

MEADOWOOD

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

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Autumn often signals endings – the end of the growing season or the end of a busy summer. But it is a season of beginnings too – new school terms and return to familiar routines. Over the last year a number of new neighbors have moved into Meadowood. We welcome you to our neighborhood! A prime goal of our neighborhood association is to help weave a strong, vibrant, resilient, integrated community. Each person in Meadowood is integral to that weaving – you make our neighborhood more beautiful, more joyful, and more complete. As you settle into your fall routines, take time to talk to your neighbors. Strengthen the warp and weft of your block by learning one another's names, sharing yard care tips, or inviting neighbors to hang out together for a chat in your driveway. These seemingly small threads strengthen and repair us and make us a more complete community.

You also strengthen our neighborhood by volunteering. Active participation is one of the best ways to make our neighborhood safer. Consider organizing a block party or helping at the neighborhood school. MNA Board representatives are needed in **Area 2** (Manor Green to Aspen Rd) and **Area 12** (western Meadowood Dr. and Monticello Way) and an **At-Large member**. Attend a "Love Your Neighborhood" leadership lunch and talk at Good Shepherd Church, 11:30 – 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10 and Oct. 8.

Please continue, or begin, to support Meadowood neighborhood by joining MNA. Our 2023 membership drive has started. The membership fee is \$10/household and membership runs from January to December. Area Representatives will contact you this fall or you can join on-line at <https://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/membership>. Or, fill out and mail the membership form located in this newsletter, with a check, to the MNA Treasurer.

We thank everyone who joined us at the MNA Annual Meeting and Picnic on Aug. 20. A HUGE thank you to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for hosting us due to the rain. Thank you, also, to the generous donations by area businesses for our door prizes. You can find a list of all the business contributors elsewhere in this newsletter. Two new officers were also elected – welcome Nick Baxter as MNA Treasurer and Maggie Dugan as MNA Secretary.



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**,
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Area 2: Miguel Benson & Sammy Clevenger,
miguel.a.benson@gmail.com

Area 3: Mike Edmonds, **Vice President**,
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Area 7: Heidi Wiley, **Webmaster**, heidijeanywiley@gmail.com

Area 8: Mark & Janice Bauman, **'Meadowood' Editor (MB)**,
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Area 9: Terry Evanson, **Board President**, mtevanson@gmail.com

Area 10: Maureen Murphy, murphy.k.maureen@gmail.com

Area 11: Jacob Kriegisch, jacob.kriegisch@gmail.com

Area 12: VACANT

Area 13: Sheray Wallace, sherayw@yahoo.com

Areas 14 and 15: VACANT

Member at Large: Lisa Schulz, buttonldy@aol.com

MNA Board Treasurer: Nick Baxter, nickbaxter1992@gmail.com

Three (3) 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

Join Meadowood Neighborhood Association TODAY!

Please continue to support Meadowood Neighborhood Association by renewing your membership or joining for the first time. The cost is \$10 per household for the year. You will receive a membership card, subscription to the Meadowood (5 issues per year), free participation in all our activities and free community dinners (once the pandemic has eased). You also help support Meadowood Health Partnership which serves needy families in our neighborhood. **Re-join/join:** Online at: <https://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/membership>. Or fill out and return this form and \$10.00 to MNA Treasurer, P.O. Box 45528, Madison, Wi 53744-5528.

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If you have an email address you will receive an emailed PDF of the Meadowood, unless you check the box below.

Check here if you want a hard copy of the Meadowood newsletter delivered to your house. (Meadowood will be delivered electronically to all members with email addresses)

Thanks to Area Businesses!

Thank you to the following area businesses that generously donated 'door prizes' for our 2022 annual picnic event!

- ➡ Home Depot
- ➡ Glass Nickel
- ➡ Ten Pin Alley
- ➡ Half Price Books
- ➡ HyVee
- ➡ Vintage Brewing
- ➡ Vitense Golfland
- ➡ Walgreens
- ➡ Los Atlantes
- ➡ Dana Lou's Laundry
- ➡ Kwik Trip
- ➡ Thai Basil
- ➡ Pacific Cycle

Make a Difference!

Areas 2 and 12 in Meadowood need Area Representatives on the MNA Board. Area 2 is bounded by Aspen Road and Manor Green Drive; Area 12 by the western half of Meadowood Dr. and Monticello Way. Area Representatives help with MNA sponsored activities, are the contact person between neighbors to the board, West District police, Alder person, and non-profit organizations in the neighborhood, and run the annual MNA membership drive in their area. An At-Large Board seat is also open. At-Large board members serve specialty roles, such as Safety Chair, and provide help where needed.

If you are interested in serving on the Board, please send an email to MNABoard1@gmail.com.

Reminder About Large Items for City Pick Up

When you have large items for disposal make the work order before setting the items out for pickup. And be sure to set the items out on the day you choose. Crews will not come by early. Learn more about large item pickup at: www.cityofmadison.com/LargeItem.



Know Your Organization: Friends of Meadowridge Library

Submission by Lisa Veldran, MNA Board Member

Created in 1964, the Friends of the Meadowridge Library provides monetary and volunteer support for our library community. The Friends of Meadowridge Library is a group of volunteers who, like you, take pride in their library and are dedicated to supporting it. We believe in and advocate for free, equitable and inclusive access to our public library by the community.

Here are some recent examples of the work done by our volunteers:

- Set up and staff book sales (All Friends Book Sale in the summer) and the annual Pie Sale Fundraiser (in November)
- Sort and organize donated and withdrawn books throughout the year
- Celebrate and support the amazing Meadowridge Library staff
- Work with other Madison Library Friends groups coordinating events that support the libraries



Consider becoming a member or continue your membership with the Friends of Meadowridge Library. You are an important part of the library's continued community outreach efforts. As a Friend, you receive:

- Access to the members-only book sale previews
- Newsletter with information about the Library and the Friends
- A forum in which to advocate on behalf of the Library

As a Friend, you help build a strong Library system which helps children develop a love of reading; provides individuals, organizations and businesses free access to vital information resources; and educates and broadens the horizons of all patrons with special programming.

Stop by the front desk at the Meadowridge Library to pick up the Membership Form.

- ⇒ Individual Membership \$5/year
- ⇒ Family Membership \$15/year
- ⇒ Business Membership \$25/year

Current Board members are:

- (1) President: Lynn Lemanski; (2) Vice-President: Vacant; (3) Treasurer: Jim Stimiman; (4) Secretary: Lisa Veldran; (5) Membership Director: Kathy England

For more information about upcoming library events visit the FOML Facebook page and "like": <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofmeadowridge>

Friends of Meadowridge Library Annual Pie Sale Tuesday, November 22, 2022; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Meadowridge Library, 5726 Raymond Road

After a two year hiatus the popular Pie Sale is back! Pick up a pie or two for your Thanksgiving table this year. Pies are only \$12!

Calling all bakers - we need pies! The more we have to sell the more successful this fundraiser is. All proceeds directly benefit the Meadowridge Branch Library.

If you can bake one or more pies please contact Jacky Byrnes at madcity99@tds.net to let her know how many to expect. If you don't bake, but want to contribute, a \$12 donation is suggested (the cost of a pie).

The money raised by the Friends of Meadowridge Library goes towards:

- Adding books, DVD's, audio books to enrich the library collection
- Financial support for programming for children, teens, families and adults
- Appreciation treats for library staff during Library Week
- Furniture needs such as displays, carts, etc.



Falling In Love With Your Neighborhood!

The 2022 Love Your Neighborhood workshops, sponsored by the Southwest Madison Action Coalition, offers local neighbors the opportunity to have robust conversations about shared interest in their neighborhood. The first workshop focused on understanding on how all neighbors are connected and interdependent was led by Sharon Lezberg of UW Extension.

The second session featured Sheray Wallace, Meadowood Health Partnership and Cory Foster, Toki Middle School, on their efforts of community organizations and how others can do their part to be involved.

Session three was led by Abha Thakkar, Mosaic LLC. An interactive discussion and breakouts taught how to have one to one conversation to engage neighbors and elected officials on issues of concerns in their neighborhood.

Ms. Thakkar will lead the fourth session, **Saturday, September 10**, to continue the learning process of engagement and how to do power mapping in the context of housing quality in southwest Madison.

Justice Castañeda, Common Wealth Development, will facilitate the fifth session, **Saturday, October 8**, on various housing issues in Dane County and how this complex topic is being addressed within government, the private and public sector.

The final session, **Saturday, November 11**, is on community wellness. The discussion will focus on what a well community looks like, how residents can contribute to improve wellness beyond physical health in our community.

All sessions are free and held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 5701 Raymond Rd, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. All sessions include free lunch with snacks and limited child care is available with 48-hour advance registration. For more information, contact Courtney at ccarson.smac@gmail.com or Stephanie at Stephanie@cwd.org.

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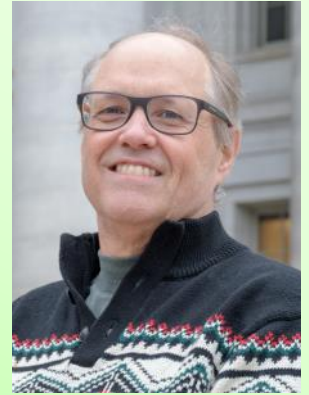
I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. A brief update on some Dane County Board matters...

Jail Update

This has been a long slog and I believe we are still on schedule to break ground next spring. At our last meeting we debated the Black Caucus proposal recently in the news. While there were many good points, many that had been discussed in the past by the board in different iterations and times. Many of those points are aimed at our continual work and dedication to reducing the racial disparities in Dane County. But as a county board, we believe the only way to truly decrease the disparities in the criminal justice system is with more buy-in by other parts of government and municipalities.

We need more help from the police on who they are arresting and on what charges; the district attorney's office reviewing more cases and deferring them to the alternative prosecution programs that the board has created and invested in. And most importantly, the courts. We have talked about weekend court with the judges for years and while

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

Save Energy With Lighting Tips

From Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE)

The light bulb has come a long way since incandescent bulbs started lighting homes more than 100 years ago.

In the 1990s, compact fluorescent (CFL) bulbs came on the scene, offering consumers a longer-lasting bulb that used less energy than older bulbs. In recent years, light-emitting diode (LED), bulbs have become more affordable and more popular in households.

LED bulbs are very efficient—using about 75% less energy than standard incandescent bulbs—and they last longer than other bulbs. As an added bonus, because they use most of their energy to produce light instead of heat, they are cool to the touch. The cost to operate an LED bulb annually ranges from about \$1 to \$1.50 for an entire year versus \$2 to \$3 for a CFL and \$10 to \$11 for an incandescent bulb.

Get Free Energy-Saving Packs From FOCUS ON ENERGY®

Our statewide energy efficiency partner, Focus on Energy, offers a variety of different energy-saving packs that include LED light bulbs—all sent to eligible MGE customers for free.

Each pack contains a variety of products including LED bulbs, pipe insulation, faucet aerators and more. Please note there is a limit of one pack per eligible household every year.

Visit www.focusonenergy.com/residential to learn more and to order your pack. And be sure to visit www.mge.com regularly for other energy-saving tips.

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Hola!

It has been a pleasure getting to know the Meadowood area during the last 8 months as your new alder. Thank you for having me at the Orchard Ridge Elementary School PTO Spring Fling, Parks Alive Event, Love Your Neighborhood series, SMAC Housing group meeting, Summer Picnic, MNA and NRT meetings. I have met some of you as well as several service providers who take pride on collaborative work with agencies within the neighborhood and surrounding areas. I am looking forward to meeting more of you in the upcoming months. Please continue to reach out to me via email at district10@cityofmadison.com. Social Media pages such as NextDoor and Facebook are bound by public records laws, hence the best method for communication is the city email.

On the council side my focus is on Housing Security and Transportation; these are 2 large subject areas covering development for affordable and low-income housing as well as the needs of the unsheltered population. Metro, BRT, Vision Zero, Safe Streets, Traffic Engineering and Enforcement discussions keep me busy. The Transportation Committee meetings are recorded; I encourage you to watch those at your convenience to stay up to date on these issues.

The budget season is at full speed! The Capital Agency Requests were submitted, and the Executive Budget is about to be formalized (Sep 6). Things will move quickly from here. For a schedule of the upcoming dates, go to <https://www.cityofmadison.com/finance/budget>. Please register to my city page to stay up to date. In the [Aug 28th's blog release](#) you will find budget tools, the budget's agency asks template and an example focusing on CDD's budget request. (<https://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district10/blog/?Id=26867>)

Gov. Evers distributed ARPA funds to MPD for the purpose of supporting recruitment efforts, data and technology assessments, equipment, and other specific areas. Details can be found [here](#)

(<https://madison.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5740623&GUID=3BD38491-7D36-4683-8860-E549E34DFBD1&Options=ID%7CText%7C&Search=72856&FullText=1>)

September 15 – October 15 is Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month. Every year during this period the contributions made by the largest minority sector in the US are recognized. As a Puerto Rican I celebrate my heritage daily. My son, nieces and nephews born here in Madison have been raised to take pride on their roots, to know their ancestors and the importance of embracing their parent's culture and language. This coming 30 days I challenged you to learned something or to try something new. To get to know other people that are different than you and to discover how much we all have in common. I salute the residents of the Meadowood area of Hispanic or Latinx heritage and also all the service organizations that recognize the need to incorporate cultural competency in their staffing.

Thanks!

Yannette



Alder Yannette Figueroa Cole
District 10

VITA SITE COORDINATOR

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MATT VELDRAN'S ARTICLE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5...

... we have received promises to "look into it" that is as far as it went. By creating a weekend court, as in many other cities across the country, we can lower the jail population, which is one of the goals of building a smaller facility. We have redesigned the jail twice to lower the number of beds which puts pressure on our partners to be part of the solution to lower our disparities.

The other part of our debate was to, unfortunately, put an additional \$10 million into the project. This was due mainly to the cost of building materials rising due to inflation and supply chain issues. We avoided asking the citizens to borrow the funds through a referendum, which I am against. The final plans are being redrawn and we can receive bids to begin construction. Hopefully, I don't need to update you on this portion anymore.

We will be starting the budget process shortly and while the County Executive wants to put \$4 million in for a new Men's Shelter, it may move some other priorities back, or even out of the budget altogether. The last few budget seasons the county board created a 'budget tool' for citizens to use that shows how priorities can be made and where the largest areas of the budget of your taxes go. Feel free to try it on the county webpage. It will be ready later in September or October.

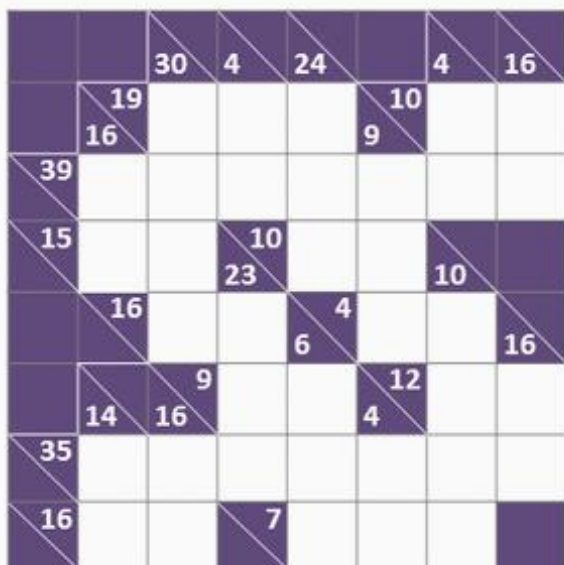
We recently had our street completely rebuilt by the city and there were many additional drains installed, which reminded me of my annual Fall message. Please keep drains open and clear of leaf or yard debris AND please keep your leaves out of the street and on the terrace.

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

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Kakuro Puzzle

Kakuro is like a crossword puzzle with numbers. Each "word" must add up to the number provided in the clue above it or to the left. Words can only use the numbers 1 through 9, and a given number can only be used once in a word. Every kakuro puzzle has one and only solution, and can be solved through logic alone.



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Hi Neighbors,

Let me introduce myself. I am a lifelong resident of Madison and attended the University of Wisconsin earning a degree in economics. I have always been involved in the community through various organizations over the years. I believe in safe neighborhoods and community engagement which led me to run for District 14 alderperson in 2015. I will continue to serve District 14 through the April election. However, through the redistricting process, my neighborhood is now in District 10.

I currently serve on the Madison Arts Commission (MAC), Alcohol License Review Committee (ALRC), Finance Committee, Room Tax Commission, Community and the Community Development Authority (CDA). For the last few years, the city continues to have many challenges. To highlight a few: COVID-19 and its variants, yearly city budget constraints, affordable housing, a purposeful men's shelter, and the continuing economic recovery. These challenges are also being felt by our residents through high prices at our grocery stores, gas pumps, utilities, and housing costs - all while trying to stay healthy physically and mentally.

Because these are unprecedented times, all of us are finding ourselves navigating these issues cautiously. However, as a city alderperson, I work diligently to represent the residents of the city of Madison in these challenging times. I look forward to engaging with you in the coming months either at your neighborhood association meetings or one-on-one.

Please do not hesitate to contact me. Sheri Carter, City of Madison Alderperson, District 14 – 608-698-6027 or district14@cityofmadison.com.



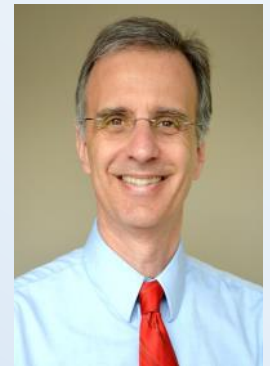
*Alder Sheri Carter
District 14*

Yahara Chain of Lakes Sediment Removal

This year, Dane County will remove sediment from a stretch of river between Lakes Monona and Waubesa that is restricting the flow of water through the Yahara Chain of Lakes. This location, one of six sites the County will target in five phases, is a \$2 million initiative to improve water flow, flood storage capacity, and fish and wildlife habitat in the Yahara Lakes. This announcement comes after Dane County released a technical report to identify opportunities to address flooding on the Yahara Chain of Lakes and the County Board's Lake Level Task Force submitted its final policy recommendations.

Currently, water comes into the Yahara Chain of Lakes faster than it goes out—taking two inches of rain over two weeks to leave the Yahara Lakes system. The efficient movement of water downstream can be undermined by sediment loading. While sediment movement is a naturally occurring process, accumulation of sediment in the Yahara River and Lakes is greatly increased by human activity, including urban development. It's estimated that over 8.5 million pounds of sediment enters the Yahara River and Lakes each year from urban runoff.

The County's multi-year sediment removal project in the Yahara Lakes will take place in five phases, with each phase carried out as Dane County secures permitting. The first phase, taking place between Lakes Monona and Waubesa, is expected to begin this year and the work will be bid this summer. At this site, the County is hoping to remove between two to three feet of sediment about 50 feet wide and approximately 1.75 miles long. This type of sediment removal is comparable to the County's "Suck the Muck" initiative.



*Dane County Executive
Joe Parisi*