

MEADOWOOD

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President's Message –Krista Ralston

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HAPPY SUMMER EVERYONE! Please enjoy the many activities and events being offered in our neighborhood throughout the summer months. There will be daily activities in the Meadowood Park as well as the other nearby parks. If you haven't yet discovered the Meadowood Park, located at Thrush and Leland, you're missing out on a neighborhood gem. It took me years to discover the park and now I go there at least once a week when the weather permits and I'm not off visiting distant places.

Meadowood Park is not a large park, but it has a lot to offer: a playground next to a shelter, a large grassy area with a backstop for all kinds of sports activities, a basketball court, a Little Free Library and picnic tables. It adjoins the Meadowood Community Gardens and is just down the street from the Meadowood Neighborhood Center, which sponsors a number of children's activities in the park. The Meadowood Foundation uses the park for organized sports activities and the MSCR Fit2Go Van will be there every Monday from 4-6 pm. Thursday evenings are set aside for the "Let's Eat Out" food carts which are becoming more and more popular every week. It's a great way to enjoy good food and meet new neighbors. On June 21st the Meadowood Park will be alive with the sound of music – it has been selected to be one of the "Make Music Madison" sites. What a fun way to celebrate Fathers Day!

In addition to all the happenings in the Meadowood Park, a highlight of our summer fun will be the Meadowood Neighborhood Association's annual 4th of July bike parade and membership picnic. For details about this and the other activities mentioned above please read on ...



Annual July 4th Parade and Picnic

Don't miss this year's Independence Day neighborhood events on Saturday, July 4th! Come out and enjoy the fun with your family and neighbors at the children's parade in the morning and at the picnic in the afternoon. This year's theme is "**Stars & Stripes Celebration**"

There will be prizes for the best-decorated bikes, wagons and children in the parade in the following categories:

- Individual ages: 0-5 years, 6-8 years and 9-12 years
- Groups: 2 or more children
- There will be treats for all parade participants.

- 10:00 a.m. – Bike Parade assembles at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (corner of Whitney Way and Raymond Rd)
- 10:15 a.m. Judging begins
- 10:30 a.m. Parade begins

12:30 p.m. – Neighborhood Picnic/Election of MNA Board at Elver Park

As in the past, our annual election picnic will be held at the Elver Park shelter. Food will be served from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Please bring a dessert to share. The picnic is free to MNA members—don't forget your membership card for check-in. Guests with MNA members are welcome for \$1 each person.

Representatives/Call for Nominations

The nominees listed below will appear on the ballot at the picnic. If you wish to run for an officer position or as an area representative contact Dorothy Loehrer, 5810 Crabapple Ln., 271-5994 or mnaboard@meadowoodneighbors.org by Sunday, June 21, 2015, so your name will appear on the ballot. There will also be a write-in option for each position. Nominees must be members in good standing of the MNA. Check neighborhood boundaries on the insert in this newsletter issue. For more information on the duties of an officer or area representative check out the MNA Bylaws online at www.meadowoodneighbors.org

Officer and Area Candidates

President: Krista Ralston
Vice President: Sally Stix
Secretary: Krista Wozniak
Treasurer: Lisa Schulz

Area Candidates

- 1 Sally Stix
- 2 Krista Ralston
- 3 OPEN
- 4 Dorothy Loehrer
- 5 & 6 OPEN

The Board of Directors meets at 7:00 pm the first Wednesday of every month (no meeting in July) at the Meadowood Neighborhood Center. **Meetings are open to the public.** www.facebook.com/Meadowood.Neighborhood.Association

7 Lisa Schulz
 8 Mark & Janice Bauman
 9 Terry Evanson
 10 Krista Wozniak
 11 Linda Kubly
 12 Patsy Ragland
 13 Sheray Wallace
 14 & 15. OPEN SEATS

SOUTHWEST MADISON TRIAD PRESENTS SAFETY-ORIENTED PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS

Seniors and others are invited to attend the following programs, presented by the Southwest Madison Triad Planning Committee, which is a program of RSVP of Dane County – www.rsvpdane.org.

“What is Triad?” Triad is a national, state and local organization that promotes personal safety and crime prevention awareness for seniors, to help them feel safe in their communities. Call 441-7897 for more information about the local Triad program, or visit www.triadofwisconsin.org.

Wed. June 24, 10:30 am, Prairie Park Apts, 6530 Schroeder Rd.–Safe Driving -- “Keeping the Keys,” by Jim Kubeck, Supervisor, AAA Driver Training, is a AAA-developed program that shows mature drivers how to reduce their risk, and how to plan for transportation and independence after giving up automobile ownership. Free parking is available.

Wed. July 22, 10:30 a.m., Prairie Park Apts, 6530 Schroeder Rd.–Self Defense Tips & Awareness, by Charles Dean, Owner/Head Instructor, Academy of Hwa Rang Do.

Thur., Aug. 26, 6 p.m., Meadowood Library, 5726 Raymond Road, Preventing Burglaries–by MPD Detective Justine Harris.

Wed., Sept. 23, 10:30 a.m. Personal Safety –(location to be announced), with Dane County Sheriff’s Deputy Leslie Fox.

Mad City Vegan Fest

Free and open to the public
 Saturday, June 27, 2015 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
 Goodman Community Center, 149 Waubesa Street, Madison

Where anyone and everyone -- from curious omnivores to longtime vegans -- can enjoy delicious vegan food and find helpful information on protecting animals, the environment, and your health. Inspiring speakers, a vegan food court, awesome raffle prizes, and vegan-minded exhibitors. Plus, lots of free samples.

Feel free to call or email if you have any questions.

Dave Friedman,dave@vegmadison.org
 (608) 301-5602
www.veganfest.org

Matt Phair, Alder

District20@cityofmadison.com 608-772-1187



Dear Meadowood neighbors,

It looks like summer is here to stay, I hope you are enjoying it so far! It has been a pleasure to serve you on the Council and I look forward to two more years of representing such a great neighborhood! It has been a busy spring at City Hall and promises to stay that way over the summer. I have been working on a host of issues, some district based and others that are city-wide. I’ll attempt to touch on a few in this space.

Gunshots and gang-related violence: I assume you are all aware of the increase of “shots fired” incidents we’ve seen throughout the city in the last couple of months. While we indeed have seen an increase, unfortunately this is not a new phenomenon in Madison. There are far too many people, especially young people, who are involved or influenced by gangs and/or gang mentality and simply too many firearms available on the street. This is a large problem that our community must accept as real and work together to fix. Alder Maurice Cheeks and I have kicked off an effort to come up with a comprehensive violence prevention strategy. To get a true understanding of the situation, we have begun to hold meetings and listening sessions with all kinds of groups, some in government and some not. We are researching what has and hasn’t worked in other cities as well. Our goal is to present a violence prevention strategic framework to the community by the end of the summer/early fall. If any of you have ideas or would like to participate in our efforts, please contact me.

Police review: On May 19th the Council adopted a resolution that sets up an ad-hoc committee of Madison residents (no alders) to work with an outside, objective expert to review the policies, procedures, training and culture of the police department. After its work is through, the committee is tasked with providing recommendations back to the Mayor, Common Council, Police and Fire Commission and Chief of Police. We (and I as a co-sponsor) believe that this is something the community was asking for and is needed. It is needed not just due to the death of Tony Robinson but because of the historic level of disparities and mistrust among many people in our city. The Council has pledged to work with the Mayor to find “regular citizens” to serve on the committee. We will try to avoid appointing people who already serve on a City committee and will be aware not to appoint only the usual non-profit leaders, community advocates, faith leaders, etc.

Our Madison Plan: I attended the kickoff of Justified Anger’s “Our Madison Plan” on May 29th. It was a wonderful event of over 700 people that truly reflected the richness of our community. The plan, which lays out ways to reduce racial disparities once and for all, was created by black Madison but will be community driven. There are several areas in which

the work I am doing will support what's in the plan. I encourage you to read it and get involved!

Let's Eat Out! (Meet and Eat): The old Meet and Eats are now organized and implemented by a non-profit group call Let's Eat Out! There are food cart dinners being held all over the city Monday-Thursday throughout the summer. This year, we are fortunate to have a Let's Eat Out! dinner held at Meadowood Park every Thursday evening from 5:30-7:30. It's a great way to enjoy different foods and people, hope to see you there!

Meadowridge Library/Meadowood Neighborhood Center: The final phase of the library and neighborhood center construction project, a shared community space and commercial kitchen, will be completed soon. Upon that, there will be a grand opening in the form of an open house on June 24th from 5-8pm with a short presentation at 6:30. Again, hope to see many of you there. It's going to be a wonderful facility!

Thank you for reading and as always please don't hesitate to call or email me with neighborhood questions or concerns. Happy Summer!

Matt Veldran, Supervisor

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Dear Neighbors,

Welcome to summer!

The Dane County Board unanimously approved legislation to address community and the board's concerns over racial disparities in the criminal justice system that persists in Dane Co. It also addresses necessary improvements to protect inmates who are currently housed in outdated and unsafe jail cells. The county is in the process of taking applications for three work groups established by the resolution. One to study inmates' length of stay; one to study mental health issues facing inmates; and one to study alternatives to incarceration. Additionally, the resolution calls for the county to solicit new proposals to make improvements to the facility and address immediate safety concerns.

I encourage anyone who is interested, particularly minority residents, to apply immediately to be on one of the work



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groups. Any person interested in serving on one of the work groups can apply by sending an email to cjworkgroups@countyofdane.com by June 5th, indicating how you think you can contribute and why this is important to you. You may send a resume, or simply indicate your personal experiences.

The state budget before the legislature, unfortunately directly assaults the values of the majority of residents in Dane Co. There are two policy items that apply only to Dane Co. and its growth. The first change is in water quality standards that we have set. Unlike the rest of the counties in the state, water quality standards will now be reviewed by the DNR, not locally. This is in direct response to the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission rejecting two unsewered subdivisions which would have negatively affected water quality standards here. This is not just a small group that decides this, rather these were developed by each municipalities' land use plan on where new housing should be developed. We no longer have any say in these decisions.

The second change is that towns in Dane Co. can decide to withdraw from County zoning requirements and make all zoning matters local. Counties by state law, have authority, in partnership with towns to approve or deny all zoning changes. If either the county or a town deny a zoning request it can't be developed or changed. We work together with towns because we have more resources that towns do not. They choose limited services. Again, unlike the remainder of Wisconsin's counties only in Dane Co. will towns be able to unilaterally make their own zoning decisions. This affects how and where growth occurs in Dane Co. **In both instances, Dane Co. has been singled out by the legislature!** I rarely mention zoning issues as any zoning matters in Meadowood would be decided by the City but these changes are important to all of us.

Finally, on a positive note: if you haven't visited the Henry Vilas Zoo lately, there have been many improvements, including the newest exhibit, the Arctic Passage! It opened in May and welcomes back polar and grizzly bears! The exhibit also includes a new seal area and restaurant. If you haven't been there in a while, there have been many changes and improvement to many of the exhibits and the grounds. So plan on visiting as Vilas is one of only a handful of free zoos in the country.

Finally, please take some time to discover and explore Dane Co.'s fabulous park system. There have been improvements to some of them to make the visitor's experience great!

As always if you would like to discuss any issue, concern or want more information on the racial equity work groups, please contact me!

Food Share: Dane County Executive Joe Parisi, City of Madison, and Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin

Dane County has a national reputation for its robust local foods economy – local food sales contribute nearly \$3 million to our local economy, and the City of Madison is home to the largest farmer's market in the county on the Capitol Square.

To expand access and affordability of the fresh, healthy produce our county is known for, Dane County and the City of Madison are partnering with Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin (CAC) to enable more low-income families in Dane County to use their FoodShare benefits at participating farmer's markets across the county.

Markets that accept FoodShare through Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) allow people to easily exchange their benefits for market vouchers. The customer can then buy fruits, vegetables, honey, cheese, eggs, meat and more, directly from a local grower.

Participating markets include Madison's Dane County Farmer's Market on the Capitol Square, the Westside, Northside, Eastside and South Madison Farmers' Markets, as well as the Monona Farmer's Market. CAC is working with community partners and other farmer's markets in Dane County to raise awareness of the program and expand EBT use in the future.

The initiative also includes the "Double Dollars" program. Double Dollars provides Farmers' Market EBT program participants with matching dollars for that day's market purchase, up to \$25.00, to help maximize the FoodShare dollars they're spending and ensure they can afford the produce they need. Double Dollars is available at Madison's Northside, Westside, and Eastside Farmer's markets, and at the Monona Farmer's Market.

For many families, their local farmer's market is the closest grocery store, or their only grocery store. By allowing more low-income families to use their FoodShare benefit, fresh local produce is no longer a luxury, but a healthy alternative that more people can afford.

To join the partnership, please contact Nahrissa Rush at Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin, Inc. via phone at 608-246-4730 ext. 208 or send an e-mail to: nahrissar@cacscw.org.

To sign up for FoodShare and/or to determine your eligibility, please visit <https://access.wisconsin.gov/>

MAKE MUSIC MADISON-Meadowood Park

Come celebrate the start of summer and Father's Day at Meadowood Park on Sunday, June 21st with an afternoon of music and family fun. Bring a picnic (but save room for ice cream) and enjoy face painting and games for kids.

This event is part of Make Music Madison and features a variety of the best of local bands. The afternoon begins with an open mic at noon, followed by performances that range from blues to dance music, pop and indie rock. The line-up includes Flott Sauce, The MCKs, Dead Air Disco, Fear Not the Fire, Dawn Patrol and Haven, and wraps up by 6pm.

Organized by the Meadowood Neighborhood Association, the Meadowood Neighborhood Center and the Madison Media Institute, this event is free and open to everyone.

Nextdoor Meadowood

Nextdoor Meadowood is a good forum for finding cleaners, handy persons, plumbers, and the like. You can stay up to date with Dave Glomp and Merle Bergstrom, Meadowood Neighborhood/Police Co-Liaisons

Recent posting from <https://meadowooddane.nextdoor.com/login/>

"Last night was a great night for dining in the park and meeting neighbors. The "Let's Eat Out" crew had four carts there with barbecue, tacos, Filipino cuisine and pot roast(!). The situation of picnic tables along Leland is cool and conducive to chatting and someone has taken the extra step of setting up some games for people to play. The scene is an

enormous improvement over the setup in that vacant lot on Raymond Road.

Attendance last night was good, but it would be really cool to see a couple hundred people out there one of these weeks. I'm sure the vendors would love it and be encouraged to enthusiastically return."—Jason Joyce 5/28/15

Come ride with us and...

Have a BLAST® on the Badger Trail!

BLAST® = Badger Land Adventure on State Trails

Sat, May 30, 10 AM "Badger Breakout" (25.5 miles)
Madison to Belleville & back

Meet at the Badger Trail kiosk on Market Place Drive, Fitchburg
Find answers to two scavenger hunt questions on this ride.
Bring your trail pass.

Sat, June 27, 10 AM "The Tunnel Ride" (17.5 miles)

Belleville to Monticello & back
Meet at Library Park, Belleville
Find answers to two scavenger hunt questions.
Bring your trail pass & bike light for Stewart Tunnel.

Fri. July 31, 7 PM "Blue Moon Ride" (21 miles)

Monticello to Monroe & back
Meet at Monticello Depot trail parking lot
Find answers to two scavenger hunt questions.
Bring your trail pass, front & rear bike lights.

Fri. Aug 28, 11:45 PM "Pick Me Up At The Border" (80 mi.)

Madison to the Illinois border & back
Meet at State Capitol Bldg. at W. Washington Ave. entrance
Find ALL answers to scavenger hunt questions on this ride!
Bring your trail pass, front & rear bike lights.

Sat. Oct. 24, 6 PM "Haunted Mill Ride" (21 miles)

Monroe to Orangeville, IL & back
Meet at Monroe Trailhead Shelter
Find answers to two scavenger hunt questions.
Bring your trail pass, front & rear bike lights;
Halloween costumes encouraged.

For more information about these rides or the Explorer Awards, see:

www.friendsofbadgerstatetrail.org



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Save money this summer with tips from MGE

- Set the thermostat at 78°F or higher. Turn the air conditioner off when no one is home.
- Use ceiling fans instead of air-conditioning. Use exhaust fans to remove heat and moisture from cooking and showering.
- Close drapes during the day to keep the sun and heat out.
- Cook outside or use your microwave. Using your oven adds heat to your kitchen.
- Turn off lights and TVs when you are not using them.

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252-7117 or visit mge.com.

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