

MEADOWOOD

MEADOWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

www.meadowoodneighbors.org

JANUARY 2008

MNA Bingo Party on January 26th

The Meadowood Neighborhood Association has planned a BINGO PARTY for Saturday, January 26th, at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The games will begin at 7:00 p.m. This event is for ADULTS ONLY who are current MNA members - bring your membership card. If you are not a member, you can join that night for the normal \$5.00 membership fee. The building is handicapped-accessible. Free snacks will be provided and a cash bar will be available. Mark your calendar now and come and join your neighbors in a fun night of Bingo. See you there!

Bingo party directions: Take Whitney Way south to Williamsburg Way. Turn left on Williamsburg Way and continue to Anton Drive. Turn right on Anton Drive (M & I Bank is on the corner) and the KC Building is on the left next to the Chalet Ski Shop.

Join Us at the Golfland Gala on March 1st

Come join us at Vitense Golfland (Whitney Way at the Beltline) from 6-8 p.m on Saturday, March 1st, for a great family evening. There will be free pizza and soda, and one free round of mini-golf for children 12 and under. Mini-golf per-game costs are \$7 for children over 12 and adults, and \$5.75 for seniors over 55 (and if your child 12 and under wants to play additional games).

You must be a current member of MNA, and adults must accompany children at this event. Bring your MNA membership card. Also you must sign up with Lisa Veldran ahead of time at 271-0722 or at lveldran@yahoo.com by Monday, February 18th. We look forward to seeing you and your family at the party!

Final SW Neighborhood Plan

The Common Council is scheduled to consider the final adoption of the SW Neighborhood Plan this month. MNA members Larry Luther and Tim Johnson served on the SW Steering Committee. See the plan at <http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/neighborhoods/swnp/>

Santa Visit Recap

Meadowood had its annual Santa visit on December 15th. Times have changed. There seem to be fewer children in the neighborhood now. Also parents seem less inclined to take the time from their activities to help children write the required letter to Santa. In earlier years we had 14 Santas and 14 elves visiting Meadowood children. This year we had two Santas and three elves.

I always thought it was easier for parents to have Santa visit children in their homes. I would be interested to hear from Meadowood members concerning their opinions about the Santa visits.

- Dorothy Loehrer
Santa Visit Coordinator
271-5994

A big thank you to Santas Tim Johnson and Joseph King; to elves Brooke Lane, Elizabeth Moen, and Katrina King; and to drivers Tony Smick and Scott Pilgrim.

Spanish Edition of Meadowood

Twenty-two Meadowood residents received the Spanish edition of the *Meadowood* newsletter in December. Thanks to Kay Heggstad, Julio Garcia and Rocio Ramirez-Cornejo for doing the volunteer translation. Please contact Tim Johnson at 274-3461 if you want to help with the translation or know Meadowood residents who would benefit from the Spanish edition.

MNA Board Members, by area

1. Jane Ross	271-6696
2. Cheri McKently	271-6359
3. Bob Rabehl, Treasurer	274-3125
4. Dorothy Loehrer	271-5994
5. Sheri Rembert	273-0960
6. Lisa Veldran, Secretary	271-0722
7. Lisa Schulz	271-7831
8. Mark & Janice Bauman	277-0860
9. Larry Luther, President	271-8787
10. Andrew Halada	271-3875
11. Scott Pilgrim	277-1705
12. Lorene Wendricks, VP	271-5054
13. <i>open</i>	
14. Diane Wensel	288-9289
15. Tim Johnson	274-3461

- 1 -

The Meadowood Neighborhood Association Board of Directors meets at 7:00 the first Wednesday of every month (except July, when there is no meeting) at the West District Police Station, 1710 McKenna Blvd. Meetings are open to the public.

Dane County Update



Hello Meadowood Neighbors!

I hope everyone had safe and happy holidays! As we enter the winter months the county board will be renewing its commitment to a variety of areas such as keeping the emphasis on protecting our open spaces, lakes, rivers and streams. As I write this article in the midst of an early winter thaw, if you have a storm drain on the street bordering your property, please keep it clear so as to aid the flow of water out of our streets to prevent area flooding.

Much has been said of salt use so far this winter. While safety is always a concern, the county has been using a salt-brine solution on the main roadways for some time now, which is not as harmful as crystal salt to our bodies of water and still keeps the highways safe for travel. We must all take a bit more care when driving this time of year and let safety be our guide.

In other county matters, I am on a task force that is beginning a new youth jobs training program. The money was put in the budget to steer young people away from joining gangs. I believe that, along with the city's commitment to additional police for our area, nothing is more important than having all people become self-sufficient and productive members of society.

I also mentioned that the sheriff is helping out the community by having sheriff's deputies drive through Madison neighborhoods on their normal business whenever possible. I saw a sheriff's deputy driving down the street just the other day. As Sheriff Mahoney stated to the Meadowood Board a few months ago, the sheriff's department has jurisdiction anywhere in Dane County, so an extra set of eyes every once in a while can serve as an additional deterrent. His department is also increasing its traffic enforcement, particularly on the beltline.

Finally, I have been appointed to the Verona Road study committee. We have met once so far and discussed the single-point interchange that was introduced in the fall. The committee, made up of various community leaders and elected officials from the surrounding area, reviewed the needs and

concerns at each intersection starting at the Home Depot and worked its way down to County Highway PD. There are no concrete plans beyond the single-point option for the near term. I believe that any other option is so far out in the future that anything can change during this time.

If you would like to discuss any matter, please feel free to contact me.

- Matt Veldran
Dane County Supervisor, District 7
veldran@co.dane.wi.us
(H) 608-271-0722 (C) 608-235-8369

No Ancora MNA Social Hours

Last month's newsletter reported that there would be an MNA effort to set up Wednesday morning social hours at Ancora Coffeehouse in the Meadowood Shopping Center starting in December but this has not worked out and we do not anticipate trying this again any time in the near future. We regret any inconvenience.

MNA Upcoming Events - Save the Dates

Bingo Party - Saturday, January 26th (details page 1)
Golfland Party - Saturday, March 1 (details page 1)
Neighborhood Garage Sale - Saturday, May 17
July 4th Picnic - Elver Park
Mallards Game - summer date tba
Membership Drive - September
Holiday Activity - December date tba

How is the Meadowood Neighborhood Association doing?

Please contact your Area Rep (listed on page 1) and speak up. Or email: mnaboard@meadowoodneighbors.org or president@meadowoodneighbors.org
Any ideas or suggestions for the newsletter? Contact the *Meadowood* editor at mw.na60rs@yahoo.com.
Any ideas or suggestions for the website? Email webmaster@meadowoodneighbors.org

Note: Madison District 20 Alderperson Thuy Pham-Remmele's newsletter column will return in the next issue (in April)

