

MEADOWORD

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

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Dear Neighbors,

Due to health concerns, Sally Stix is unable to continue to serve as President of MNA, however she will continue to represent Area 1 on the board and serve as Vice-President. I deeply appreciate the leadership Krista Ralston and Sally Stix provide to the board. I represent Area 9, have lived in Meadowood with my husband for 36 years and served on the MNA board for two years. I served as a block captain on Redwood Lane for many years.

This year has brought many positives to the neighborhood, including almost monthly community suppers, a wildly successful turn-out for Make Music Madison, a terrific July 4th neighborhood annual meeting and picnic, the start of the senior meal program and increasing participation of youth in activities at the Meadowood Community Center.

I've recently read Tribe by Sebastian Junger. He cites many studies that show that an individual's mental and emotional health is strengthened by engaging in the collective good of the community. I hope that every person who lives in Meadowood feels a sense of ownership in and responsibility for the neighborhood. Participation in neighborhood activities fosters this sense of inclusion and attachment. As the New Year approaches, perhaps each of us can think of some way to ensure that our neighborhood is a safe, beautiful, inclusive place to live. Perhaps you can get to know a new (or long-time) neighbor, volunteer to help at a neighborhood school or one of the upcoming neighborhood activities, or encourage a neighbor who hasn't discovered MNA to join. We particularly need representatives in Areas 3, 5, 6, 12, 13, 14, and 15 on the MNA board. Many hands make light work, as they say. I look forward to meeting and getting to know many of you in the coming year.

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

Area 2: Krista Ralston, kralston@wisc.edu

Area 3: VACANT

Area 4: Willa Schlecht, willazoe61@gmail.com

Areas 5 & 6: VACANT

Area 7: Lisa Schulz, **Board Treasurer**, buttonlady@aol.com

Area 8: Mark & Janice Bauman, **'Meadoword' Editor**,
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Area 9: Terry & Marty Evanson, **Board President**,
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Area 10: Krista Wozniak, **Board Secretary**,
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Area 11: Matt and Jayne Ahlswede, ladyjayne2004@gmail.com

Areas 12, 13, 14, and 15: VACANT

Members at Large: Kristen Schoepke & Maureen Murphy

Seven (7) 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:
<http://meadowood.readyhosting.com/index.html/473/2827.html>

Senior Meals Continue at Meadowood for 2017!

Where? Meadowood Shared Space, 5740 Raymond Rd.
When? Every Tuesday and Thursday at noon.
Cost? A donation for 60+ (suggested is \$4.00).
 \$7.50 for under 60.

Transportation? Door-to-door in the westside service area
 Transportation cost is a suggested donation of \$1.00

Special Meals

Thursday, November 17: Thanksgiving Dinner
 Thursday, December 15: Holiday Dinner

How Do I Reserve for Meals and Bus?

Call (608) 238-0196 before noon the day before.

Closed: Nov. 24, Dec. 27 & Dec. 29

Special Senior Meal Program

Tuesday, November 14, 12:30-1:30 pm: "Let's Talk Medicine" - A free educational program to help people understand how to use medications safely and effectively. Sponsored by the Wisconsin Health Literacy. To reserve, call 238-0196 before Nov. 10th. Freebies and a cash drawing.

Newsletters with menus are available at the Meadowridge Library and Meadowood Neighborhood Center.

Upcoming Meadowood Neighborhood Association Events:

Early February Bingo Party! Time and date to be determined. Keep posted...

June 21, 2017: Make Music Madison, Round 2!
 Details will follow...



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Column submission from Dane County Executive Parisi

We live in a compassionate, caring community. It's core to our quality of life and helps make our neighborhoods the very best they can be.

Homelessness is a real challenge facing too many families not only here, but in growing communities across the country. What makes us unique is the way we are coming together to make a real difference for our neighbors.

With a site now secured, we are working diligently with the City, United Way, Catholic Charities and others to develop a new Day Resource Center to help individuals who fall on hard times get back on their feet and find employment. This new one-stop-shop is slated to open next summer once remodeling is complete.

In addition to connecting those who are homeless with the vast array of services our community offers, it's important we continually focus on what can be done to prevent homelessness before it occurs.

Too often families working hard to support their loved ones come upon a car repair or other significant expense making it hard to pay rent. That's why I created the "Eviction Prevention Program" through Dane County Joining Forces for Families – to stabilize living situations for families with children. We are on track to help 200 families and 400 kids this year. Given demand, I am doubling the dollars for this effort to \$100,000.



Working with the Salvation Army, the County is providing nearly \$1 million for emergency shelter and to support a new expanded "Rapid Re-Housing" initiative to secure permanent housing for dozens of individuals. Once housing is found, "Rapid-Re-Housing," empowers homeless individuals with the training and skills to stay in those residences. That's why I'm putting more county dollars into case managers for the coming year, people who can work directly with those with housing challenges to get them into and keep them in affordable housing.

Together, we are making a real difference.



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Message from State Representative Lisa Subeck

Hello neighbors,

As the election season wraps up, activity here at the Capitol is picking up as we prepare for the next legislative session.

In January, the State Legislature will begin a new session, where we will debate and vote on the next state budget and other legislation. I encourage you to contact my office about particular issues or topics that interest or concern you. I can represent you most effectively when I know what is on your mind.

Earlier this year, you should have received my legislative survey in the mail. If you did not get a chance to respond, it is not too late. You may respond on-line by visiting my legislative website at: <http://legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/78/subeck/legislative-survey/>. Whether you contact my office directly or participate in the survey, I would love to hear about the issues that matter most to you.



While the colors of the leaves may have changed, Wisconsin still holds remarkable beauty throughout the last months of the year. The Department of Tourism's website (<http://www.travelwisconsin.com/>) provides a great deal of information and ways for Wisconsinites to enjoy the changing seasons.

The change of seasons also means winter weather will soon follow. Winter storms mean our state's roads are more dangerous than ever. Motor vehicle crashes increase in Wisconsin during the winter months. This winter, be sure to check for the latest weather status on the Department of Transportation's road conditions website at: www.511wi.gov.

Be safe and have a great holiday season. As always, if I can be of assistance with any matter, please feel free to email me at Rep.Subeck@legis.wisconsin.gov, or call my office at 608-266-7521.



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