

MEADOWWORD

Newsletter of the Meadowood Neighborhood Assoc., Inc.
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President's Message – Krista Ralston

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

That's my heartfelt message for the first 2016 issue of the *Meadowood*. Please read all the interesting and informative articles and announcements contained in this newsletter.

If you haven't renewed your MNA membership for 2016, I encourage you to do so. Otherwise you may miss out on many fun and worthwhile activities, not to mention future deliveries of the *Meadowood* and your all-important support of our neighborhood association.

I wish you all happiness and peace throughout the year.

Upcoming Meadowood Neighborhood Assn. Events:

February 6, 2016 (Saturday), 7 pm

Bingo Party

Knights of Columbus, 5256 Verona Rd.

March 19, 2016 (Saturday), 6 pm

Miniature Golf, Pizza & Soft Drinks

Vitense Golfland, 5501 Schroeder Rd.

Free Pizza & soft drinks to Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) members. Bring your membership card with you for proof of membership. Free Miniature Golf game for children ages 12 and under if accompanied by a parent who is a member of MNA. Donations will be accepted.

Are you ready to vote in 2016?

(Submitted by the League of Women Voters of Dane County: www.lwvdanecounty.org)

Voter ID is now required!

If your address has changed since you last voted, you will need to register to vote at your new address. You can register at your municipal clerk's office, with a Special Registration Deputy, or, if a Madison resident, at any Madison Public Library. Beginning twenty days prior to an election you can only register at the clerk's office or at the polls on Election Day. Registering early will save time on Election Day. You will need to show proof of residence whenever you register.

Voters are now required to show a photo ID when voting. You can use a US Passport, a Wisconsin driver license (DL), or a Wisconsin state ID card with expiration dates of November 4, 2014 or later. The address on your photo ID does not have to be current. Out-of-state IDs are not acceptable.

If you don't have a Wisconsin DL or ID you can get a free ID at the Division of Motor Vehicle offices (4802 Sheboygan Avenue or 2001 Bartillon Drive in Madison). If you are sixty or older and need a ride, contact RSVP (in Madison call 608-441-7898). You will need to bring:

- Proof of citizenship, name and date of birth
- Proof of Wisconsin residency
- Proof of identity
- Your Social Security number

Please note that there are exceptions and special instructions for people with out-of-state driver's licenses or ID, UW students, people with disabilities who vote by permanent absentee ballot, and nursing home residents. For more information about voting in Madison, go to the clerk's office web site at: www.cityofmadison.com/election.

Spring elections (County Board, Supreme Court Justice, Presidential primary, etc.) will be held on February 16 and April 5, 2016. Talk to your friends and neighbors. Make sure every eligible Wisconsin voter has the documentation needed to vote!

The Board of Directors meets at 7:00 pm the first Wednesday of every month (no meeting in July) at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Meetings are open to the public. <https://www.facebook.com/Meadowood.Neighborhood.Association/>

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, sastix@tds.net
- Area 2: Krista Ralston, kralston@wisc.edu
- Area 3: VACANT
- Area 4: Dottie Loehrer, 271-5994
- Area 5: VACANT
- Area 6: Lisa Veldran, lveldran@yahoo.com
- Area 7: Lisa Schulz, buttonlady@aol.com
- Area 8: Mark & Janice Bauman, mjbauman@tds.net
- Area 9: Terry & Marty Evanson, mtevanson@gmail.com
- Area 10: Krista Wozniak, krista.wozniak@gmail.com
- Area 11: Linda Kubly, alankubly@yahoo.com
- Area 12: Patsy Ragland, patsyr0614@gmail.com
- Area 13: Sheray Wallace, sherayw@yahoo.com
- Area 14: VACANT
- Area 15: VACANT

You'll notice that several 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: <http://meadowood.readyhosting.com/index.html/473/2827.html>



Message from Lisa Subeck:

Hello neighbors,

I hope everyone enjoyed a beautiful holiday season and a great start to the New Year. For

those of you who I have not yet met, I am your Representative in the State Assembly. I would like to take this opportunity to share news with you about the start of the spring floor period and information about our upcoming celebration of Martin Luther King Junior.

Here at the Capitol, we are preparing to begin our spring floor period. While the specific session days have not been scheduled, you can check the Wisconsin State Legislature's website <http://legis.wisconsin.gov/> for frequent updates. Additionally, I encourage you to sign up for my weekly e-newsletter to stay up to date with what is happening at the Capitol. If you would like to subscribe, you can visit www.legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/78/subeck and click "subscribe to my newsletter," or by emailing Rep.Subeck@legis.wisconsin.gov, or by calling my office at 608-266-7521.

As January 18th approaches, I hope you will take time to celebrate and reflect on the life and prevailing legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Junior. Wisconsin's 36th annual tribute and ceremony to this great pioneer and leader will take place in the Capitol building's rotunda at noon on Monday, January 18th. The event is free and open to all and will include guest speaker Ms. Aja Brown, Mayor of Compton, California, as well as word and music that illumine the life and legacy of Dr. King. The event will be aired on Wisconsin Public Television and Wisconsin Public Radio. Though details are still being finalized, you can find more information on Wisconsin Public Radio's website: <http://www.wpr.org/>, by calling: 1-800-747-7444, or by emailing: listener@wpr.org.

As your state representative, I am here to help you. If I can be of assistance in any matter please feel free to call or visit my office at the State Capitol.

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The Dane County 2016 Budget

(Submission from the office of Joe Parisi, Dane Co. Executive)

Recently, I signed my 2016 Budget for Dane County. My budget focuses on providing our critical core services while expanding partnerships to better our community.

My budget includes the strongest efforts yet by Dane County to address mental illness. I am expanding our mental health teams to more schools across Dane County in partnership with local schools. Early intervention is key to both preventing and knocking down the barriers that come with mental illness. I am also creating Community Crisis Teams to help law enforcement respond to mental health crisis situations available 24/7.

My budget continues our commitment to cleaning up our lakes through partnerships and conservation.

Homelessness is a complex problem that no one entity can solve. We are continuing our work with the Homelessness Consortium and investing millions in direct services to our homeless population. I am also doubling our Eviction Prevention Fund which successfully kept 266 kids in their homes last year.

This budget furthers our work of criminal justice reform by creating a "Re-entry Team" in our Dane County Jail. We will assess inmates and make an individualized plan for each inmate. A successful re-entry reduces their risk of returning.

70 percent of Wisconsin's population growth happens in Dane County, as does 56% of Wisconsin's private sector job growth. We consistently have the lowest rate of unemployment in the state.

We are a thriving, growing community, with unlimited potential. While we are certainly not without our growing pains, I am proud of the manner in which our community faces its challenges head on. We will get there, and we will get there together - with respect; with spirited debate, and through partnering, together— the Dane County Way.

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TRIAD Safety Programs and Meals for Seniors

Don't miss these important short talks by local police officers at the Meadowood Neighborhood Center. They're free and open to everyone.

Thursday January 21 - Scams and the No-Call List: What Seniors Need To Know!

Meadowood Neighborhood Center, 5740 Raymond Road. This program will start at 11:00 a.m., before the senior meal begins at Noon.

Have you heard about the Senior Meal Program at Meadowood? A hot, nutritious lunch is served on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Noon, located in the shared space between the Meadowood Neighborhood Center and the Meadowridge Library. Cost for seniors 60 and better is a suggested donation of \$4. The cost for anyone under 60 is \$7.50. Transportation can be arranged for west side seniors for a suggested donation of \$1. Call Candice by 12:00 noon the day before to reserve your meal, ride, or for more information: (608) 238-0196.

(These meals are sponsored by a grant from the Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources, the Dane County Area Agency on Aging, the West Madison Senior Center, the Meadowood Neighborhood Center and the Meadowridge Library.)

Wednesday February 24 - Gangs—What's Happening In Our Neighborhoods?

10:30 a.m., Meadowood Neighborhood Center, 5750 Raymond Rd.

Watch for news about more informative talks for seniors at Meadowood and other locations in the coming months on:

- Learn All About Wills, Trusts and Your Power of Attorney
- Driving Tips to Keep You Safe on the Road
- Protect Yourself from Burglaries in Your Neighborhood

Triad is a non-profit organization that promotes the safety and well-being of seniors. Sponsored by RSVP of Dane County, it includes Madison Police and Fire Departments, West Madison Senior Coalition, SAIL (Supporting Active Independent Lives), community agencies and senior volunteers. Want to help? Contact Mary at RSVP: (608) 441-7897.

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Exciting changes for Meadowood Community Suppers in 2016!

Same purpose: To sit down and enjoy a good meal alongside our neighbors, so we can meet each other and join together to make our neighborhood a great place for everyone to live.

New place and time: Meadowridge Library Community Room, on the last Tuesday of every month, 6:00-7:30 pm. We will be able to meet each month thanks to a grant from the Madison Public Library Foundation.

New name: Since we are meeting at Meadowridge Library, and we want to welcome anyone from the surrounding area, we are making a minor name change to "Meadowridge Community Suppers".

New programming: For most months, mealtime will be from 6:00-6:45, then children will go to the neighborhood center for activities, while adults will have a program in the community room. We hope to invite many of the people who are already doing great things for the Meadowridge area and find out how the rest of us can join or support them. We will also have some dinners that feature fun activities for the whole family, such as a summer picnic or family movies.

New Facebook page: Like "Meadowridge Community Suppers" on Facebook to get reminders, menu, and program information for each upcoming supper. <https://www.facebook.com/mcsuppers/>

Dates for winter/spring Meadowridge Community Suppers, all on Tuesdays at 6 PM:
January 26, February 23, March 29, April 26, May 31.

For more information, contact:
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