

# MEADOWOOD

Newsletter of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association, Inc.  
P.O. Box 45528, Madison, WI 53744-5528

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[www.meadowoodneighborhood.org](http://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org)

## President's Message – Terry Evanson

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Kudos to the hundreds of people from Meadowood and surrounding neighborhoods who participated in the Stop the Violence! Save our Children! Parade. Our own Sheray Wallace, along with Gadi Ben Dan of Today not Tomorrow, were the moving force behind the parade. Safety in our neighborhood is on the minds of many residents. The West Madison Police District held an informative meeting on safety issues the end of July. You can read a summary of the meeting on the [MNA web page](#). The upshot is that EVERYONE is responsible for neighborhood safety. The police are asking that each neighborhood identify the safety issues most important to them and then set out a plan to address those issues. Resources of the City, non-profit organizations, businesses and neighborhood residents are all needed to ensure a safe neighborhood. The MNA board wants to hear from YOU. You can communicate your concerns and possible solutions to us:

Complete the 2017 MNA Member Survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MNAMEMBER>)

Paper copies of the survey are available if you unable to fill out the survey electronically.

Contact your Area Representative or a board officer. If your Area is unrepresented (Areas 3, 5, 6, 10, 14, 15), please consider becoming an Area Representative. Your support of MNA is a critical part of the success of our neighborhood.

Besides planning the Stop the Violence parade, Sheray Wallace has been working to improve the health of our neighborhood. Sheray, while working full time, earned her Community Health Worker (CHW) Certificate in August. She is the first CHW certified in Dane County. Sheray will continue her work in diabetes prevention and education and supporting a neighborhood-based model of health care in Meadowood.

A HUGE Thank You to Duane Wilson, on Golden Oak, for cleaning out the thistles and overgrown vegetation in front of both Meadowood Neighborhood Welcome signs on Raymond Road. The perennials can now be seen, along with the signs. If you enjoy gardening, please contact me or your Area Rep and volunteer to help maintain the small garden beneath one of the three Meadowood welcome signs.

Getting to know your neighbors is not only personally rewarding, it's how neighborhoods thrive. I hope you have taken the opportunity to meet your neighbors at some of the activities that occurred this summer, including Make Music Madison, Community Carts/Let's Eat Out, MNA Annual Picnic and Membership meeting, the Community Safety meeting, the new Elver Park farmer's market, the anti-violence parade, Westfest, and more. Join us at our CommUnity Supper on Tuesday, Sept. 26, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Keep up with all our events by visiting the [MNA web page](#) or our [Facebook page](#).

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: Sally Stix, **Board Vice President**, [sastix@tds.net](mailto:sastix@tds.net)

Area 2: Krista Ralston, [kralston@wisc.edu](mailto:kralston@wisc.edu)

Area 3: VACANT

Area 4: Willa Schlecht, [willazoe61@gmail.com](mailto:willazoe61@gmail.com)

Areas 5 and 6: VACANT

Area 7: Lisa Schulz, **Board Treasurer**, [buttonldy@aol.com](mailto:buttonldy@aol.com)

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

Area 9: Terry & Marty Evanson, **Board President**, [mtevanson@gmail.com](mailto:mtevanson@gmail.com)

Area 10: VACANT

Area 11: Matt and Jayne Ahlswede, [ladyjayne2004@gmail.com](mailto:ladyjayne2004@gmail.com)

Area 12: Kyra Swenson, [chakeer@gmail.com](mailto:chakeer@gmail.com)

Area 13: Sheray Wallace, [sherayw@yahoo.com](mailto:sherayw@yahoo.com)

Areas 14 and 15: VACANT

Members at Large: Kristen Schoepke & Maureen Murphy

Six (6) 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](http://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/contactus)

## Meadowood Neighborhood Association Seeks Your Input!

The Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) has assembled a very simple survey. The goal is to help us know and serve you better! It is also an opportunity to give your thoughts and feedback on what you would like to see happening in the neighborhood. While we cannot solve all of the complex issues facing our community today, we hope that by creating more and better places for people to come together we can build a stronger community.

Listed below is the address link to the MNA survey. The survey is run through the online program Survey Monkey; however, all information is strictly confidential and will not be shared with anyone outside of MNA. Additionally, all responses submitted are anonymous. If you completed a paper survey at the MNA picnic, you do NOT need to complete the online survey. If you have not yet completed a survey, we ask that you take a few minutes to complete the online version or if you prefer, contact your area representative for a paper copy.

We are excited to hear your thoughts and opinions and find new ways to connect with you! Thank you for taking the time to help us know you better!

Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MNAMEMBER>

## Upcoming Meadowood Neighborhood Association Events:

Sept. 26, 2017, 5:30 - 7:30 pm: Community Supper at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 5701 Raymond Rd.

Sept. 26, 2017, 6:00 - 8:00 pm: Meeting to discuss new community center, St. Maria Goretti Church, 5405 Flad Ave. (see article below)

## A Community Center at Elver Park?

Several of us police officers have been working with the area Alders in proposing that a Community Center be built at Elver Park (similar to what they have at Warner Park). We have met with the Parks Staff, Mayor's Staff, Community Development etc... and so far, they have all been supportive of the idea. There is also a lot of excitement in the community as the idea slowly takes root. This is an opportunity for the west side to come together and focus on something that may have very positive effects for decades on the west side.

This idea is not to get rid of the neighborhood centers we currently have, but this would help build on what we have started with them. We see a Community Center as a flagship for the rest of the smaller centers to feed into. Similar to a hub and spoke model where the Community Center is the hub and the neighborhood centers are the spokes. This is obviously a long term project that will only happen if community members step up to make it happen.

Our next step is to hold a community meeting about the idea on **Tues. Sept. 26 from 6-8pm at St. Maria Goretti at 5405 Flad Ave.** (many thanks to them to provide meeting space!) We will have some discussions from city officials and then receive input on the idea from all of you. We will then move on to next steps involved.

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## Meadowood Neighborhood Association 2018 Membership Drive!

Our 2018 membership drive takes place this fall. Membership entitles you to the newsletter, the 2017 MNA neighborhood directory, and free entrance to all MNA activities. By joining MNA you strengthen and support our neighborhood. If you live in an unrepresented area (Areas 3, 5, 6, 10, 14 and 15) or are not at home when your representative visits, you will receive a flyer in your door asking you to join. It only takes a few minutes to join and the cost is only \$5 for the year.

Join on-line at: [meadowoodneighborhood.org/joinold](http://meadowoodneighborhood.org/joinold) or send a check for \$5.00, made out to Meadowood Neighborhood Association, to Lisa Schulz, Treasurer, P.O. Box 45528, Madison, WI 53744 -5528.

## Successful 'Stop The Violence' Parade!

Many thanks to the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for their help in organizing the 'Stop the Violence!' Parade. Our gratitude also to the many volunteers and donors from Our Redeemer Church, the Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ, and St. Maria Goretti Church for all their help and cooking & serving breakfast!



## St. Maria Goretti School

### Faith-Based Education

- Religion classes taught by homeroom teacher
- Twice weekly Mass attendance
- First Communion and First Reconciliation-Grade 2
- Monthly Community Circle Celebrations
- School wide service projects
- Single grade service projects

### Academics

- Strong K-8 academic curriculum based on Diocesan standards- reviewed on a rotating basis
- Progressive music program with performance opportunities
- Early Childhood Program: play-based, age appropriate learning
- Current textbooks, resources, and materials
- Spanish taught in Grades 2-8
- Award-winning Art Program
- Weekly Computer classes K-8
- Smart boards/projectors in all classrooms
- Ipads, Chromebooks, and laptops available to all students



*Come see how we grow!*

### Service in Education

- Commitment to put our faith into action through service to school, parish, community and beyond
- Long-standing tradition of supporting local charities
- Schoolwide and single grade service projects

### Tuition

Current parishioner tuition \$3970/year or \$23/day  
Non-parishioner tuition \$4970/year or \$28/day

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## Hello Meadowood Neighbors!

For this newsletter, I would like to share something that Alder Cheeks and I announced last week. See below. We hope to see you at one of the listening sessions.

It has often been the case that cities create solutions to our society's most pressing challenges. Our local challenges mimic those at the national and state levels; the difference is that we are ready to lead. Over the past few months we have listened closely to our constituents' concerns, apprehensions and demands. Consistent themes emerge across the city, and provides increased emphasis on work that the City Council has long valued. While we will never abandon our commitment to quality basic services like snow removal, trash pickup and road maintenance, we believe it is time to strongly and intentionally codify our residents' feedback into a long-term vision for the city of Madison that provides higher levels of safety, equity and opportunity for all of our residents.



*Matt Phair, Alder, District 20*

Through a series of 2018 budget listening sessions we want to hear from as many of our constituents as possible. We hope to hear from people how they believe our city can and should be prioritizing: (1) safety; (2) equity and; (3) opportunity for all residents. We look forward to a robust discussion through this budget process. Dates and locations for these budget listening sessions will be maintained on the city council website and shared via list-serves and social media; we look forward to collaborating with our colleagues on the Madison Common Council and Dane County Board to ensure your voice is heard.

1. **Safety:** We must build and maintain safe neighborhoods via both immediate and long-term investments designed to prevent violence and crime.
2. **Equity:** We must take bold actions to improve access to housing, promote family supporting jobs, and invest in well-connected communities.
3. **Opportunity:** In order to ensure that economic opportunities exist in our regional and global economy for today's Madisonians as-well-as our children, investments in people and infrastructure are both essential.

The first three listening session dates and locations are:

**Wednesday September 6, 2017**

5:30 – 7:30 pm  
Meadowridge Library  
5726 Raymond Road

**Wednesday, October 25, 2017**

5:30—7:30 pm  
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
1710 McKenna Blvd

**Saturday September 9, 2017**

10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Sequoia Library  
4340 Tokay Blvd

## Community Shares of Wisconsin Event!

We invite you to join Community Shares of Wisconsin for our Annual Community Change-Maker Awards Event on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at Union South! We will be celebrating our 2017 Community Awards winners—three incredible leaders who are dedicated to building a better community for all- as well as honoring our 24 exceptional Backyard Hero Award Winners for their volunteer work at Community Shares' member nonprofits.

**Date:** Wednesday, September 27, 2017

**Time:** 5 PM-7 PM

**Venue:** Union South, 1308 West Dayton Street, Madison, WI 53715

**Price:** Suggested donation of \$45

**Contact:** Susan Kilmer, [skilmer@communityshares.com](mailto:skilmer@communityshares.com)

## Volunteers for Seniors Needed

Do you have a little extra time and would like to help a Senior? Please consider volunteering for the West Madison Senior Coalition Home Chore program. Volunteers do light housekeeping, friendly visiting and odd jobs to help Seniors so they can continue to live independently in their homes or apartments.

Time commitment is 1½—2 hours every other week and it's very flexible.

For more information or to get an application, please contact Mary at (608) 238-7368 ext. 12 or email: [marym@wmseniorcenter.org](mailto:marym@wmseniorcenter.org).

## Make a difference in a Child's Life!

The Foster Grandparent Program is looking for senior citizens to help children in Madison **elementary schools** and **Head Start programs** become successful learners. No previous experience needed—just a lot of love and the desire to see all children do well in school!

### This Program:

- Is designed for people age 55 or older
- Requires the ability to work 15 hours or more per week
- Reimburses travel costs
- Provides tax free hourly stipend if you meet income guidelines

### The Kids Need You!

Find out how you can help. Call Daniela Sponseller at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) at 608-238-7787 (main), 608-661-4271 (direct) or email [dsponseller@rsvpdane.org](mailto:dsponseller@rsvpdane.org).

## West Madison Sr. Coalition Senior Meals

The Senior meals at the Meadowridge Commons (next to the Meadowridge Library) will expand to three days a week (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) starting the week of September 18th.

Meals cost a donation for anyone 60+ (Suggested donation is \$4.00, but please only pay what you can afford.)

Door-to-door transportation is available for a donation (suggested donation is \$1.00).

To make a meal and bus reservations, call 238-7368 ext. 8 before noon the day before.

Meals are also served at Beth Israel on Mound St., and Fridays at the Lussier Community Education Center.

For more information and for daily menus, pick up newsletters at any westside public library, the Meadowood Community Center, or go online to: [www.wmseniorcenter.org](http://www.wmseniorcenter.org).

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## Combat Blindness International Hosts World Sight Day Event

*(Submitted by Amy Schye, Optician living in the Meadowood Area)*

Combat Blindness International (CBI) invites you to explore your senses as they host a blindfolded beer, tea, cheese and chocolate tasting in celebration of World Sight Day. World Sight Day is an international day of awareness for blindness and visual impairment. Led by Hoby Wedler, this event will focus on life without sight, as attendees are blindfolded to experience what life for millions of blind people around the world is like. Wedler, a flavor scientist and wine educator who has been blind since birth, will lead this guided experience in some of the best products Wisconsin has to offer.

The event will take place on September 28, 2017 from 5:30 - 8:30 pm at the Madison Marriott West. It will feature products and pairings from The Great Dane Pub & Brewing Company, Macha Tea Company, Infusion Chocolates, and Hook's Cheese Company. Dinner is included and will feature dishes from the countries CBI serves around the world and a silent auction with local and International items.

Tickets are \$75 for a regular ticket and \$40 for a young-professional ticket.

An international non-profit organization, Combat Blindness International eliminates avoidable blindness worldwide by providing sustainable, equitable solutions for sight. CBI has helped to end avoidable blindness in over 15 countries on four continents, restoring sight to over 290,000 individuals.

### Message from State Representative Lisa Subeck

Hello Neighbors,

Soon we will say goodbye to summer, but Wisconsin is a great place to enjoy the fall. Whether you want to meander down a rustic road and enjoy the fall foliage or enjoy a harvest festival, the Wisconsin Department of Tourism website can help inspire you and even show you when fall colors are peaking throughout the state. <https://www.travelwisconsin.com/trip-ideas/fall-getaways>.



The end of summer also brings the start of a new school year. I was pleased to attend the Meadowood Neighborhood Center back-to-school open house to distribute backpacks and school supplies to neighborhood children. Thank you to the National Foundation for Women Legislators and the Office Depot Foundation for providing the backpacks and supplies. It is great to see the excitement on the faces of the children as they prepare for the upcoming school year.

Are you interested in keeping up with what is happening in the State Capitol? My office sends a weekly e-newsletter with all of the latest news and upcoming events. You can sign up to receive the newsletter at [www.subeck.assembly.wi.gov](http://www.subeck.assembly.wi.gov) or by emailing my office at [rep.subeck@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:rep.subeck@legis.wisconsin.gov). We also have the latest state highway maps available. If you would like one, just email my office to have one sent to you.

I encourage you to contact my office about particular issues or topics that interest or concern you. I can represent you most effectively when I know what is on your mind.

As always, if I can be of assistance with any matter, please feel free to email me at [Rep.Subeck@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Rep.Subeck@legis.wisconsin.gov), or call my office at 608-266-7521.



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## Greetings from Matt Veldran:

As we turn the page to Fall and our thoughts go to busier times ahead, the Dane County Board will also be gearing up to begin the 2018 budget. I was briefed on the Human Services Department's budget request to which the County Executive will present his budget to the board on October 1<sup>st</sup>. All other departments are submitting their requests as well. In the upcoming weeks, there will be public hearings where you can hear from each department and speak to the board about those budget requests. Here are the dates:

- Tuesday September 12<sup>th</sup> – All County Departments budget requests other than Human Services at the City-County Building (CCB), 2<sup>nd</sup> floor chambers, starting at 6:00 pm;
- Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup> – Human Services Budget Request at the Alliant Energy Center starting at 6:00 pm;
- Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup> – Public Hearing on the County Executive's proposed budget at the CCB starting at 7:00 pm.



*Matt Veldran, Dane County Board of Supervisors, District 7*

The Human Service budget request is available on line at the county website: [https://danecountyhumanservices.org/Budget/budget\\_request\\_2018.aspx](https://danecountyhumanservices.org/Budget/budget_request_2018.aspx). County Executive Parisi's budget will be available on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Human Service budget was considerably reduced due to the implication of Family Care here starting in 2018. Most of adult services for low income seniors and adults with developmentally and physical disabilities will now be administered by the state. For information about the transition in Dane County, visit the state's DHS webpage at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/fc-iris-transition.htm>.

The homeless day shelter will open on time and the financial issues are being resolved.

The Lower Yahara River bike-pedestrian bridge is now open! It connects McFarland with the Capital City Trail. For more information see the Dane County Parks Department page at <https://parks-lwr5.d.countyofdane.com/>.

The latest presentation of the new jail with a separate mental health area is available on the County Sheriff's website. You can view it at [https://danesherriff.com/documents/pdf/Option%203\\_Final%20Report\\_Dane%20County%20Jail%20Update%20Study\\_June%202017.pdf](https://danesherriff.com/documents/pdf/Option%203_Final%20Report_Dane%20County%20Jail%20Update%20Study_June%202017.pdf)

I had a great time meeting and talking with many neighbors at the "Stop the Violence, Save the Children" march on Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>. A big shout out to Sheray Lane-Wallace for organizing and being the inspiration behind this important effort!

There is a new Joining Forces for Families office at the Wisconsin Youth Company. It will mainly serve the people around the Elver Park area. We are not losing Mike Bruce! His work continues in Meadowood.

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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## Madison Gas and Electric Proposes New Wind Farm

*(Submitted by Madison Gas and Electric)*

Madison Gas and Electric (MGE) is seeking to expand the amount of electricity it generates from renewable resources. In April, MGE filed with state regulators an application to construct, own and operate a 66-megawatt wind farm about 200 miles west of Madison near Saratoga, Iowa.

If approved, the Saratoga wind farm would be MGE's largest to date, with enough energy to serve about 47,000 homes. The Saratoga project is a cost-effective, clean energy option for powering Madison-area homes and businesses for years to come.

### It's all about location.

MGE began scouting locations for a new wind farm more than a year ago. Considerable research goes into selecting a site for wind generation. MGE engineers selected the Saratoga site for a number of reasons, including its strong wind speeds and proximity to transmission infrastructure to deliver the power. If approved by regulators, construction could begin in spring 2018 and be complete by the end of 2018.

### MGE is committed to cleaner energy sources.

Under MGE's long-term framework, Energy 2030, the Company has committed to reducing carbon dioxide emissions and increasing its use of renewable resources. MGE has a goal of 30% renewables by 2030. Our interim goal is 25% by 2025. We know renewable energy is important to many of our customers and surrounding communities.

Energy 2030 continues MGE's long-term direction toward cleaner energy sources. In 1999, we built what was at the time the largest wind farm east of the Mississippi River, our Rosiere wind farm in Kewaunee County, Wisconsin. In 2008, our Top of Iowa 3 wind farm in Kensett, Iowa, became operational.

The Saratoga project will host turbines taller than those at either of MGE's earlier wind farms. If approved, Saratoga's turbines would stretch nearly 500 feet high. Taller turbines with larger blades take advantage of faster wind speeds aloft, resulting in more energy produced per turbine.

To see additional features about how MGE is transitioning to greater use of renewable resources, visit [energy2030together.com](http://energy2030together.com).

## What Does a 100% Renewable Energy Madison Look Like To You?



Come to the kick-off meeting to share your ideas about how the City of Madison is going to achieve this ambitious goal.

**Date:** Wednesday, September 27, 2017

**Time:** 6:00—8:00 pm

**Location:** Central Library Conference Room  
302, 201 W. Mifflin St., Madison 53703

Questions or Feedback?

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