

MEADOWWORD

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

President's Message – Mike Edmonds

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Be A Part Of A Great Neighborhood! Join the Meadowood Neighborhood Association

Actually, you are part of a great neighborhood! And if you are a member of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association, great! Thank you for your support.

You can continue to support the Meadowood Neighborhood Association by renewing your membership or joining for the first time. The cost is only \$10 per household for the year.

What you get:

- Subscription to the Meadoword (5 issues per year);
- Free participation in all our activities; and
- Free community dinners

You also help support the Meadowood Health Partnership which serves needy families in our neighborhood.

The Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) was organized on July 11, 1958, with the purpose to “work for community betterment” and to “promote fellowship.” Sixty-five years later this is still true.

The MNA Board works closely with Alder Figueroa-Cole, County Supervisor Matt Veldran, Captain Kelly Beckett of the West Police District, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Meadowridge Library, Common Wealth Development, and others to represent your interests and build a strong, safe and vibrant community.

This is my first column as MNA President. For the past seven years Terry Evanson has been president. My thanks to Terry for all the work she has done for our community.



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, **Board Secretary**, maggiedugan24@gmail.com

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

Area 3: Mike Edmonds, **Board 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: Ruth Kleban, rmfkleban@gmail.com

Area 8: Mark & Janice Bauman, **'Meadoword' Editor (MB)**,
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Area 9: Terry Evanson, **Board Treasurer**, mtevanson@gmail.com

Area 10: Kara Pezzi, kapezzi@gmail.com

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

Area 12: Jay Close, **Board Vice President**, yourjaybird@hotmail.com

Area 13: Sheray Wallace, sherayw@yahoo.com

Areas 14 and 15: VACANT

Member at Large: Lisa Schulz, buttonldy@aol.com

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

Join Meadowood Neighborhood Association TODAY!

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Name: _____

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If you have an email address you will receive an emailed PDF of the Meadowood, unless you check the box below.

Check here if you want a hard copy of the Meadowood newsletter delivered to your house. (Meadowood will be delivered electronically to all members with email addresses)

Re-join/join: On-line at <https://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/membership>. Or fill out and return this form and \$10.00 to MNA Treasurer, P.O. Box 45528, Madison, Wi 53744-5528.

Meadowood Neighborhood Membership Picnic

by Lisa Kass

On Saturday, August 19th, 60 people came together at Meadowood Park for the annual Neighborhood Picnic. It was wonderful to see many new faces as well as many familiar faces! The wind and sun didn't stop anyone from enjoying good food and good conversations.

As for the business at hand, we saw the torch of leadership pass from Terry Evanson to Mike Edmonds. A huge thank you to Terry for leading MNA for all these last seven years! From membership drives to Bingo to Make Music Madison, Terry has kept MNA alive and well for the neighborhood. Thanks for connecting MNA to the Meadowood Health Partnership, the West District Police, and those who represent our district. We so appreciate all her hard work, energy and enthusiasm!

Congratulations to Mike Edmonds, our new MNA Board President!

Speaking of memberships, thanks to all those who renewed theirs for 2024 at the picnic!

We'd like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations for door prizes!

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| ◆ Gino's Italian Deli | ◆ Heartland Credit Union |
| ◆ Elements Massage | ◆ Glass Nickel Pizza |
| ◆ Half Price Books | ◆ Laredo's Mexican Restaurant |
| ◆ Dana Lou's Laundromat (Kwik Trip gas cards) | ◆ HyVee Grocery Store |
| ◆ Chang Jiang Chinese Restaurant | ◆ Walgreens |
| ◆ Kwik Trip | ◆ Los Atlantes Mexican Restaurant |

Meadowood Donut Block Party

(by Lisa Veldran)

On a beautiful Saturday morning the neighbors on the 5700 block of Kroncke Drive and Lanett Circle gathered for a Neighborhood Donut Block Party. Donuts, coffee, apple juice and watermelon slices were served. It was a great opportunity for neighbors on the block - young and senior, new to the neighborhood or living here for 50+ years - to meet one another and catch up.

Block parties can be simple to elaborate with a group of many or a handful neighbors - but only one ingredient is needed to make it a great event - you!

The Meadowood Neighborhood Association has budgeted for \$300 to reimburse MNA members when they hold a party on their block. For our party I was reimbursed for the donuts and a half a dozen gluten-free bakery items. The rest - coffee, cups/plates/napkins, juice, fruit - were a donation from our family.

It's not too late to start planning your own block party!

Please contact the Meadowood Neighborhood Association ([Contact Us | Meadowood](#)) to find out more details about funds available for block party reimbursement.



Volunteer Opportunity: Treasurer of Meadowood Neighborhood Association

MNA in need of a treasurer. If you have experience as a bookkeeper, accountant or CPA, or have kept books for a small organization in the past, please consider volunteering to serve as treasurer. Send a message to MNABoard1@gmail.com.

Beware of Phone Scammers Claiming to be From Madison Gas and Electric Company

From Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE)

Nationwide, utility scams are on the rise—including here in Wisconsin. MGE customers have reported fraudulent activity that is constantly evolving in the form of phone calls, text messages or in-person contact from impostors claiming to work for MGE.

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Become a Friend of Meadowridge Library

Your membership helps the efforts of the Friends to ensure that Meadowridge Library remains a special place in our neighborhood.

Your community support has been used to purchase new library materials, display units and signage and fund programming for both children and adults.

Complete the form below to join today!

Membership Levels

Individual \$10 / year

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Hello Neighbors!

Here's an update on some Dane County Board matters.

State Budget Impact

One of the biggest impacts on Dane County from the state biennium budget was for a big boost to all municipalities in the state and the increase to shared-revenue. It had been a long time since the state increased its portion of state-shared revenues from tax collections after previous cuts by the legislature. With the increase in state aid we should be able to fully-fund some programs that were lacking, allowing some public works' projects to start and be completed sooner. That also means more investment in our county parks, both for land acquisition and parks improvements.



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

Park Improvement

We recently held our August County Board meeting at Indian Lake County Park. The funding increase from the state will enable the county to implement part of its newly designed master plan more easily. That plan will actually be before the citizens to comment in the next few weeks. Please check on the Dane County Parks website for the exact information when it becomes available.

Dane County Budget Information

The 2024 Dane County Budget is underway. Currently, the county departments have submitted their budget requests to the County Executive as he prepares his budget to send to the county board for review. If you are interested in commenting or attending any budget hearings, here are the upcoming dates. All will be held in Room 201 at the City-County Building.

- Monday, September 11th, 6:00 PM, Department 2024 Budget Requests (Day 1)
- Wednesday, September 13th, 6:00 PM, Department 2024 Budget Requests (Day 2)
- Wednesday, October 18th, 6:00 PM, 2024 Public Budget Hearing

The county board will begin its budget deliberations on Monday, November 6th. But if you are further interested in the county board's work on the budget, attend an individual committee meeting during October. There, you can testify on individual items or areas of the budget that you are interested in. You may also attend these meetings virtually or watch any of these meetings online live or later at your convenience. Finally, with a very hot early September upon us, the weather will start to turn cooler and the leaves will start to turn and then "Fall". As I always ask you, please keep drains open and clear of leaves or yard waste debris, and keep your leaves out of the street and on the terrace or your front lawn.

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

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The Board of Directors meets at 6:30 pm the first Wednesday of every month (no meeting in July) at the Meadowridge Community Room.

Meetings are open to the public. www.meadowoodneighborhood.org

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Hola!

I hope you enjoy the upcoming Fall weather and colors! Coming up this month is Hispanic Heritage Month. Register for my city blog to hear about opportunities to learn about new cultures, foods, and customs. Go to <https://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district10/blog> to register. At the city, we are getting through the budget process; the Capital Executive Budget will be available this month; for more information, go to: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/finance/budget>

The following is a great opportunity; please read and share with others: "Thanks to the generosity of American Family Insurance, MOST (Madison-area Out-of-School-Time) is launching a second cohort of the MOST Afterschool Fellowship. The MOST Afterschool Fellows aims to support leaders in maintaining and growing high-quality afterschool and summer learning programs accessible to all students. The Fellowship also seeks to invest in our field's future leaders, hoping to support their development and retain them in the area. Fellows will participate in a nine-month-long series of workshops, complete a supported Impact Project within their sites, network with other leaders, funders, and policymakers, and receive \$1500. Learn more [here](#), and [apply here](#) by September 22nd." - [MOST | Madison-area Out-of-School Time \(mostmadison.org\)](#)

The Homeless Services Consortium is developing a new [Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness](#). Feedback from community members will be sought through a variety of means: focus groups (both virtual and in-person), one-on-one interviews, and a community-wide survey, which is in progress. I encourage you to complete this survey. The information gathered through it will inform our Community Plan. It is important that we hear from a broad range of stakeholders. I hope that you will take 15 minutes of your time to complete the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MADISONDANECP>

Thanks,
Yannette Figueroa Cole
Council VP Alder District 10, Madison Common Council



Alder Yannette Figueroa Cole
District 10

Reflections of Parks Alive Summer 2023

By Debra Alleyne, Parks Alive Coordinator

As we close out the summer, as the new Parks Alive Coordinator, I am pleased to report the successful conclusion to Parks Alive 2023 (see: www.cityofmadison.com/parks/blog/?id=30953). Building stronger neighborhoods across Madison through Parks Alive was a continued interdepartmental effort in collaboration with local nonprofits, organizations and local food vendors across neighborhoods centered around nine parks.

These community-centered events offered an enhanced experience in the parks by providing residents with tunes spun by local DJs as they enjoyed free food and cool treats from local food trucks and Chocolate Shoppe Ice cream on the hot summer days. Family-friendly activities were made available by the amazing contributions of more than 40 of our local organizations and nonprofits. There was also some extra Hollywood magic in the air as films were shown on selected dates in the evening for residents to enjoy.

We saw almost 3,000 people of all ages spending time together. People were learning about City services, signing up for library cards and hanging out with UW Madison Science students doing STEM-based activities. The more athletic among us took to playing basketball games, disc golf with the park rangers, yoga, jump rope and riding bikes.

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