

# MEADOWOOD

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## President's Message – Terry Evanson

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We are looking forward to an exciting and productive year in Meadowood. The award of an \$850,000 federal grant focused on initiatives to improve Meadowood, Park Edge/Park Ridge and Prairie Hills neighborhoods will provide support for struggling families, mentoring of young adults to help them succeed in jobs, safe passages for children going from school to after-school programs, and other benefits to the southwest side of Madison. A great deal of work went into securing this federal grant, which will be overseen by Common Wealth. Initiatives are driven by a planning group made up of members of the affected neighborhoods. We are already seeing the impact of efforts like these through less juvenile vandalism near the strip mall and fewer police calls.

Neighborhood safety has improved significantly over the past year and we have high hopes this will continue. In November (the last month available at this writing), Meadowood was tied with one other city neighborhood for the fewest police calls (10). Police calls have been declining through this year and are down from an average of 26 per month. This decline is due to a concerted effort by the Madison police as well as effort by engaged neighbors, the support of local churches and action by non-profit organizations to improve and strengthen our neighborhood.

The City Council approved the construction of a new shelter at Meadowood Park in 2018. The shelter will be octagonal and similar to one at Norman Clayton Park on Piping Rock Road. We are hopeful that the shelter will be in place for this summer's activities.

The MNA Board has set ambitious goals for this year. We want to build stronger neighborhood bonds by encouraging block parties, enlarging participation in our quarterly community suppers, encourage greater attendance at our sponsored activities of Bingo, Make Music Madison and our annual picnic. We look forward to developing an MNA logo and a celebration of Meadowood through the years. Sheray Wallace, Board Representative for Area 13, continues to expand the reach of Meadowood Health Partnership and will serve more women and families this coming year. The Board also hopes to establish a needs-based scholarship for a high school student living in Meadowood. This year we will explore our options for providing a scholarship and hope to offer one in 2019. We appreciate the time many of you took to fill out the MNA survey this fall. Your comments helped guide our 2018 goals. You'll find more about the survey elsewhere in this newsletter.

Stay up-to-date on what's happening in Meadowood by visiting our website and Facebook page.

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: Sally Stix, **Board Vice President**, [sastix@tds.net](mailto:sastix@tds.net)

Area 2: Krista Ralston, [kralston@wisc.edu](mailto:kralston@wisc.edu)

Area 3: VACANT

Area 4: Willa Schlecht, [willazoe61@gmail.com](mailto:willazoe61@gmail.com)

Area 5: Tyler Rehm & Sara Wagner, [tylerrehm@gmail.com](mailto:tylerrehm@gmail.com)

Area 6: Lisa Veldran, [lveldran@yahoo.com](mailto:lveldran@yahoo.com)

Area 7: Lisa Schulz, **Board Treasurer**, [buttonldy@aol.com](mailto:buttonldy@aol.com)

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

Area 9: Terry & Marty Evanson, **Board President**, [mtevanson@gmail.com](mailto:mtevanson@gmail.com)

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Area 11: Matt and Jayne Ahlswede, [ladyjayne2004@gmail.com](mailto:ladyjayne2004@gmail.com)

Area 12: Kyra Swenson, **Web Master**, [chakeer@gmail.com](mailto:chakeer@gmail.com)

Area 13: Sheray Wallace, [sherayw@yahoo.com](mailto:sherayw@yahoo.com)

Areas 14 and 15: VACANT

Member at Large: Kristen Schoepke

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/contactus](http://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/contactus)

## ELVER PARK WINTER FESTIVAL

The Madison Winter Festival is coming to Elver Park February 3- 4. This community festival features outdoor sports including skating, cross country skiing, sculpture, sledding and other events. Winter Festival moved to Elver Park from downtown last year. The Elver Park venue is well-suited to a family-friendly event. Elver offers everything you could want for winter fun, from skating to ski trails, and, of course, the giant sledding hill. Snowmaking machines are now in place as well.

Winter-fest has open events scheduled from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm on both days. These events include skating, hockey, sledding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowboarding and kid's games.

We are hoping that Meadowood, Theresa Terrace and Park Ridge area youth and their families consider participating in this free event to meet your neighbors, have fun and learn new winter sports skills.

## Upcoming Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) Events:

Saturday, March 3: MNA Annual Bingo Party (adults only). Snack foods will be served.

Location: Ten Pin Alley, 6285 Nesbitt Rd.  
Fitchburg

Time: 7:00 - 9:30 pm

Thursday, June 21: Make Music Madison at the Meadowood Park. Start time is 4:00 pm.

Saturday, July 14: West Fest at Elver Park.  
Noon - 7 pm.

Saturday, July 28: MNA Annual Picnic, 12:30 - 2:00 pm.

*For updates on additional events in the Meadowood area, please refer to the 'News & Events' page of the MNA website:*

[www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/newsandevents](http://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/newsandevents)

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## Meadowood Community Leader Sheray Wallace Receives Jeffrey Erlanger Award

During the November 21st Madison Common Council meeting, Sheray Wallace was presented with the 2017 Jeffrey Clay Erlanger Civility in Public Discourse Award. Sheray Wallace, who is a Board member of the Meadowood



Neighborhood Association, created the Meadowood Health Partnership, which focuses on health education programs, such as diabetes, mental health, trauma and healthy living and operates out of the Meadowridge Library. She also organized a march called 'Stop the Violence' in an effort to foster community unity and bring awareness to eliminating violence in Madison. Upon receiving the award, Sheray commented, "It is important to me that the voices of my neighbors and my friends are heard, so change can occur."

The Jeffrey Erlanger Award annually recognizes a Madison resident sharing the late Jeff Erlanger's dedication to public policy development, civility, individual and human rights.

## Community Suppers at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Tentative dates for 2018 Community Suppers at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church are as follows:

- ◆ Tuesday, February 20
- ◆ Wednesday, April 25
- ◆ Tuesday, June 19
- ◆ Wednesday, August 22
- ◆ Wednesday, December 19

Community suppers are held 5:30 - 8:00 pm. The meal is always free, but donations are always accepted. Please consider bringing a side dish or dessert to share.

To volunteer, contact Sheray Wallace at: [sherayw@yahoo.com](mailto:sherayw@yahoo.com) or (608) 622-2355.

*For the latest information on the community suppers, please visit the MNA website:*

[www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/supperprogram](http://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/supperprogram)

## Meadowood Sign Maintenance

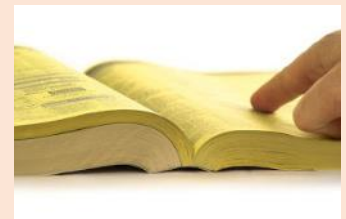
***Thank you and a Call for Volunteers:*** Meadowood Sign Maintenance

The MNA Board is deeply appreciative of the work **Duane Wilson**, Golden Oak Lane, did this summer in weeding and rejuvenating the landscaping surrounding the Meadowood signs on Raymond Road. A BIG thank you to both Duane, for volunteering to continue to maintain the landscaping beneath the sign at Raymond and Prairie Roads and to **Marcia Lisitza**, Aspen Road, for continued maintenance of the landscaping surrounding the sign at Raymond and Tawhee Roads.

We need one or two volunteers who can touch up the paint on the signs. This work only needs to be done every couple of years. If you enjoy gardening or detail painting and would like to contribute to the beautification of our neighborhood, please send an email to [MNABoard1@gmail.com](mailto:MNABoard1@gmail.com) or call Terry Evanson at 608-271-6846.

## Meadowood Directories Available

The 2017 Meadowood Directory was printed and distributed this fall. All MNA members should have received



a copy. If you did not receive a copy, please send an email to [MNABoard1@gmail.com](mailto:MNABoard1@gmail.com) or call your Area Representative (see the 1<sup>st</sup> page of this newsletter). The directories are intended to help neighbors connect to one another. They are NOT to be used for commercial purposes.

## Meadowood Neighborhood Survey Results

*(Submission from Terry Evanson, MNA Board President)*

The Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) Board is very interested in understanding what types of activities our members like to participate in and how to grow a sense of community in the neighborhood. All MNA members were asked to give us feedback on these and other questions in a survey conducted during September and October. You can review the questions and survey results on our web page (<https://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/highlights>).

The responses indicate that many people enjoy the current activities sponsored by MNA, including the summer picnic, Make Music Madison, the community suppers and Bingo. Members want to participate in family and child-related activities and activities with food, such as the summer food carts, the annual picnic and the community suppers. There was mention of a community garden – we have a lovely community garden in Meadowood Park where you can rent a plot. The idea of a “welcome wagon” team came up. The MNA Board prepared a “Welcome Packet” this year and we try to deliver that to anyone who moves into our neighborhood. We’d love to have a few volunteers to form a Welcome Wagon Team to greet new neighbors.

The most common response to the question of how the MNA Board can serve the members better had to do with policing and neighborhood safety. Issues of neighborhood safety are a top priority. Our neighborhood police officer (Adam Kneubuhler), our city alder (Matt Phair), and county supervisor (Matt Veldran) attend most of our board meetings and we discuss neighborhood safety at every board meeting. However, policing the neighborhood is not the responsibility of the MNA Board. The best way to ensure a safe and secure neighborhood is through engaged and active neighbors. MNA exists to foster this sense of community. Get to know your neighbors! Can you stand at your front and back door and name the families who live in the homes within your line of sight? If not, introduce yourself.

Several survey responses mentioned holding block parties. This is a great way to meet your neighbors and develop new friendships. The MNA Board plans to put together instructions on how to easily organize a block party and will post that on our web site. We hope you’ll consider volunteering to organize a party on your block this year. Many of those responding to the survey have lived in Meadowood for more than 30 years. We look forward sponsoring a “Meadowood Then and Now” to celebrate this legacy and neighborhood memories. We also discovered that most of the respondents read the *Meadowood*. Thank you for responding to the survey. It is helping us shape future goals for Meadowood.

### MG & E to Build New Wind Farm

In November, state regulators approved Madison Gas & Electric’s plan to build, own, and operate a 66-megawatt (MW) wind farm near Saratoga, Iowa, about 200 miles west of Madison. Construction will begin in early 2018. Once complete, the Saratoga Wind Farm will generate enough energy to power about 47,000 average homes. It will be MGE’s largest wind farm to date. Saratoga is a cost-effective, clean energy project for powering Madison-area homes and businesses for years to come. It also advances MGE’s Energy 2030 framework.

Under Energy 2030, MGE will transition to 30% renewable energy by 2030 and 25% by 2025. The Saratoga Wind Farm is one of a number of steps in MGE’s ongoing transition toward cleaner energy. To learn more about Energy 2030, visit [energy2030together.com](http://energy2030together.com).

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## Happy New Year!

*(Submission from Matt Veldran)*

Just a quick note to update you on year-end of what has happened in Dane County Government. The county board finalized and passed the 2018 budget that I have written about previously. The initial funding for the jail expansion is included in the budget, not without an emotional and passionate debate from the board and the citizens that came to watch the proceedings. We also added to our alternatives to incarceration programs and hope to expand them, which is all part of the plan connected to the jail project, that reduces beds from what is currently in use. In recent news, a company from Tennessee, Strategic Behavioral Health, will be building a 72-bed mental health crisis center and would be incredibly important as part of reducing jail population. Currently people are taken to Winnebago, as it is the only available facility run by the state. Also, just in the news, a bill has been introduced at the state to reopen the Mendota facility which has been closed for new patients since 2014. The closure of the Mendota facility has put a great burden on local police and Dane County sheriff agencies. Additionally, we added \$3 million over the next four years for more affordable housing in Dane County and \$40,000 in case management for seniors.



*Matt Veldran, Dane County  
Board of Supervisors, District 7*

The vehicle registration fee passed, also with passionate feelings on both sides of the issue. One of the goals of the fee will be to completely pay for our transportation expenses going ahead. The fee will be \$28/vehicle and is paid when you register your cars/trucks. It does not start until October 2018. The last budget included the most road projects in county history, but that comes at a price to keep Dane County roads in good condition. We hope that the fee will help to lessen this cost in the future. Finally, the budget included a new position in the Land and Water Resource Department, which will address implementing policies on lake management.

The board will also be addressing the opioid epidemic in one area by pursuing legal action against large pharmaceutical companies who continue to make this major problem worse by their practices. One statistic: Dane County had 13 deaths related to opioid overdose in the year 2000. In 2016 that number skyrocketed to 85. We are addressing this situation with the health and sheriff's departments, but it will be a constant battle as this tears apart individuals and families.

Finally, as it is an election year for the Dane County Board, I am running for reelection and continually appreciate the privilege to represent you!

If you have any questions, concerns or ideas don't hesitate to contact me.

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## Winter Newsletter from Dane Co. Executive Joe Parisi:

It was with great excitement that The Beacon, our new Homeless Day Resource Center located in downtown Madison, opened in early October. Our partnership with the United Way, Catholic Charities, and the City of Madison will make a real difference at advancing our community's goal of helping those who struggle with homelessness get into housing.

My budget includes \$175,000 for our share of operating The Beacon seven days a week in 2018. Partner agencies across the community will team with Catholic Charities, the operator of The Beacon, to provide employment and training, mental health, alcohol/drug addiction, and housing services like case management, outreach, and housing navigation for hundreds of men, women, and children who face homelessness. I'm also including \$100,000 in my budget to help fund Porchlight's Safe Haven, a program that provides transitional housing and case management for those who suffer from mental illness to stabilize their living situation and reduce homelessness.

In addition, my budget includes new money to support the critical work that NAMI (National Association of Mental Illness) Dane County does to better train and prepare front line responders and medical personnel on strategies to help de-escalate incidents where mental illness is a factor.

Addressing homelessness and its underlying causes is a priority in my 2018 budget. Dane County's investments in The Beacon, Safe Haven, and NAMI Dane Co. are going to help our residents access vital services and improve the overall wellbeing of our community.



## Message from State Representative Lisa Subeck

Hello neighbors,

I hope you enjoyed the holiday season and 2018 is off to a great start. With the start of the new year, the legislative session is back in full swing. If you would like stay up to date on what's happening at the Capitol you can subscribe to my weekly email newsletter. Visit [subeck.assembly.wi.gov](http://subeck.assembly.wi.gov) and click "subscribe to my newsletter," or contact my office.



One piece of legislation I am excited to have introduced is the CNA Pay Act. Wisconsin faces a significant shortage of Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) who work on the frontlines of long-term care and nursing facilities. Currently, it is estimated that there are 11,500 vacant nursing assistant positions. The shortage is perpetuated by low wages, lack of benefits, and a challenging workload that cause high turnover among caregivers. The CNA Pay Act would increase wages and make training more affordable and more accessible.

During the last year, I have also introduced legislation that would reduce gun violence and keep our communities safe, improve the lives of children, families, and seniors, build a fairer economy that works for everyone, and strengthen our democracy.

Visit my website at [subeck.assembly.wi.gov](http://subeck.assembly.wi.gov) to learn more about bills I have introduced. A complete list of bills I have co-authored can be found at [https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2017/related/author\\_index/assembly/1617?view=section](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2017/related/author_index/assembly/1617?view=section).

As your State Representative, I am here to help you. If I can be of assistance in any matter please feel free to call or visit my office.

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