

# MEADOWWORD

MEADOWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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## MNA Bingo Party on January 24<sup>th</sup>

The Meadowood Neighborhood Association has planned a BINGO PARTY for **Saturday, January 24th, at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The games will begin at 7:00 p.m.** This event is for **ADULTS ONLY** who are current MNA members - bring your membership card. If you are not a member, you can join that night for the normal \$5.00 membership fee. The building is handicapped-accessible. Free snacks will be provided and a cash bar will be available. Mark your calendar now and come and join your neighbors in a fun night of Bingo. See you there! - Lorene Wendricks *Bingo party directions: Take Whitney Way south to Williamsburg Way. Turn left on Williamsburg Way and continue to Anton Drive. Turn right on Anton Drive (M & I Bank is on the corner) and the KC Building is on the left next to the Chalet Ski Shop.*

## Join Us at the Golfland Gala on March 7th

Come join us at **Vitense Golfland (Whitney Way at the Beltline) from 6-8 p.m. on Saturday, March 7th**, for a great family evening. There will be free pizza and soda, and one free round of mini-golf for children 12 and under. Mini-golf per-game costs are \$7.50 for children over 12 and adults, and \$6.00 for seniors over 55 (and if your child 12 and under wants to play additional games). You must be a current member of MNA, and adults must accompany children at this event. Bring your MNA membership card. *Also you must sign up with Lisa Veldran ahead of time at 271-0722 or at [lveldran@yahoo.com](mailto:lveldran@yahoo.com) by Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.* We look forward to seeing you and your family at the party!

## Meadowood's First Community Supper!!!

Come in from the cold and enjoy a hot meal, time with your neighbors, and a conversation about what's happening in the area!

When: **Tuesday, January 27, 2009**

Time: **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Where: **Toki Middle School-All Purpose Room**

## Santa Makes His 50<sup>th</sup> Visit!

### Santa Visits Every Year Since 1958!

On Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, Santa visited Meadowood children in their homes and gave each a small gift. Santas making the rounds were Joseph King, Matt Veldran and Tim Johnson. His helpers are always a favorite with the children. Elves were Katrina King and Adam Kleisch. Helping Santa find the homes were drivers Karen Mayeshiba and Lorene Wendricks. Big thanks to all of these volunteers!

- Dottie Loehrer, Santa Visit Coordinator, 271-5994

*\*\*\*Also a big thanks to Dottie! Santa visits wouldn't happen without our dedicated Dottie pulling it together every year! - Lisa Veldran*

## Spanish Edition of Meadowood

A number of Meadowood residents received the Spanish edition of the *Meadowood* newsletter in last year, thanks to volunteers who do the translation. Please contact Tim Johnson at 274-3461 if you want to help with the translation or know Meadowood residents who would benefit from the Spanish edition.

## MNA Board Members by Area

|           |                     |              |
|-----------|---------------------|--------------|
| 1.        | Jane & Dave Ross    | 271-6696     |
| 2.        | Cheri McKently      | 271-6359     |
| 3.        | Bob Rabehl (Treas)  | 274-3125     |
| 4.        | Dottie Loehrer      | 271-5994     |
| 5.        | Sherri Rembert      | 273-0960     |
| 6.        | Lisa Veldran (Pres) | 271-0722     |
| 7.        | Lisa Schulz         | 271-7831     |
| 8.        | Janice/Mark Bauman  | 277-0860     |
| 9.        | Dave Glomp          | 271-9531     |
| 10.       | Reid Bowers         | 354-9313     |
| 11.       | Mary Conlin         | 271-1320     |
| 12.       | Lorene Wendricks    | 271-5054     |
| 13.       | Darlene Burrell     | 608-317-3294 |
| 14.       | OPEN                |              |
| 15.       | Tim Johnson         | 274-3461     |
| Secretary | Joyce Dingman       | 244-2665     |

## President's Message – Lisa Veldran

I hope as you are reading this newsletter you are sitting somewhere warm. As I write this message it is well below 0 degrees. To learn about local resources and information on Extreme Cold Weather visit the city's website at: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/residents/winter/coldweather.cfm>

We recently welcomed Reid Bowers to the Meadowood Neighborhood Association Board as the new Area 10 representative. Reid and his family have lived in the neighborhood since March 2008 and he looks forward to having a positive impact in our neighborhood. Welcome Reid!

MSCR Director, Lucy Chaffin and MSCR Program Director, Janet Dyer will be at the February 4, 2009 Meadowood Neighborhood Association meeting to discuss the new community center that will be opening soon in the Meadowood Shopping Center (next to the Library). We already have a wish list of items the new center will need. Please take a look and see if there is anything you can donate.

There are lots of events going on in our neighborhood this month and I hope you can take part in at least one or all of them. **Meadowood neighborhood's strength is its strong sense of community.**

New event listings between now and the next newsletter issue (April) can be found at our website at: [www.meadowoodneighbors.org](http://www.meadowoodneighbors.org)

Stay warm and remember to check in on your neighbors during the winter months!

### **Meadowood Community Center Wish List**

If you have any of the following items you can donate towards the operation of our new community center, please contact Janet Dyer, Supervisor of Community Programs, Madison School & Community Recreation at 245-3667 or by email at [jdyer@madison.k12.wi.us](mailto:jdyer@madison.k12.wi.us)

- \* Microwave oven
- \* Community bulletin board
- \* Magazine rack
- \* Board games
- \* Coffee maker
- \* Paper products
- \* Plants
- \* Wii game cartridges and accessories
- \* School supplies

Dear Friends and Neighbors,



As I write this letter a Snow Emergency has been declared and Madison is heading into an arctic freeze. We have already broken the December snow record. I've been receiving numerous complaints about side streets not plowed and impassable icy sidewalks. Please do your best to comply with City regulations and be patient with Street Crews who are constantly working hard under challenging winter conditions. Every time snow accumulates to 3 inches they plow, salt, and sand Madison street miles equal to the distance from here to Las Vegas. The Crews also handle numerous winter emergencies such as water main breaks and soon inevitable potholes.

A tough City Budget was passed but Common Council is facing an impending Metro fare increase and the Overture Center financial dilemma. I strongly oppose huge bailout packages and am reluctant to burden taxpayers with extra expenditures. With Safety as my top priority, and as a Commissioner for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), I'm encouraging Dane County Habitat for Humanity to explore opportunities to purchase troubled spots within our District (based on Calls for Police Service). Once renovated these units will be offered to screened buyers who are expected to be contributing new members of our community.

Although saddened to learn that Cub Foods on Verona Road is going to close I am quite excited with the revitalization opportunity presented to the languishing Westgate Mall by the employee-owned Iowa Hy-Vee Groceries' proposal to build and operate a grocery store at Westgate. This will bring hundreds of jobs to the area and also ensure current small local business owners in this Mall can continue to serve our community. I do believe the positive rewards of business competition will benefit consumers who must watch spending during this economic down turn. The developers are working with City authorities to iron out differences with a strong focus on area traffic safety. Please continue to participate in the planning process to ensure that we all gain from this joint-effort.

I hope you are pleased with the new stoplights at the S. Whitney Way & Raymond Road intersection. I look forward to the next Traffic Calming Project at the Segoe-Tokay-Constitution Intersection that should start after spring thaw. Funding has also been approved to replace decaying trees on various medians within District 20, especially along Raymond Road and S. Whitney Way. The pilot Neighborhood Center barely got MMSD/BOE's approval at the last minute to execute the lease thus you may have noticed remodeling work in progress at Meadowood Mall. Since this is only a one-year "pilot Center" please volunteer your time & service and make

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our best use of it. I welcome your input on HOW we can work together to make it a community success. City staff will assist us and collect data for a feasibility study to secure permanent funding beyond next year.

Midwest Family Broadcasting just alerted me that unless additional funding and sponsors can be secured by March, our area's twenty-year tradition of July Fourth Fireworks at Elver Park won't happen this summer. Since 2007 when Clear Channel dropped sponsorship of this event Midwest Family Broadcasting Service has graciously stepped in to take over. The costs for Police, EMS, insurance, and Park permit/fees etc. total about \$60,000 in addition to \$20,000 for the fireworks display. The City contributes nearly \$20,000 while Midwest Family Broadcasting absorbs the remainder. This is three years in a row I've had to make special efforts to continue this tradition. Please wish me lots of luck!

Talking about luck, I am very thankful to run for re-election unopposed. This definitely will allow me to devote my precious time & energy to work on urgent needs of this District and our City.

**All my best,**  
**Alder Thuy**  
[district20@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district20@cityofmadison.com)



**Officer John Amos- West Precinct**

One of the main problems in the neighborhood is unsupervised juveniles causing crimes and creating nuisances. When I arrived in April of this year it was evident that the summer would be problematic and myself and neighborhood Officer Mike Hanson scrambled for options. We were told by agencies that provide programming for youth that the December/January months are optimal for applications to be turned in. During the next month I will be canvassing the neighborhood and trying to get kids signed up for the summer for any programming. The MSCR, Boys and Girls Club, and the Wisconsin Youth Company all provide some form of summer activities. Transportation to and from activities is often provided. Application fees and tuition often can be waived due to economic hardship. The Wisconsin Youth Company and Boys and Girls Club also provide year round activities. Pickup and drop-off for the Boys and Girls Club is at Meadowood shopping center parking lot near the Walgreen's.

Calls for service in the neighborhood are down which is attributable to the colder weather which drives everyone inside. West CPT and I did a surveillance operation on Russett Road on suspected drug activity but I am pleased

to report there is no open-air drug dealing and we mainly wrote traffic tickets.

**Senior & Community Open House**  
**Friday, January 23, 2009, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.**  
**Wisconsin Youth & Family Center**  
**1201 McKenna Boulevard**  
**Free - All are Welcome!**

Feeling a bit of cabin fever?! Seniors and all neighbors are invited to a fun afternoon of multi-generational community-building and friendship.

RSVP of Dane County will present a mini Folk Art Fair where seniors will share their hobbies and interests in interactive activities. Madison's 2008 Senior Idols will sing a few songs, and let you know how you can get involved in the 2009 Senior Idol talent contest. Children from the Wisconsin Youth & Family Center After School program will present a short musical program.

Local organizations will be on hand to invite your involvement and provide resources: Dane County Timebank, CAC Community Gardens, West Madison Senior Coalition, Triad, Dane County Public Health Nurse & more. Refreshments will be served. For more information call (608) 276-9782.

**Madison Water Utility---Toilet Rebate Program**  
**Program Overview**

The Madison Water Utility is offering rebates of up to \$100 for residential customers who replace their high water using toilets with EPA WaterSense-rated High Efficiency Toilet (HET) models. The program is part of the utility's Water Conservation and Sustainability Plan to reduce per capita water usage 20 percent by the year 2020, with the goal of protecting the quality and quantity of the deep-well aquifer that supplies the Madison area. Toilets eligible for rebate must be HETs (which use an average of 1.28 gallons per flush) and must be on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) WaterSense list. Any toilet that meets the criteria and is purchased after January 1, 2009, will be eligible.

Rebates will be in the form of checks sent to the customer's residence of record; the check amount will not exceed the purchase price of the toilet. To apply for the rebate, you must submit two items: the original, dated sales receipt for the toilet showing the manufacturer's model name and number and the completed application form. (You should keep a photocopy of your receipt.) These items must be mailed to the following address:

**Madison Water Utility**  
**Toilet Rebate Program**  
**119 East Olin Avenue**  
**Madison, WI 53713**

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Participants in the program must be residential customers of the Madison Water Utility, and the installation address must be in the customer service area of the utility. Qualified customers are those who live in single-family homes, condos, or apartments in buildings no larger than four units. Rebates are for replacement of existing larger-capacity toilets, and are not for new construction. Rebates are first-come, first-served, until funding is exhausted. The program is for only one rebate per household. Eligible replacement toilets must be HETs listed on the EPA WaterSense website.

Homeowners may install the toilets themselves, or they may hire a plumber or contractor to do the job. Owners are responsible for proper installation and associated costs. Installation may be subject to verification by water utility personnel. Toilets may be purchased at any supplier as long as they are on the WaterSense list of HETs.

**Madison Public Library and KOJO Productions present *Buffalo Soldiers: The Legacy*.**

A community-based production highlighting the historical contributions of African-American soldiers of the 1860s, this play chronicles a military campaign by the US Cavalry in Arizona and New Mexico against the indigenous population. Set in the period after the 1863 Emancipation Proclamation, the play depicts soldiers from a variety of backgrounds ranging from former slaves, Civil War veterans and northern free men sharing the common human pursuit of cultural and personal actualization. Come join us for a reading of the play that dramatizes the often overlooked role of African-American soldiers in the development of our country. ***Buffalo Soldiers* will be presented on Saturday, January 24th at 3:30 p.m. at the Meadowridge Branch Library, 5740 Raymond Road.** The event is free and open to the public.

**Important Phone Numbers**

|                                  |                      |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>West Madison Police Dept.</b> | <b>243-0500</b>      |
| <b>A.A.R.P.</b>                  | <b>(866)448-3611</b> |
| <b>Animal Control</b>            | <b>267-1989</b>      |
| <b>Mayor's Office</b>            | <b>266-4611</b>      |
| <b>Dane Co.Exec. Office</b>      | <b>266-4114</b>      |
| <b>Social Security Admin.</b>    | <b>270-1141</b>      |
| <b>Madison Metro</b>             | <b>266-4466</b>      |

**Springtime Brings More than Flowers with those Showers**

Whether March comes in like a lion or a lamb, it also brings spring showers and melting snow. When snow melts and rain falls, it flows across streets, driveways, parking lots and rooftops and transports sand, salt, leaves, oil, trash and many other pollutants directly to storm drains, which eventually ends up in our lakes and streams.

Some folks mistakenly think that water running off streets goes into a sewage treatment plant. But the truth is that it goes right to our lakes and streams.

**You Can Help**

There are many things each of us can do to prevent storm water pollution.

- \*\*\*Use salt sparingly during the winter.
- \*\*\*Sweep up any excess sand left over from the snow shoveling season.
- \*\*\*Clean up pet waste year round—flush it down the toilet or collect it in a bucket until you can bury it properly.
- \*\*\*Keep cars well maintained repairing leaks; but consider walking, public transportation or riding a bike whenever you can.
- \*\*\*Direct rainwater away from paved areas to lawns or gardens where it can soak in.
- \*\*\*Keep leaves and grass clippings out of the street.
- \*\*\*Compost yard waste, debris and leaves.
- \*\*\*Get a soil test before applying fertilizer to your lawn.
- \*\*\*Don't pay for something you don't need. If a test shows that your lawn does need fertilizer, apply it according to directions and carefully clean up any spills on paved surfaces.
- \*\*\*Wash your car on the lawn or at a car wash that sends its used water to the sewage treatment plant.
- \*\*\*Prevent soil erosion.
- \*\*\*Don't let anything but rain go down the storm drain or into the ditch.

Go to [www.myfairlakes.com](http://www.myfairlakes.com) for more ideas on how you can help our lakes and streams.



