

MEADOWOOD

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President's Message – Terry Evanson

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We are all grieving for the loss of life and hardships experienced here in Dane County and throughout the world in 2020. For those of you who have lost loved ones this year due to the pandemic or other causes, I extend my heartfelt sympathy. With vaccines available and soon to be distributed, we all look forward to the easing of restrictions on social gatherings and a return to something approximating “normal”.

The last nine months have spotlighted the importance of our immediate surroundings. We now spend our working days, as well as our evenings and weekends, in our homes. Travel restrictions mean we are spending significant time walking our neighborhood streets and recreating in local parks. People I meet are friendly and (even wearing masks) smiling, and exchange greetings. We all long for and need human contact.

My New Year's wish is for greater peace and resilience in our country and world. I commit to work toward that goal by encouraging greater unity, safety, and neighborliness in my own community – the Meadowood neighborhood. I ask you to join me in this effort. As we slowly move to a post-pandemic world, may we deeply appreciate the truths we've discovered during the pandemic – that cultivating and exhibiting human kindness, affection, forgiveness, love and care for one another is the bedrock that sustains us and gives us the strength to survive whatever challenges we face.

The efforts of Community Safety Workers (CSW), Sheray Wallace and Mike Alston, are one way our neighborhood is exhibiting these qualities. The goal of the CSW is to help families and individuals in crisis get the help they need, reduce police calls and improve neighborhood safety. In less than two months, they served 16 clients, provided resources such as food and rent assistance and referred several people to mental health resources. Outcomes have been quite positive – pre-crisis problems are being addressed and clients and the police are happy with the results.

The MNA Board is assessing neighborhood activities for 2021. We hope to develop a calendar of neighborhood activities as it becomes safe to gather again. Our first activity of 2021 will be a Virtual BINGO game on Saturday, February 20, at 7 p.m. Please see a separate article in this newsletter on how to sign up and participate. We look forward to “seeing” you and your family there virtually.

Wishing you and yours a Happy 2021! 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:

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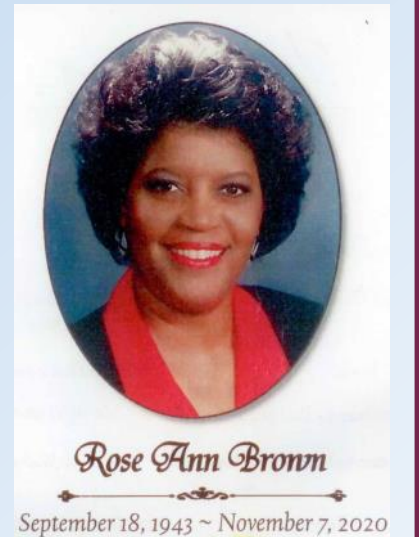
Two (2) areas are not currently represented on the MNA Board. **If you live in one of these areas, please consider serving on the neighborhood association's board.**

To determine which area you live in, visit the MNA website at: www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/contactus

Special Tribute

By Sheray Wallace, MNA Area 13 Representative

I had the wonderful opportunity of personally knowing long-time Meadowood resident, Rose Ann Brown. Mrs. Brown had a smile that could light up the world! Her grace was very elegant and her heart was huge!! There are special people in our Meadowood community that have given of themselves to make a difference in others' lives. Mrs. Brown's legacy speaks for itself. May she rest in heaven knowing her job was well done. I will never forget you. And I thank my friend Lynn Brown for sharing her beautiful mother.



Special Tribute Continued...

By Lisa Veldran, MNA Area 6 Representative

Meadowood neighborhood recently lost an incredible neighbor, Rose Ann Brown, who resided on Tanager Trail in Area 6. Rose Ann and her husband, Whittie Brown (who passed in 2005) and her children, Vincent (who passed in 2012) and her daughter, Lynn, moved from Milwaukee to the south side of Madison in the early 1960s. In the 1970s they moved to Tanager Trail in Meadowood.

Ms. Brown was a founding member of Women in Focus, Inc., which was established in 1983 and was committed to the promotion of educational excellence for children and youth of color in the Madison community. "One of the group's early goals was to inspire young people and expose them to distinguished and accomplished people of color." They did this by sponsoring luncheons and other events which showcased people of color with both local and national prominence.

Each April, Women in Focus holds the "I Have a Dream" scholarship ceremony, and since 1986 has awarded scholarships totaling over \$500,000 to students of color in Dane County. This year's Dream Ball is being held virtually on January 16, 2021 at 6:30—8:30 pm (see <https://womeninfocusmadison.org/dream-ball/>).

Meadowood neighborhood is deeply saddened by Ms. Brown's passing and acknowledges her considerable contributions to the Madison community in promoting and advocating for educational excellence for our children of color. We also extend our sympathies to her family on their loss of an incredible woman.

Web Design Volunteer Needed!

The Meadowood Neighborhood Association's [web page](#) is in need of updating. We are looking for a volunteer with web design or web development experience who can help us update the site. The website is hosted by WIX and uses the WIX platform.

Please drop us a note at MNABoard1@gmail.com and let us know of your interest.

MNA's 2021 Virtual BINGO Game!

This year, MNA will hold a neighborhood BINGO game VIRTUALLY. The game takes place Saturday, February 20 at 7 p.m. We will run the game in much the same fashion as previous years – but you'll participate from the comfort of your home. We have fabulous prizes, including gift certificates (ranging from \$10 to \$50) to Mooyah Burger, Buffalo Wild Wings, Glass Nickel Pizza, The Flying Hound, Vintage Brewing, Walgreens, Pancake Café, Copper Top Family Restaurant, Waggin Tails, Shell Oil Gasoline (donated by Dana Lou's Laundry Parlor), Fitchburg Veterinary Hospital, and Ten Pin Alley.

Each household will connect to the game by Zoom and each participant will download two Bingo cards. Multiple Bingo players in a household, each on their own device, can play together and participate through a single Zoom connection. Participants MUST pre-register at this link (www.bit.ly/MNAbingo) to receive the Zoom link and Virtual Bingo cards. The Zoom link and a link to the Bingo cards will be sent a day or two before the game. Participants can print out their cards if they wish.

Here are the basics of attending the MNA Bingo game:

- ◆ Participation is limited to Meadowood residents.
- ◆ Only MNA members can win prizes. An annual MNA membership is only \$10/household so [join today!](#)
- ◆ Prizes will be delivered to prize winners by MNA Board members. If you win, a board member will verify your 2021 membership and address.
- ◆ Multiple people from a household, including children, can participate. Each participant needs their own device (or alternately, the Bingo cards can be printed for those without a device).
- ◆ Each participant can play two Bingo cards; the same cards will be played throughout the game.
- ◆ No individual can win more than two prizes and no more than three prizes per household. If you win two prizes, you can continue to play, but cannot claim additional prizes.

We will play approximately 20 individual games of Bingo. Every card is unique but it is possible for more than one person to win Bingo at the same time. We expect to have enough prizes to award a prize to each person who wins Bingo.

Avoid the winter doldrums! Join our BINGO game on February 20th!



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Happy New Year!

By Matt Veldran

We made it through 2020, hopefully healthy and safe. I won't say congratulations, but I'm sure we have had our challenges throughout the year for whatever the reason, but now we can pull together and get to the light at the end of the tunnel.

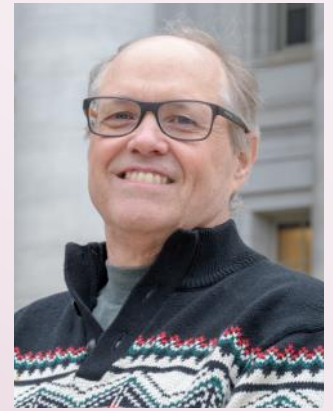
The county board remains virtual with all of its meetings, which is a great opportunity for you to participate and view meetings as they are all on zoom and easy to attend or review after a meeting is complete as they are all recorded.

Our big challenges remain the COVID-19 response and the continual effort to address racial and social justice programs, including the jail plans and moving forward with the Social Justice Center. We will also step up the process of redistricting.

The new federal relief package, which did not send funds directly to local governments, includes money for renters' monthly payments to possibly avoid evictions. This has raised so much anxiety in our area. There are funds, which we will get from the state, to continue testing and to transition into vaccine distribution. So there will not be any slowing or disruption of testing. We must all remain vigilant for the time being by continuing to wear face masks when you go out, practice social distancing and try to avoid large gatherings.

There is another proposal to reduce the amount of beds in the jail which we will take up in January to solidify and finalize the directives to the consultant so we can move forward with selecting a contractor to stay on schedule so we can begin construction and move forward to finally close the dangerous facility in the City-County Building.

The budget invested in some new low income and affordable housing, particularly to the project in the old Westgate
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Matt Veldran, Dane Co. Board of Supervisors, District 7

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Update from Joe Parisi

Cumulatively, there are 32,537 people who have tested positive for coronavirus in Dane County. Of those, 30,386 individuals have recovered. Visit Public Health's [Data Dashboard](#) for the latest on COVID-19 case counts, hospitalizations, deaths, tests by date, and more.

Emergency Order #11 began December 16 and will be in effect for 28 days. The order mirrors much of Order #9 and allows indoor gatherings of up to 10 people, with physical distancing and face coverings, and allows outdoor gatherings of up to 25 people, with physical distancing. [Click here to learn more.](#)



*Dane County Executive
Joe Parisi*

When do I need to wear a face covering?

Under state and local orders, people five years of age and older must wear a face covering:

- Indoors and in any enclosed building where other people, except for members of the person's own household or living unit, are present.
- In line to enter any enclosed building.
- Driving or riding in any vehicle where other people, except for members of the person's own household or living unit are present.
- In any other confined space open to the public where individuals congregate where other people, except for members of the person's own household or living unit, are present, including but not limited to, outdoor taverns, outdoor restaurants, and outdoor park structures.

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On January 1, 2019, NewBridge officially came into existence as a non-profit organization serving older adults in Madison and Monona. While a new organization, it has a long history of service. Each of the Senior Coalitions has provided service for over 45 years. Our mission is to provide older adults a bridge to successful aging. NewBridge provides a variety of services and activities for older adults to ensure longer, healthier, and safer independent lives.

COVID-19 Services— NewBridge is helping older adults, 60+ in Madison and Monona through COVID-19. Below are the services we are providing. For up-to-date information on COVID-19 services and information regarding reopening of our regular services, check our website and Facebook pages.

Bridge Buddies – Friendly Callers— Volunteers are matched with older adults to do safety check calls and/or social friendly calls.

Case Management—Case Managers are available by phone (608) 512-0000 and by email info@newbridgemadison.org to help older adults connect to available resources.

Face Mask Delivery—One reusable face mask will be delivered to the older adult's door by a volunteer upon availability.

Food Bridge Delivery—Volunteers are matched with Case Management clients to deliver food from a pantry and continue as needed.

Foot Clinics—Registered Nurse Gail Owens and Nail Technician Susan Hasey provides foot care for older adults 60+. The cost is \$20. We recommend you call a few months in advance. Due to COVID-19, our clinics will slowly reopen when we are prepared to do so.

Representative Payee & Guardianship Service—Trained volunteers are matched with vulnerable older adults who need a payee or guardian.

Zoom Classes & Activities—We are providing online classes and activities. To find the class list, call us at (608) 512-0000, check our newsletter, or check our website.

Take-Out Meals—Meals are available to pick up at several locations for older adults 60+. Donations are accepted to NewBridge, 1625 Northport Dr. Madison, 53704. You must pre-order with Candice at (608) 512-0000 Ext. 4006 one week in advance.

NewBridge West Office, 5724 Raymond Rd.
 Monday between 10:00-11:30 am
 Wednesday between 3:00-4:00 pm
 1 Meal Catered by Kavanaugh's Esquire Club.

For more information on how to get services, call our main number at (608) 512-0000 and ask to speak to the Case Manager on intake or check out our website.

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Shopping Center, which has now begun demolition and construction. This is just another investment that we continue to make into Madison and Dane County in terms of addressing creating more affordable housing units.

The newly-created redistricting committee has begun its work on looking at current district boundaries and will move forward in earnest once it receives the new Census information from the federal government. The board decided not to decrease, or increase, its size and will remain at 37 supervisors for the next 10 years. The decision is made with the consensus that the best way for the County Board to represent the people of Dane County was to remain the same size, especially as Dane County continues to grow. The committee does not have any county board or other elected members on it. So the membership is made up of only citizens.

As always and especially now, if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Ice Dams can be Costly

From: *Madison Gas and Electric*

A few inches of snow, freezing temperatures and warm air leaking into your attic are a perfect combination for ice dams. What's an ice dam, and why should you be concerned if you have icicles hanging from your gutters?

Ice dams form when heat in the attic melts the snow on the roof and water runs down to the overhang and then refreezes. The ice starts to build up, holding water which can then flow back up the roof under the shingles. This often results in serious water damage to the ceiling and walls inside the home. Often, the damage can't be seen until it's too late, and repairs can be expensive.

Warm air leaking into your cold attic through attic bypasses (the small holes and paths by which heated air flows into the attic) is usually the culprit. Some sources include electrical boxes, exhaust fans, lighting fixtures including recessed lights and wiring penetrations and attic hatches/entrances. These warm air bypasses have to be fixed first to eliminate the problem. A lack of ventilation and/or not enough insulation can add to the trouble.

If you think you have a problem, your best bet is to have a home energy audit performed. An energy professional can do a blower door test to find the leaks and seal them. He also can tell you if you need more attic insulation or ventilation. Remember, this problem is not going to just go away. It will continue to happen year after year when conditions are right.

Contact the Focus on Energy Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® program at 1-800-762-7077 or visit focusonenergy.com to request an energy audit. (Focus on Energy also has a separate program for the income-qualified.)

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There are Many Options for COVID-19 Testing in Dane County:

- ◆ Via your mailbox -- The Wisconsin Department of Health Services offers a service for requesting a test kit delivered to your mailbox.
- ◆ Your healthcare provider -- If you have health insurance, we recommend contacting your healthcare provider to see if they are able to test you.
- ◆ Alliant Energy Center -- This community testing site is open Tuesday through Saturday for people ages 5 and older.
- ◆ UW-Madison -- UW-Madison has testing available on campus for students and staff members. UW-Madison also has rapid testing available to community members ages five and older. Appointments are required. See their website for details.
- ◆ South Madison Community Test Site -- This community testing site is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for people ages 4 and older.

In other Dane County news, Dane County will acquire approximately 174 acres of property in the Town of Mazomanie to expand Walking Iron County Park and Wildlife Area. County Executive Joe Parisi explained the park has seen a 25 percent increase in attendance over the past seven months, which he argued showed how important spaces like those are during a pandemic.

"Many retreat to the outdoors to relax and explore Dane County's natural resources. By expanding access and opportunities to Walking Iron County Park and Wildlife Area, we hope to help even more residents find ways to connect with nature and experience new outdoor activities," he continued. County officials expect all of that new land, which contains croplands, woods, and wetlands, will allow them to build a new corridor connecting the Village of Mazomanie parkland to county lands. It also expects to be better able to manage its snowmobile trail.

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