

# MEADOWOOD

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## President's Message – Terry Evanson

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E.B. White said, "I arise in the morning torn between a desire to improve the world and a desire to enjoy the world. This makes it hard to plan the day." We each face daily demands and challenges that often call for an improvement to the world. It's also important to take time to enjoy the world around us, especially these last days of a lovely autumn season.

The Madison police department is hard at work improving the world. A recent State Journal [article](#) summarized the progress made through MPD's 2021 summer strategic plan. Compared to summer 2020, reductions in several categories of crime occurred. However, serious challenges regarding violent crime remain. Citizen involvement and vigilance is critical to neighborhood safety. Please lock your cars, garages, and homes. Keep outdoor lights on at night. Remind neighbors to close open garage doors.

New City of Madison redistricting maps will have been approved by the time this newsletter is published. Meadowood will almost certainly be included in the redrawn District 10 (from our current representation in District 20). Other neighborhoods in the newly formed District 10 include: Orchard Ridge, Allied Drive, Nakoma, Summit Woods, and Arbor Hills. The current alderpersons will remain on the council until the next election (2023 for our alder, Christian Albouras).

Christmas is fast approaching. Sheray Wallace, founder of Meadowood Health Partnership (MHP), is purchasing gifts for children for 25 to 30 Meadowood families. The families have provided wish lists to Sheray. You are invited to contribute to the MHP Christmas Fund. You can make a check out to MHP and mail it to Meadowood Treasurer at P.O. Box 45528, Madison, WI 53744-5528. Alternatively, you can you can [donate on-line](#) and send an email to [MNABoard1@gmail.com](mailto:MNABoard1@gmail.com) indicating the donation is for the Christmas fund. MNA is a 501(c)3 charitable organization and all donations (except membership dues) are tax deductible.

If you have procrastinated, NOW is the time to renew your MNA membership for 2022. The cost is only \$10/ household and can be paid on-line: <https://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/membership>.

Membership dues is the main source of income for MNA and allows us to publish this newsletter, provide activities throughout the year, and support non-profit organizations in our neighborhood.

Our very warmest wishes to you and yours on this coming holiday season.



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/contact-us](http://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/contact-us)

## Help Our Health Care Heroes in Midst of Covid Resurgence

*By Dane County Executive Joe Parisi*

We are naturally a hopeful people. It's one of the qualities of this community I appreciate most. Not that many weeks ago, we had every reason to feel renewed optimism. Our vaccination rate was among the best in the country. We saw precipitous declines in the numbers of Covid cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. Life as we knew it seemed more "normal," and the start of summer brought a renewed sense of living.

The anxiety and worry we thought was in the rear view is now back front and center, magnified by the return of kids to school and a change of seasons that results in us gathering once again indoors.

For many of us the resurgence of Covid has meant more changes in plans, readjusting daily routines, and a resumption of anxieties that come with the countless unknowns of this unrelenting virus. Moms and dads with kids too young to be eligible for vaccines face renewed, understandable angst as classes resume. Unfortunately, this virus has a staying power that's outlasted our hopes and a resiliency that's putting our science and medical communities to the test.

As we rally once again, it is important we be mindful of the many faces of human sacrifice, those who go to work day after day uncertain of the difficulties they will face, but well aware they're the last line of defense separating a family from a painful loss to celebrating a joyous recovery. For the countless health care workers across our community, every new iteration of this virus brings new trauma. For 18 months they've had to console, guiding patients and families through the uncertainty and sometimes loss that comes with combating Covid-19.

To everyone thrust back into the front lines of this pandemic, you are not forgotten, your sacrifice is recognized, and your patience, persistence, and dedication are appreciated.



*Dane County Executive  
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## Hello and Good-bye (to some) Neighbors!

Why such a salutation? Though I haven't made a final decision yet if I will run for another term on the Dane County Board, I will only represent some of you again. Should I run (and win) reelection to the board, I would only represent part of the existing district. Under a new ordinance, the new maps were chosen by a citizen-only commission (unlike the state!) which selected three final maps drawn by citizens, not supervisors, were forwarded to the County Board with one being chosen by the board without changes. The map that was selected and approved by the board changed my district and I will no longer represent a good part of the current district. Briefly, the new district that I live in only includes part of Meadowood and Orchard Ridge. A new district has been created that now includes part of Meadowood (west of Tanager Trail), Greentree, Prairie Hills and West Madison neighborhoods. The final adoption of the new map, after municipalities make small changes, will be on November 18th.

The County Board is now finalizing its budget and will be voting on it the second week of November. There will be new funding for existing homeless programs. Expansion of the landfill will begin its final phase and a new landfill could be sited on part of the current Yahara Hills Golf Course. There is more funding to further clean the lakes continuing programs started the last two years.

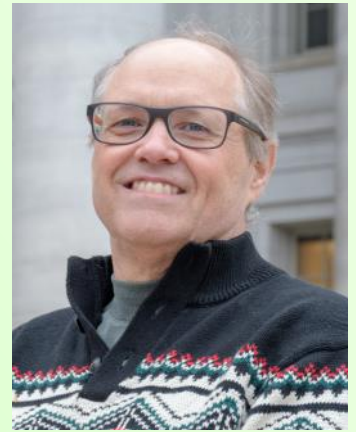
The jail project, while temporarily on pause by the County Executive due to cost estimates exceeding the current amount of money earmarked for the project. There is a report that just came out about possibly changing the design and what is necessary to keep the citizens safe and to house the incarcerated. There is no question that the old jail in the City-County Building will close, as it is dangerous to the residents. The Alliant Energy Center (AEC) project is also on hold, if not off the table, as all proposals were rejected by the oversight committee. So for now nothing of real substance will change at the AEC.

While I have been opening my recent newsletters with COVID updates, little has changed. But if you are interested (please highly consider it!) in getting a booster shot, they are available at the Arena at the AEC by appointment.

Finally, as many trees are still holding onto their leaves and raking will pick up in earnest, PLEASE keep the leaves out of the gutter and street. It is the best way for us to keep the lakes clean!

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

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## Be Aware: Phishing Scams

by Terry Evanson, President MNA Board

Email phishing scams are increasing in frequency across the internet. Most often, a fraudster impersonates a person or company. Phishing scams may try to steal your log-on credentials, personal details and/or try to get you to give them money in some form. It is critical to carefully examine the email address (not just the person's name) of the original message. Recently, a phishing email was generated with my name (Terry Evanson) and included "Meadowood Neighborhood Association" in the subject line. The email asked recipients to purchase gift cards for an organization.

MNA will NEVER ask you to purchase anything on behalf of the association. We will NEVER send you an email asking you to call a phone number. Do not click on any link in an email that you are not certain about. If you get any suspicious emails purporting to be from MNA, please send an email to [MNABoard1@gmail.com](mailto:MNABoard1@gmail.com). We will confirm whether or not the email came from us.

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## Innovative Products to Help You Save Energy

From Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE)

### Save Time and Energy—Smart Thermostats and Plugs Offer Simple Energy-Saving Solutions for Your Household

Fall is just around the corner. For many, that means busier calendars as we bid goodbye to long summer days and the slow pace of summer. While saving energy may not be top of mind, MGE has simple tips that can help set your household up to save time and energy all year long.

#### Consider Upgrading to a Smart Thermostat

These internet-connected thermostats automatically adjust your household's heating and cooling systems, lowering the temperature when you're away in the winter or raising it in the summer. Like other smart devices, smart thermostats can be controlled remotely and automatically adjust to your household routine.

#### Smart Plugs

Did the kids turn off the TV? Did we leave the lamp on? Investing in smart plugs, or smart outlets, can help you remotely control almost anything from electronics to lamps with a smartphone. They are available in a variety of styles and prices online and in local stores.

#### Save with FOCUS ON ENERGY®

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