

# MEADOWOOD

Newsletter of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association, Inc.  
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[www.meadowoodneighborhood.org](http://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org)

## President's Message – Mike Edmonds

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It's the end of March as I write this. It's 44 degrees and rainy. Two days ago it was 78 degrees which means it must be ... Spring! And I'm late ordering seeds for the garden! If you want to garden but you live in an apartment or are short of gardening space Community Garden Plots are available. Consider growing a vegetable garden this year. Not only will you help lower your cost of food, your food will taste that much better knowing you grew it yourself. The Meadowood Community Garden is located in Meadowood Park on Thrush St. You can sign-up for a plot by contacting the garden coordinator: [meadowoodgarden@gmail.com](mailto:meadowoodgarden@gmail.com). Garden plots are 20' x 20' and the rent is income based. Half plots can also be rented.



Spring also means it's time to get rid of stuff. You know, the stuff you finally realize you will never use. The stuff cluttering the attic, the basement, the garage. And what better way to get rid of stuff than a garage sale! The Meadowood Neighborhood Garage Sales are taking place Friday-Saturday, May 2-3. To be included on a map listing all the sales, click the link at <https://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/>.

The next Community Supper is April 16 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. It's a good time to hang out with your neighbors and meet new folks. Thanks to Sheray Wallace for organizing these suppers.

Finally, thanks to all who participated in Bingo Night in February. About 50 people attended with 20 prizes given away. I really enjoyed seeing you all.

Finally, please welcome Officer Alyssa Souza, our new neighborhood liaison officer. Thanks to Officer Lucas Hale for all of his work these past few years.

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: Julie & Dennis Ahnen, [ahnen@countyofdane.com](mailto:ahnen@countyofdane.com)

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Area 11: VACANT

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Areas 14 and 15: VACANT

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Member at Large: Mary Lee Gleason, [mtagleason@gmail.com](mailto:mtagleason@gmail.com)

Area 11 is not currently represented on the MNA Board.

**If you live in this area, 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](http://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/contact-us)

## 2025 Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) Events Calendar:

**Friday-Saturday, May 2-3:** Meadowood Neighborhood Garage Sales.

**Saturday, June 21:** Make Music Madison, Meadowood Park. More details to follow in our next newsletter.

**Saturday, August 16:** Meadowood Neighborhood Association Annual Picnic at Meadowood Park. Stay tuned for more details.

**Community Suppers:** These will be held on: **Feb. 19th; April 16th; June 18th; August 20st; October 22nd; and December 17th.** Stay tuned for updates on times and locations of the community suppers.

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

## Resurgence

*by Heidi Schultz, our neighborhood poet!*

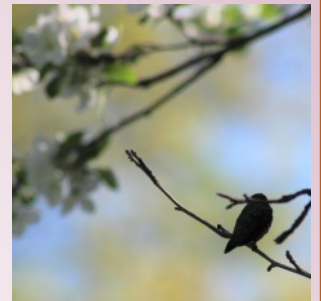
Not everything has a next time  
but there will always be a spring  
an optimistic well worn wish,  
a golden haloed ring.  
What becomes of the woolen winter,  
now just a memory  
a forgotten foe, the cold deceased,  
a token reverie.

Not everything has a  
next time

all we have is the  
here and now

so be grateful for this  
beautiful life

it will all spring forth  
somehow.



## 2025 Meadowood Neighborhood Kids' Corner

### *Submission by Jay Close*

Are you and your family planning activities for Summer 2025?

The Meadowridge Library has many posters just inside the door with great ideas. Stop in and look! Here are some ideas and resources:

- April 22nd, Earth Day Fair, 4:30—6:30 pm, at Meadowridge Library
- April 26th, Citywide Earth Day "Challenge", 10:00 am—2:00 pm, see: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/volunteer/programs/earth-day-challenge>
- May 2nd, 4:30—6:30 pm, National Astronaut Day at Meadowridge Library
- MSCR Summer Camp Guide: <https://www.mscr.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Summer2025CampProgramGuide.pdf>
- MSCR's Mobile Madison Programs. Mobile Madison is a collaborative group of organizations that bring free, mobile activities to Madison neighborhoods, prioritizing areas with limited resources: <https://www.mscr.org/programs/free-mobile/mobile-madison/>
- Parks Alive schedule (this will be updated as summer approaches) <https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/events/parks-alive>

## Clean Out Your Clutter and Have a Garage Sale May 2-3!

The Meadowood Neighborhood Association is sponsoring the Meadowood Neighborhood Garage Sales event on Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3 this year. Garage sale participants need to be from the neighborhood, but it is **not** necessary to be a MNA member. All participants will be included in an interactive online (and printable) map which will be available on the Meadowood Neighborhood website. The garage sales will also be advertised on different community calendars. Just fill out the garage sale form on our web page, <https://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/>, so that your home will be included on the map. Besides your location, you can also include a description of your sale items and the days/times your sale will be held.

AND, if you are not having a garage sale this year, please check out your neighbors' sales. You never know what you may need! So make sure you put May 2-3 on your calendar. See you out there!



## Make Music Madison coming to Meadowood Park, June 21

MNA will again sponsor a Make Music Madison stage at Meadowood Park on Saturday, June 21, from 6 to 9 p.m. Come celebrate summer solstice, enjoy great music and bring your friends! We have no details yet, but hope to include a food truck at this year's summer celebration.

### Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library / Madison Reading Project

Madison Reading Project partners with The Dolly Parton Imagination Library to mail one free book per month to children under age 5 that reside in Dane County.

To enroll, go to <https://www.madisonreadingproject.com/imaginationlibrary> and click register and complete the enrollment process for each child in the family that is under the age of 5.



The child's Welcome Book - *The Little Engine that Could*- will arrive within 60 days and the books that follow will be based on the child's age. The books are completely free to families and are a great way to encourage literacy skills- it's never too young to develop a love of reading!

### 2025 MNA Bingo Game Well Attended

We were thrilled to see so many of you at our annual Bingo game, held Friday, February 21, at Ten Pin Alley. Pizza and soda were served, along with rousing games of Bingo. We gave away great prizes, worth \$20 – \$50 each. Thanks to Ten Pin Alley for setting up the room and to our inimitable caller and math nerd, Mike Edmonds. A big thank you to the Meadowood Neighborhood Association Board members for soliciting prizes and making Bingo night a success!

We are deeply appreciative of the following local businesses that contributed our prizes:

- \* Los Atlantes Restaurant
- \* Dana Lou’s Laundromat
- \* Chang Jang Restaurant
- \* Gino’s Italian Deli
- \* Star Nails
- \* Glass Nickel Pizza
- \* Seafood Center
- \* Copper Top Restaurant
- \* Ten Pin Alley
- \* Vitense Golfand



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## City of Madison's Southwest Area Plan

**Get Involved, Stay Involved!** *Submitted by Lisa Veldran*

At the March 5, 2025 MNA Board Meeting (we also had the Orchard Ridge NA Board members join us as well) we had a presentation on the city's Southwest Area Plan by Tim Parks and Ben Zellers from the Planning Division.

The following information is available online at <https://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/southwest-area-plan/3929/>

**It is important for Meadowood neighbors stay informed and involved in this process! Please sign up to receive emails from the Planning Department as this process continues to unfold.**

### The Southwest Area Plan Process

Area Plans guide changes that occur over time to the physical aspects of our community, such as land use, housing, transit, streets, bike paths, and other community facilities. They are steered by overarching City policies and feedback from stakeholders.

The Southwest Area is approximately 5,400 acres (8.4 square miles) and is generally bounded by the West Beltline Highway to the north, the City of Fitchburg to the east, and S. High Point Road to the west. Additional background maps can be found under the Project Resources section. For a map of the area covered by the Southwest Area Plan, refer to: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/southwest-area-plan/3929/>

The City invites residents, community organizations, businesses, and other stakeholders to share feedback about the future of their neighborhoods. Keep up to date on events and ways to participate by subscribing to the email list.

Area Plans focus on guiding changes to the physical aspects of our community, such as development initiated by the private sector and infrastructure improvements typically carried out by the public sector.

Check out the FAQ on the Southwest Area Plan [https://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/documents/SWAP\\_FAQ.pdf](https://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/documents/SWAP_FAQ.pdf)

### Join us at an MNA Board Meeting!

The MNA Board meets the first Wednesday of each month, except July. Our meetings take place in Community Room A, Meadowridge Library from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. We are happy to have visitors! Our meeting agenda can be found on-line several days before the meeting. Our meetings are usually attended by our community police officer, our city alderperson and our Dane Co. supervisor. Learn more about the happenings in and around our neighborhood and meet your board representatives.

### Spring Yard Waste and Brush Collection

Spring yard clean-up is upon us. The dates to set out yard waste and brush can be found [here](#). Remember to: separate yard waste from brush and put them in separate piles on the terrace NOT the street. Leave at least 4 feet between the yard waste/brush and any obstacle (utility poles, cars, trees, fire hydrants, etc.).

## Welcome to Spring Everyone!

Hello all and I hope you are in good spirits with the coming season. Here are some goings-on around Dane County for all.

- The current county executive, Melissa Agard will start her first official full term as Dane County Executive. We have had some good conversations so far and I expect that relationship to continue. We unfortunately had a setback in the hiring of a new director for the Human Services Department. The applicant, while first accepting the position, decided to withdraw her name to head the department. The good news is that we are well on our way to concluding the interview process and a new head should be in place in a couple of months.
- Meanwhile, with what has been happening in Washington, D.C. the county has been on top of all federal funding and grants that may likely be impacted by the Trump administration's decision to withhold already-allocated funds from Dane County and municipalities across the US. The finance committee was briefed in late January by the county comptroller on the possible strains that could be placed on our departments and partners in the county who we contract with to administer services for Dane County Citizens. Some low-income children services, and senior services could be severely hurt by the loss of funds. Also, many of the agencies that Dane County contracts with could have issues providing services to some of our most vulnerable citizens.
- On that note, I have just become the new chair of the Personnel & Finance Committee, due to the resignation of the previous chair, Elizabeth Doyle. She purchased a home for her family and had to move out of the district, as she represented downtown Madison.
- Finally, I voted for a resolution to raise awareness of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program at the last county board meeting. This program has supported hundreds of conservation projects in Dane County which required at least a 50% local match. The program is up for renewal at the State level but some legislators are playing politics with this vital bi-partisan fund that provides conservation, recreation and billions of dollars of economic benefits.



*Matt Veldran, Dane Co. Board of Supervisors, District 7*

Some examples of Dane County projects that benefited from this program:

- ◇ Development of the West Waubesa Trail (formerly known as the Waucheeta Connector Trail).
- ◇ Donald County Park is a 775-acre park located in the Town of Springdale, southeast of Mt. Horeb.
- ◇ Prairie Moraine County Park: This 160-acre park provides an excellent opportunity to experience Wisconsin's glacial history, and the southern portion of the park offers a 76-acre off-leash dog park.
- ◇ Door Creek Wetlands: The 834-acre Door Creek Wildlife Area is a public hunting area that consists of a large wetland complex extending north of Lake Kegonsa along Door Creek.
- ◇ Brigham County Park: Brigham County Park was established in 1976 and is located just northeast of the Village of Blue Mounds. The 232-acre park provides a panoramic view of the Wisconsin River Valley, and hiking trails that connect to Blue Mound State Park.

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

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

*From Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE)*

Have you fallen behind on your MGE bills and can't pay in full by the due date? 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 arrangement, also called a Deferred Payment Agreement (DPA), and discuss financial assistance that may be available from our community partners. A payment, even if minimal, and an established payment arrangement can help customers who are behind on their bills and may prevent collection activity, late-payment fees or potential disconnection of service.

### Contact MGE.

Our customer service representatives are available to help. Contact us Monday through Friday at 608-252-7000 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. to set up your payment arrangement.

### Need Financial Assistance?

Financial assistance may be available for your household through Energy Services, Inc. (ESI). Visit [esiwi.com](http://esiwi.com) to see if you're eligible. Visit [energybenefit.wi.gov](http://energybenefit.wi.gov) to apply online for Home Energy Plus assistance.

Find other community resources at [mge.com/help](http://mge.com/help).



### Behind on your bill? MGE is here to help.

If you're having trouble paying your bills, MGE has personalized payment plans, energy assistance programs and resources to help.

Visit [mge.com](http://mge.com) or call 608-252-7144 to get started.



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## Community Garden Plots

Meadowood Community Garden, with 28 rentable garden plots, is located in Meadowood Park on Thrush Lane. You can learn about Meadowood Community Garden and other community gardens near you and in Dane county at [The Gardens Network](http://TheGardensNetwork.org). There is a waitlist right now for garden plots but the Gardens Network is collecting information on those looking to rent a plot and will reach out if or when a plot becomes available. You can register for a plot in the Meadowood Garden [here](#) (English) or [here](#) (Spanish).

## MLK Humanitarian Award and New Meadowood Office for Sheray Wallace

Sheray Wallace, founder and CEO of Meadowood Health Partnership, was presented the 2025 Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award by Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Sheray, as a volunteer, began helping families struggling to maintain housing, adequate nutrition, and meeting their health care needs almost 10 years ago. She established Meadowood Health Partnership to help these needs, while also spearheading non-violence efforts in our city, working with the Madison Police Department, and becoming the first certified Community Health Care Worker in Dane County. Sheray has established a model of community health that is being replicated across our city and beyond.



Sheray and her MHP staff took a big step on March 1<sup>st</sup> with the lease of permanent office space in our neighborhood. Meadowood Health Partnership offices are now located at 5902 Raymond Road. MHP offers help with prenatal care, baby assistance, public benefits, household supplies, food, employment, housing and other needs. MHP sponsors free quarterly community suppers at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for the neighborhood and sponsors a weekly exercise class on Wednesday at noon at the MSCR Community Center beside the library. If you or someone you know needs services provided by MHP, you can contact them at (608) 896-5287 or <https://mwhp.org/>.

## Meadowridge Library Updates

*Submission from Terry Evanson*

Madison Public Library recently welcomed two new librarians to the Meadowridge staff. Mary Todd (Youth Services Librarian) is a former school librarian who is excited to begin creating engaging youth programs at the public library. Rosemary Medrano (Community Engagement Librarian) has worked in both public and university libraries and is looking forward to connecting with adults and families.

While you may have noticed these new faces, familiar programs have also returned to the library. The [Seed Library](#) is restocked with packets for a wide variety of plant types, and craft activities are available for families in the children's area every day. There are many long-running programs too: Senior Meals hosted in partnership with New Bridge takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and all-ages chess and knitting groups meet on Wednesdays.

Librarians are actively planning summer programs for youth, families, and adults. Keep an eye on the Library's [online calendar](#) for upcoming events for all ages including cooking classes, family movie nights on June 13 and July 11, and the new Baby Play Date program on Mondays beginning April 7. The puzzle exchange will also be available starting in May. Save the date for Madison Public Library's [150<sup>th</sup> anniversary](#) celebration at Meadowridge on May 10 from 11 am to 1 pm. More details will be announced closer to the event date.

In addition to these exciting updates, the library continues to be a hub for learning, connection, and community. With the addition of new staff, returning programs, and a full slate of upcoming events, there's always something for everyone at Madison Public Library.

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