

MEADOWOOD

Newsletter of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association, Inc.
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President's Message – Terry Evanson

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Perhaps you, like my family, are traveling more this season. There is a new spring (pun intended) in our step with the first 70-degree day of the year and a new outlook as we feel freer to return to in-person dining, congregating with friends and vacations away from home. The outdoor season is upon us – take the opportunity to say hi to your neighbors and introduce yourself to families who have recently moved into Meadowood.



Capt. Timothy Patton, who has led the West Madison Police Department with distinction for the last several years, will become the Captain of Training for MPD starting May 1st. We in the Meadowood neighborhood will sorely miss Capt. Patton. His outreach efforts and personal engagement with residents and the West District neighborhood associations has kept us informed about safety concerns and created bonds of trust. Capt. Patton's deep care for our community has built a stronger, more engaged and more unified community here on the westside of Madison. Captain Kelly Beckett (kbeckett@cityofmadison.com) will take over at West PD. We look forward to welcoming Capt. Beckett and know the same confidence and trust will continue.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our virtual BINGO game in February. We had a good turnout and gave away wonderful prizes. We are grateful to all our prize donors – they are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Your support of our local businesses is much appreciated!

With spring comes thoughts of gardens. Meadowood Community Garden, located in Meadowood Park, offers 28 garden plots for rent. If you are interested in renting a garden plot, contact the garden coordinator at meadowoodgarden@gmail.com.

Please put these upcoming MNA sponsored activities on your calendar:

- **Meadowood Community Garage Sale**, May 20 – 21. Contact Janice Bauman (jdbauman4@gmail.com) for your address to be added to the garage sale map.
- **Make Music Madison**, June 21 (Tuesday). Come listen to free live music in Meadowood Park and partake of a community supper.

We know that people continue to struggle with the effects of the pandemic. If you need assistance with rent, food, home supplies, a baby, or other needs, you can call Sheray Wallace at 608-235-1027.

Wishing you all a wonderful spring. See you around the neighborhood.

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, maggiedugan24@gmail.com

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Area 12: VACANT

Area 13: Sheray Wallace, sheraYW@yahoo.com

Areas 14 and 15: VACANT

Member at Large: VACANT

MNA Board Treasurer: Lisa Schulz, buttonldy@aol.com

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/contact-us

2022 Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) Events:

Friday-Saturday, May 20-21: Meadowood Community Garage Sale (see article, same page)

Tuesday, June 21: Make Music Madison, Meadowood Park

Monday, July 4: MNA-sponsored Children's Bicycle Parade

Saturday, August 20: MNA Annual Picnic

For updates on additional events in the Meadowood area, please refer to the 'Events' page of the MNA website: meadowoodneighborhood.org/events

Meadowood Garage Sale Coming Back!

By Maggie Dugan

After taking a couple of years off (and we all know why), the Meadowood Neighborhood Garage Sale is returning on the weekend of May 20-21. Orchard Ridge is also having their sale this same weekend, so we are hoping for lots of buyers for all of your "good deals".

We will be making a neighborhood map of the participating households, putting up signs on main streets, making posters for community boards and advertising on the Nextdoor Meadowood website.

Do you want to participate? If so, it's time to start collecting items and getting ready. If you want to be on the neighborhood map, please contact either: Maggie Dugan (maggiedugan24@gmail.com; 608-215-8643) or Janice Bauman (jdbauman4@gmail.com; 608-298-8025). Information we will need includes: address, email, phone (will be kept private), times and days you will be open, and general description of items.

Anybody in the neighborhood can participate; you don't need to be a member of the association, although we would love it if you were.



If you don't want to have a sale yourself, save the dates to tour your neighborhood. You can meet your neighbors and get some great bargains.

Happy Easter
Join us at Vitense for
an EGG-stravegant
Easter Egg Hunt

Where: Vitense Outdoor
Mini Golf Course
Date: April 10th 2022
Time: 9am-10am
Price: Free



A VISIT WITH THE EASTER
BUNNY INCLUDED!!

Interested in a Community Garden Plot?

It's gardening season! To rent a garden plot in Meadowood Community Garden (located in Meadowood Park), go to this website: <https://rootedwi.wufoo.com/forms/zznkxpf1p1ku1h/>. Or register In-person at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 16 at Meadowood Park (5810 Thrush Lane). Plot rental based is based on income and is usually between \$15 and \$82 per year.

Also, the garden is looking for people that can help with organization, including administrative and treasurer duties. If you are interested in in volunteering, you can contact the garden coordinator at meadowoodgarden@gmail.com or 608-236-3478.

A Different Kind of Lawn

By Jackie Steinhauer

Are you sick of frequently mowing your grass? Want to reduce or eliminate your fertilizer and herbicide usage? Looking for an easy way to support wildlife? Let me introduce you to three attractive grass alternatives for your lawn.

The first to consider is creeping mazus. This herbaceous perennial grows around 2" tall and bears lavender flowers. It can live in full sun to partial shade and likes moist soil. This delightful plant even tolerates light foot traffic. Mazus is easy to grow and rarely suffers from disease or insect infestations.

Another ground cover to contemplate is white clover. White clover is low growing, withstands foot traffic, feeds bees and other wildlife, and can crowd out many less desirable "weeds." Some grass mixes already contain clover because it increases the nitrogen available for plants in the soil, reducing the need for fertilizer. Additionally, clover is more drought-resistant than grass. You can overseed your current grass lawn with clover to start the transition to a lower maintenance, more beneficial lawn.

Finally, let's look at creeping thyme. This sun-loving relative of culinary thyme will take more work to get established than clover or mazus but has many rewards. It is edible, aromatic, and tolerant of foot traffic. Additionally, creeping thyme will fill your lawn with an abundance of pink, purple, or white blossoms, attracting many bees and butterflies through late spring and early summer.

Consider trading in your grass for an easier to care for, more environmentally supportive ground cover this year.



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Tails Around the Neighborhood

by Heidi Wiley

Meet Reilly, a 150 pound Irish Wolfhound. Reilly loves car rides, to run and play at the dog park, and to snuggle. Reilly is a gentle giant. Then, there is Ruby, a 15 pound miniature golden doodle. Ruby loves kids, playing fetch, snuggling, and chewing on bones.



And, Reilly and Ruby love each other.

Who would have thought a 150 pound dog and a 15 pound dog could be friends? It just proves we really cannot judge a book by its cover - or a friend by how he or she looks on the outside.

We have most likely noticed that we tend to judge people by their skin color, their clothes, their hair, how much money they have, their opinions, or how they talk, but let's stop next time we start doing this and think about what really matters. Let's look at each other's hearts. When you start looking at the inside of a person, you might find yourself in an unlikely - but wonderful - friendship, just like Reilly and Ruby's.

Behind on Your Energy Bill? Madison Gas and Electric Company Can Help.

From Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE)

We know this is a challenging time for many in our community. It's important all of our customers know MGE is here to help.

Customers who are behind on their MGE bill can work with our customer service representatives to set up a personalized payment agreement and discuss financial assistance that may be available from our community partners. A payment, even if minimal, can help customers who are behind on their bills avoid potential collection activity, late fees or disconnection in the future.

Contact MGE.

Our customer service representatives are available to help. Contact us Monday-Friday between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Please call us at (608) 252-7144 or (800) 245-1125.

Need Financial Assistance?

Financial assistance may be available for your household. Energy Services, Inc. (ESI), is currently taking applications through an online portal at energybenefit.wi.gov or by phone at (800) 506-5596.

Visit mge.com/resources to find other community resources.

Bus Route Redesign

By Lisa Veldran

Interested in how the bus route redesign will affect you?

Sign up for the next community meeting on **April 27, 2022 at 6:30 pm via Zoom**. Learn how the draft network redesign plan affects far west and southwest side residents and businesses.

For more information on the plan, visit: <https://bit.ly/3LArw2r>. If you want to attend this neighborhood meeting, register here: <https://bit.ly/3qVficE>.



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Hello Neighbors!

We can see the season finally changing and we can start to get outside again and enjoy the better weather and I hope all is well with you! Now hopefully with the pandemic getting further behind us, we can return to all of our normal activities and go to places that we haven't had the chance or the opportunity to visit for the past two years. But we all must remain vigilant to protect one another. I would also like to emphasize that if you haven't gotten the COVID-19 vaccine or a booster, please still consider it.

I want to thank everyone's support as I start my new term in the new district 4. I will update you in the next newsletter on my new committee assignments. It will be another challenging term as we will likely start the term by meeting virtually. There are many new supervisors to meet and get to work with as we are also losing some long standing supervisors after many years of service.

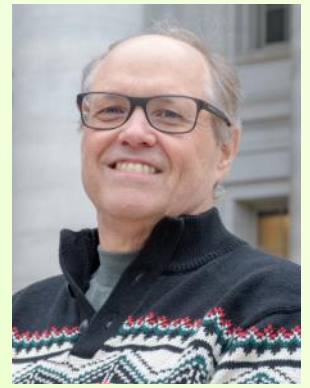
Just a couple of short updates for you.

Jail update

Last month, the county board passed a resolution for additional funding to keep the project on track. We agreed to less funding and to eliminate about 100 beds, but still keeping all of the requirements that the board insisted on, such as keeping in person visitation, as opposed to video-only visits. On site medical needs, and meal preparation which will keep certain costs down going forward. I am satisfied with the compromise that was attained and that one of the final goals will be to eliminate HUBER altogether. Huber is the work release program where certain residents are permitted to go to work or school, and medical appointments but must return at night. The goal is to have the people that are sentenced to Huber can then just to a check-in through Human Services instead of through the Sheriff's department. This has successfully been done in LaCrosse County and we will push to end it, which again alleviates pressure on the criminal justice system.

As we start to implement the budget, undoubtedly the jail consolidation project will continue to be at the top of our agenda. I believed the original design and cost was the best, given the space chosen, to build the new facility. It would address mental health issues, better isolation areas, and still have fewer beds than we currently have in the three county facilities. I also believed that we needed to do something to replace the antiquated and dangerous floors in the CCB.

Matt's article is continued on the next page...



Matt Veldran, Dane Co. Board

Join the Litter Patrol!

by Terry Evanson

We've noticed that litter has built up in some areas of the neighborhood. That's not unusual during the winter months.

We can do our part to help the litter situation. Consider carrying a small bag and plastic glove or grabber when you walk your dog or are out ambling.

Not only will Meadowood be cleaner, but it will also be more attractive to visitors and a safer place to play and live!



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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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Matt Veldran's Article (continued from previous page)

I am the chair of the Specialized Transit Commission, which oversees rides for seniors and people with special needs to get transportation to medical appointments, if they are on medicaid or social outings for seniors. At our last meeting we had a presentation of the new Madison Metro bus routes. There will be a meeting on **April 27 at 6:30 via zoom, of the Metro Transit Redesign**. Please plan on attending as there are major changes to the system going forward.

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

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MadiSUN Solar Program

Hello Meadowood Neighbors,

MadiSUN is the City of Madison program that makes going solar easy. Since 2016, the MadiSUN Group Buy Program has helped homeowners across the area install solar-electric systems on their rooftops. 225 households have gone solar thanks to the program's simplicity, reduced price, financing options, and customer service.



MadiSUN also offers solar incentives for businesses, nonprofits, and affordable housing providers. Check out madisunsolar.com to learn more about how to go solar!

Join us for a free webinar to learn more about the 2022 MadiSUN Solar Energy Program. We'll discuss how residential solar works, what the buying process looks like, and what kind of return on investment to expect. Use the link to register for the webinar: <https://www.madisunsolar.com/events/>.

Many Thanks to Area Businesses!

The Meadowood Neighborhood Association wishes to express their gratitude to the area businesses that donated prizes to our February Bingo Game and helped to make the evening a big success. Many thanks to the following area businesses for their generous contributions of gift certificates and other Bingo prizes:

- Cambridge Winery Tasting
- Coppertop Restaurant
- Gino's Italian Deli
- Glass Nickel Pizza
- Kwik Trip
- Liquor Town
- Los Atlantes Restaurant
- Seafood Center
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