

# MEADOWOOD

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## President's Message – Mike Edmonds

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### A New Year's Resolution - But Not For Me

As I write this message, Christmas is behind us and New Year's just ahead. I enjoy this time. The stress of preparing for Christmas has passed and I no longer desire to celebrate the New Year like I celebrated when I was younger. Life seems to be returning to its normal rhythms. Yesterday I enjoyed the first real snowfall of winter, although I must admit I did enjoy my bike ride on Christmas Eve (50 degrees!).

With the New Year come resolutions. I gave up making New Year's resolutions many years ago because, like most people, I wasn't very good at keeping them. I hope this year will be different. I have not resolved to do anything for myself. I'm not going to resolve to lose weight, get in shape, or not get stressed out by national politics. Instead, I have resolved to make our neighborhood a better place in small ways. One small way is to look in on my neighbors this winter, to seek them out, find out how they are doing and offer help if it appears they need it.

Another resolution is to thank people for the work they do to help the neighborhood. So, thanks to my neighbors on the Meadowood Neighborhood Association Board. Thanks to the neighbors who maintain the flower beds around the Meadowood Neighborhood signs - you make me smile every time I drive past. Thanks to the Meadowood Neighborhood Center, the Meadowood Health Partnership, New Bridge and the Meadowridge Library. Finally, thanks to all of you. You folks make this neighborhood a better place, in ways great and small. May you have a great New Year!

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:

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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](http://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/contact-us)

## 2024 Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) Events Calendar:

**Saturday, February 17, 7:00 pm:** MNA Bingo Game (in person); Location at Ten Pin Alley, 6285 Nesbitt Rd, Fitchburg.

**Friday-Saturday, May 3-4:** Meadowood Community Garage Sale.

**Friday, June 21:** Make Music Madison, Meadowood Park. More details to follow in our next newsletter.

**Saturday, August 17:** Meadowood Neighborhood Association Annual Picnic at Meadowood Park. Stay tuned for more details.

**Community Suppers:** These will be held on: **Feb. 17th; April 17th; 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](http://meadowoodneighborhood.org/events)

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## 2024 Budget Bolster's Dane County's Social Safety Net

*By Dane County Executive Joe Parisi*

This fall, I joined partners from across the Dane County community to introduce my 2024 budget proposal. It makes investments in the emergency food supply, mental health, services for the most vulnerable, and more to bolster our community's social safety net.

Millions in new support is included for local food pantries, as they continue to see an increase in service demands. Dane County's popular Farm to Foodbank program, which links local farmers and growers with the area's network of food pantries and is administered by Second Harvest Foodbank of South-Central Wisconsin, will continue in 2024. The budget also includes funding for Badger Prairie Needs Network to expand a food storage warehouse and for Extended Hands Pantry to focus on providing ethnic and culturally appropriate foods.

These funds are in addition to a grant program that will expand the CARES mobile crisis program to communities outside of Madison. My 2024 budget also creates a new pilot team of crisis counselors directly embedded in Dane County's 911 Center to help work with those experiencing a behavioral health emergency. This new team will provide frontline behavioral health support to those in crisis, reducing the need for in-person responses by mobile crisis teams or law enforcement.

Anticipated funds from the national opiate settlement will be allocated to confront the ongoing scourge of opiate and fentanyl addiction in our community. I'm also setting aside another \$1.5 million in county funds to support the City of Madison in constructing a purpose-built emergency overnight shelter for men experiencing homelessness. The funds bring Dane County's total investment in the facility to \$10.5 million.

In 2024, Dane County will build on past successes and invest in new opportunities to make a substantive difference for our residents. Learn more about the budget at [www.countyofdane.com](http://www.countyofdane.com).



Dane County Executive  
Joe Parisi

## Embracing the Winter

*Submission from Kara Pezzi*

Happy New Year, Meadowood residents! Winter is a great time to explore parts of Madison that may be new to you whether you are a life-long resident or new to the area.

UW-Madison has numerous outreach programs for all ages. The Wisconsin Institute for Discovery hosts events that bring together experts in STEM and the arts for discussions, concerts, and cinema. The calendar of events is available at <https://wid.wisc.edu/events/>.

The nearby Ice Age National Scenic Trail generally follows the terminal moraine from Interstate State Park on the Wisconsin-Minnesota border to Potawatomi State Park in Door County. Nearby segments include Badger Prairie County Park, Ice Age Trail Junction Area, and Prairie Moraine County Park. The Ice Age Trail Alliance (<https://www.iceagetrail.org/>) is a great source of information on hiking and volunteering.

If an urban walk is more your style, join the Capitol Walkers on Wednesday afternoons in January for a "Walk for Black Women's Health." Sign up at <https://www.ffbww.org/walkingcollective>.

Music lovers may be interested in the following events. Farley's House of Pianos hosts a series of concerts from January through April. Information can be found at <https://salonpianoseries.org/concerts>. The Madison Youth Symphony Orchestras (<https://wysomusic.org/concerts-events/>) have several concerts in March through May. Seeing young performers is an especially gratifying experience.

What are some of your favorite wintertime activities in Madison? Take advantage of what our city has to offer this winter!

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## EV Charging is Easier Than You May Think

From Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE)

Electric vehicles (EVs) are gaining popularity as a cleaner and more sustainable option to internal combustion engine cars. One of the key advantages of EVs is how easy they are to fuel up.

Experts estimate that around 80% to 90% of EV charging happens at home. One way to charge your EV at home is to use a standard 120-volt household electrical outlet and the charging cable that comes with the car. That's right—the same outlet that you use for your smartphone can charge your EV. A standard outlet will charge your EV at about five miles an hour, or around 50 miles overnight, which is typically enough for the average commuter or city driver.

For faster home charging, consider MGE's Charge@Home program, which provides customers with a Level 2 charger. Participating customers pay a monthly fee of about \$20 with no upfront costs for standard installation plus the cost of electricity. MGE coordinates the installation and maintains the charger. Level 2 chargers operate at 240 volts—the same as a clothes dryer. They can add up to 30 miles of charge per hour.

The fastest type of charging, Level 3 or DC Fast Charging, can replenish a substantial portion of your battery in a matter of minutes, making long road trips more efficient. A network of highway fast chargers is continuing to expand, providing more convenient charging options for long-distance driving. When you need to charge up quickly in the Madison area, you can charge with renewable energy at any of MGE's more than 50 public charging stations. MGE's public charging network includes its EV Fast-Charging Hub in the Capitol East District in downtown Madison.

EV drivers enjoy the simplicity of plugging in their vehicles at home or using conveniently located public charging stations, all while contributing to a greener, more sustainable future. With the variety of EV options and the accessibility of charging continuing to grow, the transition to electric transportation has never been easier.

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## Meadowridge Library Turns 50

Meadowridge Library will celebrate 50 years of library service on January 27, 2024! Libraries have seen many changes in 50 years to meet the needs of their communities. From card catalogues to online catalogues, from books about natives seeds to seed libraries, from story time to Reading with a Dog, from only quiet and sedate areas to scheduled varied and lively activities. Our libraries have seen a lot of change in 50 years and continue to change with the needs of our communities.

In recognition of the 50th Anniversary The Friends of Meadowridge Library will be at the library on Saturday, January 27th with a sweet treat for patrons starting at 10:00 a.m. until the treats run out. It will also be a great time to find out more about the Friends organization and sign up to be a member of the Friends.

A much larger anniversary celebration is being planned for June 12, 2024 so watch for more news on that event in the coming months or like the Friends of Meadowridge Library Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/friendsofmeadowridge>) to stay up-to-date on library news!