

MEADOWOOD

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President's Message – Mike Edmonds

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As Spring might be finally here but with the strange weather we have been having I can't be sure. February's weather seemed like March and March ...Well, March seemed like March but without the snowstorm we usually get around the time of the state basketball tournament.

Spring means gardening. I'm looking forward to home-grown beans, carrots, tomatoes and lots of basil to make pesto. If 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 food budget, 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 at this [link](#). The community garden coordinator can be contacted at meadowoodgarden@gmail.com. Garden plots are 20' x 20' and rental cost is income based. Half plots can also be rented.

Spring also means garage sales. The Meadowood Neighborhood garage sale is May 3-4. Make your spring cleaning list now! The garage sale is being held in conjunction with the Orchard Ridge and Greentree neighborhoods so it should be a great opportunity to get rid of stuff. And we all have too much stuff.

The next Community Supper is April 17 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 the evening. Not because of bingo (I don't really play) but because of the community. And community is what we are all about.



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: Maggie Dugan, **Board Secretary**, maggiedugan24@gmail.com
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- Area 13: Sheray Wallace, sherayw@yahoo.com
- Areas 14 and 15: VACANT
- Member at Large: Lisa Schulz, buttonldy@aol.com
- MNA **Board Treasurer**: Ron Monson, ronemonson@gmail.com

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

2024 Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) Events Calendar:

Friday-Saturday, May 3-4: Meadowood Community Garage Sale.

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

Saturday, August 17: Meadowood Neighborhood Association Annual Picnic at Meadowood Park. Stay tuned for more details.

Community Suppers: These will be held on: **April 17th; June 12th; August 21st; October 23rd; and December 18th.** 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

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Meadowood Health Partnership and Sheray Wallace Recognized by State of Wisconsin

Meadowood Health Partnership, founded by Sheray Wallace, was highlighted for their outstanding work helping Madison recover from the COVID-19 pandemic by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). In a recent [success story report](#), DHS cited Sheray's ability to connect people to housing, transportation, food and employment resources during the pandemic. Sheray, one of the first Community Health Workers (CHW) in Dane County, had the vision of addressing inequities in health outcomes by bringing critical health support systems to individuals in our community. Since 2016, MHP and Sheray have been providing resources, information, and health screening services for such things as Workers for COVID Response and Resilience Communities. The grant was funded through the ndiabetes, cardiovascular disease, flu vaccination, school physicals, etc.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, MHP received a grant, from DHS for Community Health Workers for COVID Response and Resilience Communities. The grant was funded through the national Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Through Sheray's already established relationships, she was able to readily work with landlords and identify tenants needing help paying their bills due to the pandemic disruption of jobs and loss of income. With the grant funding, MHP was able to ensure individuals received free in-home COVID tests, provided COVID vaccination information and helped set up vaccination sites in early 2021, and helped many overcome challenges caused by the pandemic.

Sheray strives to eliminate racial and economic inequities in Madison. Through MHP, Sheray continues to provide assistance to our community. MHP operates out of the Meadowridge Library and is readily accessible to those in need of health support services. In addition, Sheray hosts quarterly community suppers at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church where people throughout the community can connect, "break bread together", and become more invested in making our neighborhood healthy, stronger, and more resilient.



Meadowood Neighborhood Garage Sales

Meadowood Neighborhood is joining Greentree and Orchard Ridge neighborhoods in coordinating garage sales throughout all three neighborhoods. We anticipate a lot of traffic through the area, so if you have been thinking about having a garage sale, **Friday-Saturday, May 3-4** might be the perfect time to do it.

Last year 23 Meadowood households participated. Wouldn't it be great if we had even more this year?

If you'd like to take advantage of the free garage sale publicity, it's easy. Contact either Janice Bauman (jdbauman4@gmail.com; 608-298-8025) or Maggie Dugan (maggiedugan24@gmail.com; 608-215-8643). Please leave a message if we don't answer and we will call you back as soon as we can.

This is the information we will need from you:

- Your name and address;
- Hours you will be open on Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4. If you want to only do one day, that is fine too.
- Brief list of items for sale;
- Which payment methods will you accept? Cash, Venmo, Paypal, Zelle - choose what works for you.
- Contact info for you (only your address will be available on our participant list and map)



Your Neighborhood Association will be posting flyers, advertising in Facebook, on Nextdoor Neighborhood, and on our website (<https://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/>)

There will be a list (printable) of all the addresses of participating households and a map on our website starting the week before the sale. There will also be a link on our website to the Orchard Ridge and Greentree Neighborhood Sales. We'd love to have you join in the fun!



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The Board of Directors meets at 6:30 pm the first Wednesday of every month (no meeting in July) at the Meadowridge Community Room. Meetings are open to the public. www.meadowoodneighborhood.org Like us on Facebook!

More Solar Serving MGE Customers

From Madison Gas and Electric (MGE)

MGE's energy supply mix is transitioning toward greater use of renewable resources as we target carbon emissions reductions of at least 80% by 2030 and net-zero carbon electricity by 2050.

Badger Hollow Solar Farm

In late 2023, the second 150-megawatt (MW) phase of Wisconsin's largest solar project began serving MGE electric customers. MGE owns a total 100 MW of the 300-MW Badger Hollow Solar Farm in Iowa County. The first phase came online in late 2021. MGE's share of the entire facility is expected to generate enough electricity to power about 30,000 households.

The completion of Badger Hollow is another step in MGE's ongoing transition toward greater use of cost-effective, carbon-free energy. By 2030, we expect every MGE electric customer will have 80% fewer carbon emissions from their electricity use simply by being an MGE customer as we work toward our goal of net-zero carbon electricity.

Tyto Solar in Fitchburg

Tyto Solar is MGE's latest solar project, expected online in early 2024. The 6-MW array in Fitchburg is a distributed energy resource, like our other Madison-area solar projects. This means it is connected directly to MGE's distribution system. Tyto Solar will serve all MGE electric customers.

Upcoming Solar Projects

These projects are part of a number of renewable energy projects to help MGE achieve our industry-leading carbon reduction goals. MGE will own a share of these three large-scale solar energy projects under construction:

- Paris Solar-Battery Park – MGE will own 20 MW of solar capacity and 11 MW of battery storage at this project in the town of Paris in Kenosha County. It is expected online in 2024.
- Darien Solar Energy Center – MGE will own 25 MW of solar capacity at this project in the town of Bradford in Rock County and the town of Darien in Walworth County. It is expected online this year.
- Koshkonong Solar Energy Center – MGE will own 30 MW of solar energy from this facility to be located in the towns of Christiana and Deerfield in Dane County. The Koshkonong facility is expected online in 2026.

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Keeping Neighbors Connected

Submission from Rick Thomas

Keeping Neighbors Connected (KNC) is a collaboration of churches, schools and neighborhood social workers, which was created to make sure that families that live in the Toki Middle School attendance area receive help that keeps them in stable housing. Research has shown that children who live in stable housing have better educational outcomes and this collaboration works to make that happen. Families are referred to the neighborhood social worker (Joining Forces for Families) by school social workers in the neighborhood. If the families meet the criteria established by the fund administrators, they can receive up to \$1000 in rental assistance to keep them in their homes. Funding for this program has been provided by Orchard Ridge UCC, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, and Saint Maria Goretti since 2018, but due to increasing need, additional funders are being sought. We hope that you will consider joining and/or contributing to this collaborative effort to make a difference for children in the area.

For additional information, please contact Rick Thomas, Director of Outreach, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church; Phone number (608-271-6633); email rthomas@gslcwi.com.

Nesting Season

By Meadowood Resident, Heidi Schultz

What is it about a nest,
the dedication dared
by something so minute
yet at the same time
magnificent and mighty.



The expectation that fragile feathers
will emerge with
hopes so strong.
The realization
that one day,
the crack of dainty eggs may produce
an inaugural flight
of wings through the skies
and we will see
all over again that
something new will soar
to heights we have never before known.

Message from Madison City Council Vice President Figueroa Cole

Hola!

When is budget time? It is always budget time. Spring Elections are in April when new Alders are elected. The first year, even if you hit the floor running, the budget is a secondary task. In the first six months, you learn Robert Rules, adjust your schedule for city meetings, review agendas, and connect with staff and other alders to understand complex and simple issues that impact all residents. The budget starts early in March, and the council will adopt it in November. The budget keeps moving; it doesn't wait for you. You don't have a choice but to jump in at any time during the process. That's why it is always budget time! The 2025 budget will be my fourth one, and we must pass a balanced budget in November.

2025 will be the most challenging budget thus far, and we need your input and support. Every year, it has become more difficult to support non-profit organizations and community centers, expand Metro routes, provide access to healthy food, support youth services, support the unsheltered community from single men to families with young children, and support violence prevention efforts. Please register to my blog to learn about the \$27 Million deficit and its impact on service reductions. Share your experience, values, and priorities for the city we love with AllAlders@CityofMadison.com

For the 2025 budget timeline, click [here](#).

To register for my blog, go [here](#)

The Council office is planning community meetings with the Finance Staff; stay tuned via my blog for upcoming dates and locations.



*Alder Yannette Figueroa Cole
District 10*

Thanks For Embracing the Dane County Way

By Dane County Executive Joe Parisi



Dane County Executive
Joe Parisi

This spring marks 13 years since I was first sworn in as Dane County Executive. Within that time, our community has experienced tremendous change. And while today's headlines often tout nationwide dysfunction and division, Dane County government has remained steadfast in championing our people and shared future:

Our staff and partners worked tirelessly to provide timely resources and financial support during COVID-19. From millions in small business grants and food pantry funding, to emergency rental assistance and mass testing/vaccination efforts, we used an all-hands-on-deck approach to help our community rebound from the pandemic's worst impacts.

Improving access to behavioral health support through "Building Bridges" school-based mental health teams and the Behavioral Health Resource Center has benefitted thousands of residents. My final budget pushes for even greater accessibility by adding crisis counselors to the 911 center and expanding Madison's CARES program to more communities.

Since Day #1, we've prioritized protecting our lakes, caring for farmland, providing outdoor recreation, and combating climate change. Our programs within the Departments of Land & Water, Waste & Renewables, and the Office of Energy & Climate Change have made us a national leader and will pay dividends for generations to come.

We've also fortified Dane County's social safety net. Through my additions of the Office of Immigration Affairs, the Division of Housing Access & Affordability, and the Tamara D. Grigsby Office for Equity & Inclusion, Dane County government stands at the ready to serve our most vulnerable and improve outcomes for everyone.

It has been the honor of a lifetime serving the people of Dane County, and I want to thank you for joining me in this endeavor. Your support for county-led initiatives, resilience during unprecedented times, and hope for a better tomorrow have allowed Dane County government to achieve remarkable things.

While my time as Dane County Executive is ending, I have no doubt that if our community sticks together, we will continue to overcome. We will continue to chart our own path. We will continue to build a better, brighter future for all who call this place home.

It's the Dane County Way.

City of Madison Recycling

What can be recycled?

The following dry paper products:

- *Newspapers, magazines, office & computer paper*
- *Cereal & cracker boxes, gift wrap*
- *Juice & soy milk boxes*
- *Paper cups, flattened cardboard, egg cartons*
- *Mail, envelopes, cardboard sided cans*

The following empty, clean glass items without lids:

- *Jars*
- *Bottles*
- *NO windows, mirrors, ceramics, drinking glasses*

The following empty and clean metal items:

- *Aluminum, tin, and steel cans and lids*
- *Aerosol cans*
- *Paint cans and lids*
- *Foil Pans*
- *Pots and pans*

The following clean plastic containers:

- *Bottles with caps, frozen juice containers*
- *Dairy & deli tubs; electronic packaging*
- *Berry and mushroom trays*