

MEADOWWORD

Newsletter of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association, Inc.
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President's Message—Sally Stix, sastix@tds.net; (608) 271-7609

Hello Neighbors:

This is my 1st column as president and I look forward to getting to know additional and new neighbors over the year. September is also the beginning of our membership drive.

MEADOWWORD AND MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

This issue of the *Meadowood** will be distributed to **all** Meadowood residents. For future issues your household needs to be a dues paying member of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA), and indicate whether you want a hard copy or electronic version of the *Meadowood*. The dues for 2017 are only \$5.00 per household and can be paid to any area representative or block captain, or mailed to the MNA at P.O. Box 45528, Madison, WI 53744-5528. You will receive a 2016 MNA membership card as your receipt. Please include the following information with your payment: *NAMES OF ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS; HOUSEHOLD ADDRESS; TELEPHONE # (optional); EMAIL ADDRESS (optional but required if you want an electronic version of the Meadowood)*.

Thanks to all the Meadowood residents who participated in community activities this summer! I was ill most of the summer and the other MNA board member were so very helpful. I want to congratulate and thank everyone who came out and joined neighbors at the many fun and delicious Meadowood Park events, Make Music Madison, the community supper, and of course the 4th of July bike parade and MNA annual picnic.

Please volunteer to be an Area Representative if you live in one of the vacant areas. (Areas 3, 5, and 6 are located primarily south of Raymond Rd. and west of Gilbert Rd. Areas 13, 14 and 15 include primarily the apartment buildings and duplexes on Russett Rd., Cameron Rd. and the south side of Raymond Rd.) The areas can be found on our website: <http://www.meadowoodneighbors.org/>

Annual Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) July 4th Picnic and Election of Board of Directors

The MNA election of the neighborhood's fifteen (15) Area Representatives, who make up the MNA Board of Directors along with two (2) 'at-large' members, was held during the July 4th picnic at Elver Park. The following people have been elected to serve on the MNA Board for the 2016-2017 year:

Area 1: Sally Stix, **Board 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, **'Meadowood' Editor**,
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Area 9: Terry & Marty Evanson, **Board Vice President**,
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Area 10: Krista Wozniak, **Board Secretary**, krista.wozniak@gmail.com
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>

Congratulations to the winners of the 'kids parade' and many thanks to the west side fire department for leading the parade. We had a very good turnout for the picnic and wish to thank the following businesses for their generous donations for the always popular 'door prizes':

- Babe's Sports Bar
- Best Cleaners
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- **Dana Lou's Laundromat** (exceptionally large donation!)
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- Nonno's Restaurant
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- Vintage Brewery
- Vitense Golf

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Greetings Neighbors!

I hope everyone had a great summer and as Fall approaches, I'd like to catch you up on Dane County "happenings" and upcoming matters before the board.

Dane County Budget

- The County department budget hearings are scheduled for September 7th at the City County Building (CCB) for all departments except the Human Services Department. It has its own hearing on September 15th at the Alliant Energy Center. County Executive Parisi will then craft his budget for the County Board to begin deliberations on October 1st.

\$15/hour by 2022

- The County Board introduced a resolution to raise any county employee and contracting agencies with Dane County to a living wage of \$15/hour. It will be \$12.50 next year, then increase by \$0.50/year for the next six years.

Human Services

- A big change to the comprehensive homeless day resource center occurred in July. The Board approved the purchase at 615 East Washington Ave. Replacing the previous building at 1801 E. Washington. The new building is far superior and will take less work to convert it for the resource center.
- Increasing contracts with Journey Mental Health Center and Tellurian UCAN, to expand services.
- The Board approved a resolution allowing homeless individuals to use County designated addresses for the purposes of receiving an ID.
- Funds from the WI DOJ to reach out to jail inmates who are dependent on opiates and provide treatment upon their release from jail.

Public Safety

- The Board approved the Clerk of Court to implement a Pretrial Safety Assessment (PSA) pilot. It will help Court Commissioners decide whether an individual who is charged with an offense must stay in jail to await trial or can be released with various conditions. This is being tracked to see if this improves the current system.
- The Board accepted a grant for Dane County Drug Treatment Program, and Dane County District Attorney Crime Response Program.
- The Board directed a consulting firm to research strategies for short-term repairs and procedures to mitigate current safety concerns in the CCB Jail until it is fully decommissioned.

Natural Resources

- Granted a crop lease with the Friends of Silverwood Park to formalize their use of 16 acres there which will use the area for agricultural education and demonstration.
- Received a donation for the development of an accessible fishing pier for Indian Lake County Park.
- Received Lake Protection grants for property along Rice Lake and adjacent to Silverwood County Park, and for property along Fish Lake, and to support development and maintenance of Anderson Farm County Park.

Finally, one of the most important environmental investment we can make is to protect our lakes. As the leaves fall from the trees, please **do not** put your leaves in the street! The nutrients from the leaves get into the sewers, which feed directly into our lakes, that promotes algae growth which can help prevented.

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

Matt Veldran

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Alders Phair and Cheeks to Hold Listening Sessions on the City's Budget

Westside Alders Matt Phair, District 20, and Maurice Cheeks, District 10, will host joint public listening sessions in their districts in anticipation of the upcoming annual city budget process. Residents are encouraged to come and share their thoughts and suggestions for priorities regarding the city's capital and operating budgets. There will be a presentation on the existing budget in order to help facilitate discussion.

Thursday, September 8
6:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Sequoia Library, 4340 Tokay Boulevard

Wednesday September 14
6:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Meadowridge Library, 5726 Raymond Road

Alders Phair and Cheeks will also provide a response to the Mayor's proposed 2017 Executive Capital Budget at these meetings.

Alder Matt Phair, District 20
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View our neighborhood guide at
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INTERGENERATIONAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES – Contact Andrea Beaster at 441-7894, abeaster@rsvpdane.org:

All Dane County Schools Need Volunteer Tutors for Grades K-12. Volunteers are matched 1:1 or with small groups of children, helping primarily with literacy and math. Students receive individualized attention needed to excel in the classroom. A great way to share your time, stay active and make a great impact in the community!

Achievement Connections: Volunteers tutor one-on-one with high school students in Madison or Middleton-Cross Plains school districts to improve their performance in algebra and geometry and provide a strong, ongoing relationship throughout the school year.

Senior Tax Exchange Program (STEP): Senior volunteers tutoring in academic tutoring programs in the Madison Metropolitan School District may be eligible to participate in the STEP Program, which offers a property tax rebate for eligible senior volunteer tutors to help reduce their property tax bill.

Computer Buddies Program: Volunteers and students correspond, pen-pal fashion, weekly via email, providing the opportunity for students to practice writing and computer keyboard skills while fostering a positive relationship between generations. A fun way to volunteer from home that isn't a big time commitment (~30 minutes/week). Help students in DeForest, Oregon, Madison or Marshall elementary schools classrooms, as well as Madison-based Neighborhood House community center.

DRIVER SERVICES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES – Contact Gene Kundert at 441-7896, gkundert@rsvpdane.org:

Drivers Needed to drive passengers who are seniors (60 yrs. and older) or veterans of all ages to important appointments, or to deliver meals to seniors in Dane County communities outside of Madison. Set your own schedule, no minimum hours required. RSVP provides mileage reimbursement and extra liability insurance.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

– Contact Jan Karst at 441-7891, jkarst@rsvpdane.org:

Independent Living is looking for a volunteer receptionist at their senior living community, The Gardens, on N. Segoe Rd. Greet residents/guests, answer phones, receive mail /deliveries, and perform office tasks like filing and photocopying. Shifts are in the afternoon between 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Habitat Restore needs cashiers for Thursday morning and afternoon shifts. This is a fun, active place where folks come to buy used building material and donated furniture to support building more low-income housing.

Area Agency on Aging needs volunteers to meet with seniors to help them understand and evaluate the options for Medicare part D drug plans based on their current prescriptions and cost. Program runs from October to December, with training in September. Work will be done at various Madison sites. Must have the ability to open a Webpage to enter information in response to questions and be comfortable meeting with individuals for one hour at a time.

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Message from Dane County Executive Joe Parisi:

Biking is a big part of our quality of life and a way for people to get out and enjoy our lakes and countryside. Just this summer, the League of American Bicyclists has awarded Dane County one of its top awards, recognizing it as one of the top counties for biking. Dane County is one of only seven counties in the entire country to earn this designation.

There are over 645 miles of bike lanes and trails in Dane County. Over the past several years, we have invested millions in new off-road trails and efforts to make on-road biking safer.

Just this spring we started construction of the Lower Yahara River Trail, a waterfront path that has the longest bike and pedestrian bridge of any project in Wisconsin. This trail will connect Lake Farm county park with McFarland and eventually will wind its way down the Yahara river to Stoughton. Planning will soon get under way on the Glacial Drumlin Trail, and a new North Mendota Trail to help provide safer cycling.

A grant program I started in 2011 has awarded \$3.2 million in county funds to local municipalities for bike projects. These grants expand bike trail interconnectivity, create destination-oriented regional bike trails, and improve bike safety.

Late last year, we opened the Brigham Trail, a hard surface multiuse trail in the Town of Blue Mounds. The off-road trail is approximately 1.5 miles long and extends from the Military Ridge State Trail to Brigham County Park and also includes a connection to the Cave of the Mounds, a National Natural Landmark.

We are excited to be recognized for our work to strategically grow and connect Dane County bike trails. While you are enjoying the weather this summer check out our parks department website for up-to-date information on bike trails.

Message from State Representative Lisa Subeck

Hello neighbors,

I hope you have had a good summer. It is fairly quiet at the Capitol, as we head into election season and prepare for the next legislative session.

This summer a new set of Legislative Council study committees have formed to examine significant issues identified by the Legislature and agreed upon by a bipartisan committee. These committees form every other year and are made up of citizens, experts and legislators. This year's study committees include Access to Civil Legal Services, Preservation of Burial Sites, Publication of Government Documents and Legal Notices, Reducing Recidivism and Removing Impediments to Ex-Offender Employment, Rural Broadband, School Data, Volunteer Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician Shortages, and State-Tribal Relations.

I have been appointed to serve as a member of the Legislative Council Committee on Access to Civil Legal Services. This committee is tasked with examining the need for legal services of civil litigants living in poverty, identifying funding sources for services, and reviewing current legal services operations. The goal is to develop bipartisan legislation that improves delivery of civil legal services for the most vulnerable members of our communities.

As Election Day approaches, it is critical to have the necessary identification required to vote. In order to vote on November 8th, you must have a photo ID. There is more than one acceptable form of identification, and your ID does not have to have your current address. Visit bringit.wi.gov to learn more, to confirm you have the correct identification, or to find information on how to obtain a free Wisconsin State ID Card.

If I can be of assistance in any matter please feel free to email me at Rep.Subeck@legis.wisconsin.gov, or call my office at 608-266-7521.

UNIVERSITY HOUSES PLAYGROUP, 6033 Odana Rd., Madison Second Saturday of the month September - May, 10:30 - Noon

Come along to play, chat and sing with your little ones. Bring a snack and talk to other families while the kids enjoy the toys and dramatic play area. Bring your friends! Everyone is welcome at this free, fun event.

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segundo sábado del mes de septiembre - de mayo , 10:30 - mediodía
Venga a jugar, chatear y cantar con los pequeños. Traiga un refrigerio y hablar con otras familias mientras los niños disfrutan de los juguetes y el área de juego dramático. Tráete a tus amigos! Todos son bienvenidos en este evento gratis y divertido.

Contact: Sara Quigle at: saraquigle@gmail.com

Soka Gakkai Int'l Introductory Meetings

Soka Gakkai International-USA (SGI-USA) is the most diverse Buddhist community in the United States with more than 500 chapters and some 100 centers throughout the country. SGI members base their practice on the Lotus Sutra and Nichiren Buddhism, which teaches that each person has within the courage, wisdom and compassion to face and surmount any of life's challenges. In Madison, the SGI holds introductory meetings at the Meadowridge Library from 6:30 - 8:00 pm on Wednesdays. You are invited to join! Also there are meetings locally at a variety of other times, including Sundays. If you are interested in finding out more, please email sgi.madison@gmail.com or call Sen at (608) 658-6365.

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Letter to the Editor:

In August I had the privilege of visiting the United Nations in NYC. It was an awesome and inspirational experience. A highlight for me was seeing all 30 Articles of the **UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS** prominently displayed in one of the hallways. These important rights were proclaimed by the U.N. General Assembly in 1948 "as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations." Sadly, even the U.S. still does not fully meet the standard of achievement aspired to in this Declaration. Despite our great Constitution, the U.S. fails to grant human rights equally to all persons, especially in the areas of employment, health and housing. As a Neighborhood Association it is our mission to work for community betterment and to fight against the denial of human rights. Articles 23, 25 and 29 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights are especially relevant to our mission as a Neighborhood Association. Excerpts are quoted below:

Article 23: *Everyone has the right to work ... to just and favourable conditions of work ... to equal pay for equal work ... [and] to just and favourable remuneration ensuring ... an existence worthy of human dignity.*

Article 25: *Everyone has the right to ... health and well-being ... including food, clothing, housing and medical care and social services ... Motherhood and childhood are entitled to special care and assistance.*

Article 29: *Everyone has duties to the community in which alone the free and full development of his [or her] personality is possible.*

Let's continue to be conscious of these universal human rights and act accordingly without judgment or discrimination.

Krista Ralston – MNA Area 2 Representative and past President



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Bryne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) Project

Stephanie Bradley Wilson, Project Manager, Common Wealth Development-Madison

The Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) project is off and running in the Southwest corridor that includes the Meadowood, Prairie Hills, Greentree and Park Edge/Park Place neighborhoods. The Byrne Project, an 18 month planning grant, obtained by the Madison Police Department in 2015 from the federal Department of Justice (DOJ,) is to facilitate resident developed strategies that address deep drivers of crime for the area. The federal funded BCJI is one of the Department of Justice's signature programs under the **White House Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative**, the Obama Administration's investment in place-based, comprehensive efforts to create more opportunities for children and



*Stephanie Bradley Wilson, Project Mgr.,
Common Wealth Development-Madison*

families across the sectors of housing, education, public safety and health.



*Jeffrey Lewis, PH.D.,
Researcher for BCJI-Madison*

The Cross Partnership Advisory Team, which consists of residents (home owners & renters) and stakeholders (non-profits, landlord, City of Madison staff) from throughout the various portions of this diverse southwest group of neighborhoods, is step one of the Byrne project planning process. Willa Schlecht is the Meadowood Neighborhood Association representative for the association. Other Meadowood residents are Sheray Wallace, Bernita Burrus, Assad Tu, Marty Evanson and youth representative Melissa Tan.

The Partnership Advisory Team will use data from Madison Police, Madison Metropolitan School District, neighborhood focus groups and other sources to determine common themes develop short through long term strategies that may be used in the application for possible DOJ funding in 2017. If successful in the competitive grant process for implementation, the award would be \$850,000 over a three year period.

The Advisory Team will also look to build on the current assets of this community when determining what the resident driven strategies, based on data driven and/or influenced comprehensive solutions may be for the proposed grant application. Helping to assist the group is Jeffery Lewis, PH.D with data collection and analysis. An important component of the data collection will be through focus groups. A series of focus groups will be held specifically in each section of all the neighborhoods. It will be important to gather information from demographics ranging from homeowners to renters; stakeholders such as landlords and non-profits; youth and elders; and employed or unemployed persons.

If you area interesting in hosting a focus group of 5 to 7 people, contact the Project Manager, Stephanie Bradley Wilson, Common Wealth Development, at Stephanie@CWD.org or 608-3527, ext. 33.

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Senior Meals at Meadowood Neighborhood Center Extended

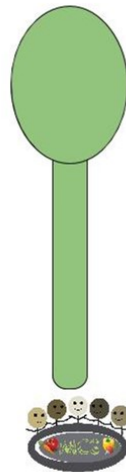
The Senior meals at Meadowood were originally funded by a grant from the Wisconsin Bureau of Aging and Disability until September, 2016. They have now been extended to December, 2016 by a Dane County Leck grant.

If you have not yet tried the meals, now is your chance! Meals are served every Tuesday and Thursday at noon. Reservations are required. The meals cost \$7.50 to provide. But if you are 60 years and older, you may pay a confidential donation, whatever you can afford. Suggested donation is \$4.00. No one is turned away because of inability to pay. If you are under 60, you may come to eat, but are charged the \$7.50. (Can you eat anywhere nowadays for \$7.50?)

Bus transportation is also available door-to-door for a donation round-trip. Again, no one is turned away because of inability to pay. Meal and bus reservations can be made by calling 238-0196 before noon the day before.

West Madison Senior Coalition newsletters with menus are available at the Meadowood Neighborhood Center and Meadowridge Library.

Would you like to win a gift certificate for a free meal? To enter the drawing, call Mary at 238-7368, ext. 12 or email marym@wmseniorcenter.org. Gift certificates are for seniors 60 and older.



Meadowridge Community Suppers



Please bring a dessert to share.

Presented by the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation: **Historic Architecture Walking Tours in September**



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The Madison Trust for Historic Preservation will offer historic architecture tours at **11 a.m. each Saturday through September 24th**. Knowledgeable volunteer docents will lead three walking tours in September.

Neighborhoods included in September's walking tour schedule are:

Sunset Hills: Mid-Century Modernism (September 10th): 1950's west-side Madison subdivision comprised of high-quality, architect-designed homes of "Modern" design

Orton Park: A Lakeside Neighborhood (September 17th): Late 19th- and early 20th-century houses in a middle-class, east-side neighborhood that was part of James Doty's 1836 plat of Madison's isthmus

Mansion Hill West: Sandstone and Prairie (September 24th): Early sandstone mansions plus houses by local Prairie Style architects Claude & Starck

Go to www.madisonpreservation.org and click on "Tours and Programs" for more details about **content, dates, times, length** and the **meeting place** for each tour. Purchase tickets at the tour meeting place shortly before the start of each tour. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and free for Madison Trust members (become a member by going to the Madison Trust website and clicking on "Support Us").

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