed at reenergizing
 Southwest Madison neighborhoods. We will be
 focusing on issues such as community organizing,
 community engagement and connection, housing,
 and community wellness. Pre-registration required.

First session:
July 9, 2022, 11:30-1:30pm
Good Shepherd Church
5701 Raymond Road, Madison, WI
53711
Lunch will be provided.

Register at www.southwestmadison.org





Love Your Neighborhood

Are you searching for ways to re-connect with your neighbors, intrigued about elevating resources in SW Madison, or loving where you live and wanting to re-invigorate your neighborhood group? The Southwest Madison Action Coalition (SMAC) is hosting community gatherings to inspire you to Love Your Neighborhood. Through a series of 6 interactive sessions that include lunch, there will be an opportunity to share, learn and plan with your neighbors on how to be effective advocates for SW Madison. Attendees will have the opportunity for input for each session to determine how future topics will be presented.

Each Saturday session will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 5701 Raymond Rd, 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM. Lunch is provided through Good Shepherd's Holy Cow volunteers. To RSVP for the sessions, use the QR code on the adjacent flyer or go to the southwestmadison.org website to register. Sessions are held on July 9, July 23, Aug 13, Sept 10, Oct 8, and Nov 12. For questions, contact Chair Courtney Carlson at the SMAC website.

Stephanie Bradley Wilson
 Director, Health Equity & Violence
 Prevention
 Common Wealth Development
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 Madison, WI 53711
 608-239-7772

Parks Alive and Carts in the Park at Meadowood Park this Summer

The City's Neighborhood Resource Team (NRT) has collaborated with multiple City departments to bring family fun activities and food to local parks this summer. Residents are invited to come to Meadowood Park, enjoy a picnic dinner, socialize with neighbors, and have fun!

[Parks Alive and Carts in the Park](#) will be in Meadowood Park on the following Wednesdays, 4:30 – 7:30 pm: June 22, July 20, Aug. 3, Aug. 17.

In addition, the movie, *Inside Out*, will be shown at the June 22nd Parks Alive activity starting at 7 pm.

Meadowridge Seed Library *(Submission by Lisa Veldran, MNA Board Member)*

Itching to Garden! You can now visit the Meadowridge Library Visit to pick up seeds. There's no limit to the number of seed packets you can request and each packet contains about 10 seeds. Please note, just like with our books, there are a limited number of seeds in the collection.

Borrowing seeds from the Library is free and easy!

1. Visit the library to pick up seeds.
2. Grow your plants and enjoy the harvest.
3. After harvest, collect and share seeds with neighbors if you'd like!

By participating in the seed library you are helping to create a culture of sharing and community. Saving seeds leads to a sustainable future for your community and your garden.

The library has also created some helpful book lists to use alongside your seeds, as a way to learn more about a variety of topics related to different kinds of gardening. You can download and print the booklists or peruse them digitally and place holds using LINKcat.

Download Gardening Book List for Adults: <https://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/sites/www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/files/media/Gardening%20Resources%20Booklist%20-%20Adults.pdf>

Download Gardening Book for Kids: <https://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/sites/www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/files/media/Gardening%20Resources%20Booklist%20-%20Children-8.pdf>



Get To Know Your Neighborhood Librarian *(submission by Lisa Veldran)*

Have you ever wondered where those beautiful bookmarks come from when you pop into the Meadowridge Library? I did! Let me introduce you to....

Ali Scheller works as a Page at the Meadowridge Library. She hails from Cheam (located in Surrey County, England) and has worked for the Madison Public Library for 17 years, seven of those at the Meadowridge Library. The bookmarks started as a project for the children at the library and then later she started making them at home using scrapbooking paper she had on hand while watching television. When the pandemic hit, one of the ways the library could reach out to patrons was putting bookmarks in with the book orders people placed online for pickup. You can now find them at the checkout areas and on the tables of highlighted books when you walk in. She creates bookmarks around the seasons: spring, summer, fall and winter. She has noticed that demand has gone up quite a bit since the pandemic has ended - meaning more people are back to using the library!

Ali enjoys working with our young patrons and uses her creativity to have them decorate for the seasons - right now you can look for the birds sitting on the wires when you enter the library and the spring dioramas above the hold area. She is looking forward to potential projects creating memory mini canvases and/or journals this summer for all patrons - young and old.

Ali is thankful for all the support Meadowridge patrons give to the library and the staff!

Favorite Book - *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck (all John Steinbeck books actually)

Favorite Food - Indian Food

Favorite Thing To Do - Walk the trails including Indian Hills, Capitol City Trail, Dunn's Marsh, Arboretum and many more!!

Reminder - Meadowridge Library is celebrating 50 years in 2023 so watch for more opportunities to support and participate in our gem of a neighborhood library.



Summer Energy-Saving Tips

From Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE)

The summer heat can lead to an excess demand on our energy supply. When we use less energy, there's less need to generate electricity. By managing our energy use, we can help control energy costs and reduce carbon emissions as we work together to achieve net-zero carbon electricity by 2050.

10 Steps to Save Energy

1. Use a qualified contractor to professionally maintain your central air at least every two years. And, be sure to clean leaves and grass clippings off your outdoor unit.
2. Run major appliances before 10 a.m. and after 9 p.m. or on weekends. This helps lower the demand for power during peak times.
3. Set your thermostat as high as is comfortable, preferably 78°F or higher when you are home and up to 85°F when you are away. If you don't already have one, consider upgrading to a smart thermostat—Wi-Fi connected thermostats can adjust temperatures automatically based on your routine, saving energy almost effortlessly!
4. Swap your lightbulbs with LEDs, which use up to 75% less energy than standard incandescent bulbs and last 15 to 25 times longer.
5. Unplug your phone chargers, printers, computers and other electronic equipment when you are not using them. These devices can account for 5 to 10% of your total energy use.
6. Be sure to turn off fans when no one is in the room—fans cool people, not rooms.
7. Seal around your window air conditioner so cool air cannot escape. If you need to purchase a new unit, consider a Wi-Fi window air conditioner—you can control them remotely with smartphone apps, which allow you to adjust the temperature while you're away.
8. Keep your window coverings closed to block out direct sunlight during the day.
9. Run full loads in your washer and dryer to cut down on excess energy usage.
10. Keep your water heater temperature set at 120°F, and if you go on vacation, remember to switch it to vacation mode.

MGE is available to provide tips and answer your questions about saving energy. Contact MGE's energy experts by email at AskExperts@mge.com or by calling (608) 252-7117 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Hello Neighbors!

Welcome to Summer, though we've already had a taste of it! I hope all is well with you and your family. We have seen new strains of COVID-19 going through our community and if we have truly entered the endemic we may be able to enjoy activities again, both in and outdoors. Testing is continuing at the Alliant Energy Center (AEC) and if you still haven't gotten the COVID-19 vaccine or boosters, please consider it.

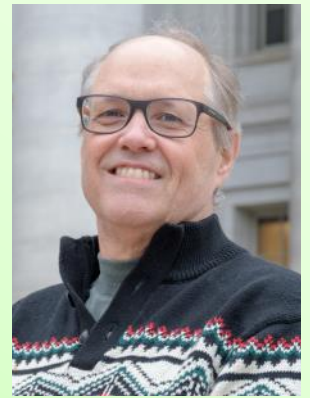
I received my new committee assignments from the new county board chair, Patrick Miles, who I started with in 2006. I am very familiar with chair Miles and we have already seen his leadership through some of the issues that have already arisen during the first two months of the term. I have been appointed to the Personnel and Finance Committee and the Executive Committee. Both committees will play important roles in what has already transpired in the new term.

We will finally be meeting in person again starting this month and hopefully will continue to be able to meet at the City-County Building soon. Our first meeting on June 2nd was held at the AEC. Last term the board passed the ability to hold hybrid meetings, where both supervisors and the public will be able to attend virtually. I was not a proponent of this but we'll see how it progresses. I do, however, like the ability for more people to participate just by signing into a meeting virtually to comment on a pending issue before the board.

Here are updates of the most important issues in front of the board right now.

Jail update

We recently had a joint meeting of the Public Works & Transportation and Public Protection & Judiciary Committees to hear the most recent updates on the re-written jail plans passed earlier last term. **(THIS ARTICLE IS CONTINUED ON PAGE 8...)**



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

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As I expected the funding that was passed by the board in March will **not** be sufficient to fund the project. It is less than we were willing to spend, but more than we approved. The timeline for the project is still on schedule and we will be requesting formal bid proposals for construction in the next few months.

Personnel Issues

I am sure you have read about the recent issues at the Henry Vilas Zoo involving various complaints and employees leaving due to alleged racial bias in the workplace. There were two African-American zookeepers who left to work at other zoos because of their treatment by co-workers and some managers. There was an internal investigation conducted by the county, with many new safeguards put in place to create a better and healthier environment for the employees, but the board wants to look into this further as we believe that this internal investigation may not be as comprehensive as possible. The article also mentioned several animal welfare issues which will also be looked into independently.

I like to emphasize that as a county board supervisor, I do not work for the county, but represent you, the citizens of Dane County. It is my responsibility not to take the county staff and the Director of Administration recommendations and investigation at face value. I have witnessed great county employees in all departments during my tenure and it is important that we maintain a safe and healthy environment for all of the employees.

I would like to close on a positive note. Our park system is tremendous and a great asset that we continue to invest in as well as constant dedication to keeping the lakes as clean as possible so they are accessible to all of us! Take some time this summer to visit one or more of the Dane County Parks!

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

Matt Veldran, Dane County Supervisor, District 7; (608) 235-8369; veldran@countyofdane.com

Turning Trash & Cow Manure into Renewable Fuel to Combat Climate Change

by Dane County Executive Joe Parisi

Thanks to our renewable natural gas (RNG) facility at the landfill, we're able to convert landfill biogas, which contains harmful greenhouse gases, into nearly pure methane gas. This methane gas can then be injected into the interstate transmission pipeline that runs underneath the landfill so it can be bought and used as renewable vehicle fuel. Our RNG facility is projected to displace 3,250,000 gallons of gasoline in 2022, reducing emissions equivalent to traveling 72,000,000 miles less on the road.

This technology has allowed our Highway Department to systematically replace inefficient diesel snowplows with plows that operate on RNG from the landfill. Dane County currently own 100 RNG and RNG/gas hybrid vehicles. We saved \$139,288 in 2021 by using compressed natural gas (CNG) and RNG instead of diesel in our vehicles. If diesel prices remain in the \$4.50 range, we'll save more than \$350,000 this year.

Dane County's RNG facility also has an offload station, which provides area digesters with the ability to get their gas into the RNG market. These digesters capture methane and phosphorus from manure, which reduces greenhouse gas emissions and harmful runoff to lakes and streams. The digester's biogas is then hauled to our offload station and injected into the pipeline, powering RNG vehicles locally and across the United States.

This first-in-the-nation station has allowed local digesters to continue to operate and expand, resulting in better manure management, local jobs, clean fuel production, and cleaner lakes. Total digester gas delivered is projected to displace 2,000,000 gallons of gasoline this year – enough fuel for a passenger vehicle to drive around the equator 2,500 times.

Dane County's RNG facility and offload station are turning trash and cow manure into renewable fuel, while preserving our local environment and natural resources. Our 100-vehicle RNG fleet is also saving taxpayer dollars and reducing carbon emissions during a time when gas and diesel prices have soared. By investing in clean fuel infrastructure, Dane County is leading the way on what is possible to help combat climate change and be part of the solution.



*Dane County Executive
Joe Parisi*