

MEADOWOOD

Newsletter of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association, Inc.
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President's Message – Terry Evanson

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Welcome to Fall! Summer has flown by. We enjoyed seeing you at Make Music Madison in June, at the Stop the Violence Breakfast and West Fest in early July and at Meadowood Neighborhood Association's (MNA) annual picnic and membership meeting the end of July. Thank you for participating and supporting our community.

The MNA Board has worked to replace the three Meadowood welcome signs located at the intersections of Whitney Way/Crabapple, Raymond Rd/Tawhee Dr., and Raymond Rd./Prairie Rd. The signs were partially paid for through a City of Madison – 2019 Neighborhood Grant, awarded to MNA in May. The signs were designed and produced by Cary Design Studio in Fitchburg. The design is based on the MNA logo, which you see at the top of this page. Gene Masters, an MNA board member, organized and oversaw the installation of the new signs. Joining Forces for Families, a Dane County organization supporting families, paid workers from our neighborhood to repaint the signposts and install the signs.

We are thrilled with the collaboration and support we've received from all these organizations. The board's goals in replacing the signs were to have weather durable welcome signs that are consistent in size and content and that create a sense of neighborhood identity. We are grateful that replacement of the signs could also provide paid work experience for members of our community. We hope that you enjoy the new signs as you walk or drive by them.

Please continue to support our neighborhood by joining MNA in 2020! The annual MNA membership drive begins this month. The annual membership dues for each family are \$10. This represents the first increase in dues in the organization's 61-year history. The increase allows us to support our annual activities and donate money to local activities and to organizations working to improve Meadowood and to support youth in our neighborhood. You can join [online](#) or when your Area representative or block captain comes to your door.

A huge thank you to everyone on the board who made Make Music Madison (MMM) and our Annual Meeting/Picnic a success! Sara Wagner and Tyler Rehm (Area 5) spearheaded MMM; Sheray Wallace (Area 13) organized the community supper at MMM (and all the free suppers throughout the year); Mark Bauman (Area 8) collected all the door prizes for our picnic; and all the board members helped make these activities possible. Organizations that contributed door prizes are acknowledged elsewhere in this newsletter – please support these businesses!



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: Elizabeth Schroeder, **Webmaster**,
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Area 6: Lisa Veldran, lveldran@yahoo.com

Area 7: Lisa Schulz, **Board Treasurer**, buttonldy@aol.com

Area 8: Mark & Janice Bauman, **'Meadowood' Editor (MB), Board Secretary (JB)**, msbauman57@gmail.com

Area 9: Terry Evanson, **Board President**, mtevanson@gmail.com

Area 10: Diane Berry & Gene Masters, dianexberry@gmail.com

Areas 11 and 12: VACANT

Area 13: Sheray Wallace, sherayw@yahoo.com

Areas 14 and 15: VACANT

Member at Large: VACANT

Four (4) 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

Why am I seeing cops on foot patrol in Meadowood?

The City of Madison Police Department, in partnership with Common Wealth Development Inc. and the City's Community Development Division, received a Federal grant in 2015. That grant, titled, Community Building and Crime Reduction: Our Neighborhood, A Safe and Beautiful Place is also known as CBCR (and formerly referred to as the Byrne Grant), is funding several initiatives in the southwest neighborhoods of Madison, including Meadowood, Teresa Terrace, and Park Edge/Park Ridge. We are seeing the product of this grant working in our neighborhood. The grant funding will end September, 2020. Some of the funded initiatives include youth mentoring, community policing, and safe passages for youth moving from school to home.

A portion of the CBCR grant pays for increased police presence in these neighborhoods. You may have seen pairs of uniformed officers walking on your street. CBCR is paying for the officers to walk the neighborhoods, engage with residents and become more familiar with our communities. The goal is to prevent crime as crime is less likely to occur when the police are present.

Thank you.

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Dane County Stands with Planned Parenthood

From routine checkups to questions we have about our overall health, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin serves Dane County residents through a number of steps in our healthcare journeys. The services this organization provides our friends and family—like STD tests and cancer screenings—can be lifesaving, and it plays a key part in maintaining the overall health and wellness of our community.

Growing dissonance in our nation's political landscape has placed the many resources provided to our loved ones by Planned Parenthood under attack in recent years. It is because of this harmful rhetoric and significant cuts to funding at the federal level that I want to make the following very clear: Dane County stands with Planned Parenthood.

With approximately 60,000 patients who rely on Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin each year, Dane County understands the importance of supporting our state's largest reproductive healthcare provider. We've invested more than \$600,000 in Planned Parenthood services and programming since I first became County Executive in 2011. A quarter of those funds were allocated in 2019 alone.

Thanks to Dane County's financial support, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin is able to provide individualized education in areas of anatomy, physiology, sexuality, birth control methods, and decision-making. Our funding also helps cover the costs of providing physical exams, administering labs, and compiling health history so the proper evaluation, diagnosis, treatment, or referral can be given. In addition to providing patient care, Dane County funds have been used to advance Planned Parenthood's outreach and education efforts. The organization was able to provide 915 sexual education programs and trainings for nearly 18,000 participants across Wisconsin in the past year—an achievement made possible in part by county funds. Our involvement has also enabled Planned Parenthood to pursue human trafficking prevention curriculum right here in Dane County.



Dane Co. Executive Joe Parisi

2019 Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) Events:

For updates on additional events in the Meadowood area, please refer to the 'News & Events' page of the MNA website:

meadowoodneighborhood.org/newsandevents

Other Events in the Neighborhood:

Community Suppers: Held at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on the following dates:

- * Wednesday, October 23
- * Wednesday, December 18

2020 MNA Membership Drive

Renew or become a new member of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association this Fall! MNA has been a continuous part of Madison since the neighborhood was constructed in 1958. The Board provides a link between you and the city. We write and receive city grants to improve our neighborhood (such as the new welcome signs that have recently been installed); we support initiatives such as the Meadowood Health Partnership which is improving the health of children and adults in our neighborhood; we communicate concerns and ideas to our city alderperson, county board representative, and work with the West Police District. We make contributions to Meadowood Foundation, which mentors youth in Meadowood and WestFest, our local neighborhood festival. MNA also sponsors fun, engaging activities that provide an opportunity for you to meet your neighbors.

For the first time in our 61-year history, MNA has raised the annual membership dues for each family to \$10. Inflation has significantly reduced buying power over that time - \$5 in 1958 is worth the equivalent of \$45 today. Please become a member of MNA in 2020. You can join on-line at <https://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/joinold>. MNA representatives will also be going door-to-door over the next couple of months collecting memberships.

For your \$10 membership, you receive:

- ⇒ The *Meadowood*, published 5 times a year
- ⇒ Free admission to MNA sponsored events, including Bingo, Make Music Madison and our annual picnic (and don't forget the great prizes at Bingo and the annual picnic)
- ⇒ A free meal at our quarterly CommUnity Suppers
- ⇒ Access to the new, on-line MNA directory (directories will be printed for those without email addresses). The on-line version is updated twice a year.

Thank you to Area Businesses!

Several businesses in the area contributed generous prizes that helped make the annual Meadowood picnic a great success. Please express your support by visiting them and patronizing their business. Here are the contributors to our annual picnic:

- Babe's Sports Bar
- Best Cleaners
- Coppertop Restaurant
- Dana Lou's Laundromat
- Dane County Credit Union
- Home Depot
- La Nopalera
- Los Atlantes Restaurant & Bakery
- Michael's Frozen Custard
- Ten Pin Alley
- Thai Basil Restaurant
- Vintage Brewery
- Vitense Golfland
- Waggin' Tails
- Walgreens

Join the MNA Board!

Do you want to make a difference in our neighborhood? Join the MNA Board! We are currently seeking board members to represent the following areas:

- ◆ Area 11 (Malabar Ln and Mayhill Drive.);
- ◆ Area 12 (Meadowood Drive and Monticello);
- ◆ Areas 14/15 along Raymond Road; and
- ◆ two at-large board members.

Anyone adult living in Meadowood can serve on the board. Contact us at MNABoard1@gmail.com.

West Madison Triad

September 27th, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The 17th RSVP/Triad of Dane County & Triad of Wisconsin Crime Prevention & Safety Conference and Expo "Partners on a Mission to Serve" at the American Family Insurance Training Center, Madison. Cost is \$35 and includes breakfast, lunch and materials. www.rsvpdane.org

For more information contact: mstamstad@rsvpdane.org, 608-441-7897

RSVP of Dane County- 6501 Watts Rd., Ste. 250, Madison, WI 53719.

Meadowood Neighbors,

I hope this message finds each of you well and enjoying the summer weather. Summer is quickly coming to a close but I am looking forward to the crisp, cool weather that comes with the fall. First, I want to say that it is truly an honor to be serving as your District 20 Alder on the Madison Common Council. Thank you very much for the opportunity to serve you in this capacity. I look forward to working on your behalf and continue to improve District 20.

Over the past several months, I have heard from many residents in the Meadowood Neighborhood regarding a number of issues. During that time, I have been able to speak directly with my constituents in Meadowood and in some cases do in-person meetings to learn more about the specific situations and look for possible resolutions. These conversations and going through the process of helping constituents navigate these situations has been immensely rewarding.

At the council level, a good number of the alders are new and have been acclimating to the new roles. As such, there have been many orientations offered by various city departments to help our new class best understand the scope of services each department provides and learn about their respective processes. I have found these meetings to be valuable and look forward to continually developing my knowledge base and building bridges with other alders to best serve you on the council.

With fall around the corner, the City of Madison is providing answers to your many questions, including: (1) What is yard waste; (2) What is brush; (3) Where should I put my yard waste; (4) Covering and bagging leaves; and (4) What is the pick up schedule. To access this timely information, visit the city's website, www.cityofmadison.com/streets/yardwaste/leaf/.

Call to Action: as a call to action, please consider subscribing to my alder page where I frequently provide updates on city related issues, access to resources, and information on events/programming in the area. To sign up, please follow these steps:

Visit www.cityofmadison.com/council/district20/

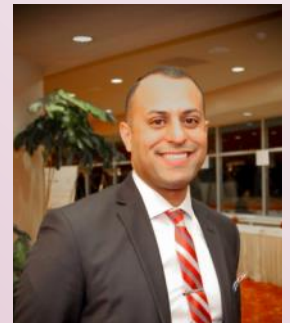
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As always, please feel free to contact me if there is anything that you would like help with or want me to be aware of as I am here to serve you. Together, let's move Meadowood, District 20, and our city forward. Have a great rest of your summer.

Regards,

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*Madison District 20 Alder
Christian Albouras*

Hello Meadowood Neighbors,

MadiSUN is a program sponsored by the City of Madison to make going solar easy and affordable. This is the last year to take advantage of a full 30% Federal Tax Credit, which makes 2019 a great time to explore solar!

Since 2016, the MadiSUN Solar Program has helped homeowners across the area install solar-electric systems on their homes. Over 100 households have “gone solar” thanks to the program’s simplicity, reduced price, and customer service.

MadiSUN also offers incentives for business, nonprofits, and affordable housing providers. Check out madisunsolar.com to learn more about how to go solar with us!

- The MadiSUN Team



Dear Neighbors,

First, I want to thank everyone in District 7 for the support you continue to give me and for the privilege to represent you! The Summer is quickly coming to an end, school, other activities will start to pick up and fill our days. After last year’s record rains and flooding, part of which greatly affected parts of folks in District 7, we welcome the change in seasons. The Dane County Board will also be filling up its schedule and begin the 2020 budget process. There will be public hearings coming shortly, where you can hear from each department and have an opportunity to speak about those budget requests. Here are the dates:

- Wednesday, September 11th at 6:00 PM – Human Services Budget Request at the **Warner Park Community Recreation Center**, 1625 Northport Drive (right next to the Mallards field).
- Thursday, September 12th at 6:00 PM – All County Departments’ budget requests, other than Human Services, at the City-County Building (CCB), room 201.
- Wednesday October 16th at 7:00 PM – Public Hearing on the County Executive’s proposed budget at the CCB, room 201. County Executive Parisi’s budget will be presented to the County Board on October 1st and will be available for review on the Dane County website for everyone.



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

Some other goings on and updates:

As you know, the Henry Vilas Zoo (HVZ) went through some big changes earlier this year. The County Executive decided not to renew the contract with the Henry Vilas Zoo Society. There were certain changes that the board approved; hiring new staff for the Children’s Zoo and for concessions. There was uncertainty as to how the changes would affect zoo operations, as the changes quickly happened. Zoo Director Ronda Schwetz reported to the board on the status of the zoo operations in August now that the changes have been implemented (there was an article in the WSJ that highlighted the report). The zoo had an on-site visit from the Association of Zoo and Aquariums to renew its accreditation that went very well. Operations have been consistent and the donations at the tubes have been way up!

We have implemented the new lake monitoring and flood mitigation programs to improve lake flow down the chain of lakes.

There will soon be a new off-leash dog park in Oregon at the Anderson Farm Park.

Finally, as a reminder, as the leaves begin to fall, PLEASE, PLEASE keep them out of the street and the gutters! This is the most important thing we can do here to keep phosphorus out of our lakes. I know that folks don’t like to keep the leaves on the terrace or their front lawn until the city picks them up, but this so vital for the health of the lakes! If you would like a yard sign reminding your neighbors to keep the leaves out of the street contact me.

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

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Sign up for Shared Solar

From Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE)

MGE's Shared Solar program is expanding! State regulators approved in June MGE's plans to build a 5-megawatt (MW) solar array at the Middleton Municipal Airport in the City of Middleton. The expansion of the program is another step toward our goal of net-zero carbon electricity by the year 2050.

How it Works

Seventy percent of the large solar array at Middleton's Morey Field will serve the Shared Solar program. It will deliver energy to our community grid. MGE residential and business electric customers reserve a portion of the energy produced by the array by subscribing to this voluntary program.

How to Join

Shared Solar is easy and affordable. Participants can purchase up to half of their annual electricity use through the program.

Visit mge.com/sharedsolar to access frequently asked questions and to sign up. The popular community solar program already has a waiting list of customers interested in locally generated clean energy with minimal upfront cost. Participation is available on a first-come, first-served basis, so sign up today!

Construction of the array is expected to begin this summer. We expect it to be operational this fall.

MGE's first Shared Solar installation is on the roof of Middleton's Municipal Operations Center. The program sold out quickly in 2016. We're looking forward to welcoming more customers!

Shared Energy Goals

The remaining 30% of the array will deliver clean energy to the City of Middleton and the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District under MGE's Renewable Energy Rider. Under the program, MGE partners with a large energy user to tailor a renewable energy solution to meet the customer's energy needs.

"Truth is by nature self-evident. As soon as you remove the cobwebs of ignorance that surround it, it shines clear."

—Mahatma Gandhi

"An early morning walk is a blessing for the whole day."

—Henry David Thoreau

"Keep love in your heart. A life without it is like a sunless garden when the flowers are dead."

—Oscar Wilde



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- See whether you've used more energy compared to last year.

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