

# MEADOWOOD

Newsletter of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association, Inc.  
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[www.meadowoodneighborhood.org](http://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org)

## President's Message – Terry Evanson

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Welcome to our newest Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) Board members! Tyler Rehm and Sara Wagner (also newlyweds) now represent Area 5; Lisa Veldran (a returning board veteran) represents Area 6; Diane Berry and Gene Masters represent Area 10. A huge thank you to these newest board members for volunteering to help our neighborhood. The overall health and well-being of neighborhoods depends upon the active involvement of the residents.

Our 2018 membership drive continues through this month. Please support your neighborhood by joining MNA. If you miss your area representative or block captain, join on-line at <https://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/joinold>. All 2017 members will receive the new membership directory; anyone joining for 2018 will also receive the directory.

I'd like to take this opportunity to pat the MNA Board on the back. The Board developed a number of goals for 2017, most of which have been accomplished. We have improved outreach to the neighborhood through the use of our MNA Facebook page, Nextdoor Meadowood and our redesigned web site. We developed a Welcome Packet for neighbors moving into Meadowood. We had seven vacancies on our board last November; volunteers have stepped forward to fill four of those. Hopefully you've taken a few minutes to fill out our neighborhood survey and let us know what matters to you and communicate your ideas for our community.

The board will consider the survey results at our November planning meeting. We will be choosing projects to support and we hope to target grant opportunities in the coming year to accomplish those projects. Sheray Wallace, Area 13 Representative, has recently applied for a grant to support her community health work at the Meadowridge Library. As a Community Health Worker, Sheray is helping neighbors with health coaching, care coordination, health education, etc. Come and see her at the library on Wednesdays and Fridays.

We are excited that Common Wealth Development will soon open an office on Raymond Road. Common Wealth is contributing significantly to the well-being and stability of our neighborhood by providing affordable rental housing to low and moderate-income households. Common Wealth has purchased and renovated 35 apartments in the vicinity of Raymond Road. Permanent staff in Meadowood will help facilitate the excellent work Common Wealth is accomplishing here.

We wish everyone a wonderful and safe holiday season. As we celebrate the year end festivities, take time to wish your neighbors well and contribute to the good will of our community.

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)

Area 5: Tyler Rehm & Sara Wagner, [tylerrehm@gmail.com](mailto:tylerrehm@gmail.com)

Area 6: Lisa Veldran, [lveldran@yahoo.com](mailto:lveldran@yahoo.com)

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: Diane Berry & Gene Masters, [dianexberry@gmail.com](mailto:dianexberry@gmail.com)

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

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

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

Areas 14 and 15: VACANT

Member at Large: Kristen Schoepke

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

## Stix Law Office Closing December 31, 2017

(Submitted by Sally Stix, MNA Board Member)

I will be moving out of my office, 700 Rayovac Dr., by the end of the year. I need to find new home(s) for its contents. I have numerous office furniture and equipment, computer(s), desks, copier/scanner/printer, fax machine, chairs, conference room table, shelving, most of which I will likely give away. I am looking to donate to a Meadowood (or nearby) non-profits, including MNA.

I won't be ready for people to come to the office to look until after Thanksgiving, but the next *Meadowood* newsletter doesn't come out until January 2018. I want the groups in my neighborhood to have the first notice and chance.

Feel free to email me at [sastix@tds.net](mailto:sastix@tds.net) if your organization would like to be reminded in November. I also put some pictures on 'Nextdoor Meadowood' and am happy to post more.

## Upcoming Meadowood Neighborhood Association Events:

Mid-December, 2017: Community Supper at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Mid-February, 2018: Watch for news on the neighborhood association's annual Bingo Party!

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

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

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## Meadowridge Health Partnership

### Join us at the Meadowridge Library!

The Meadowood Health Partnership is now providing the following services at the Meadowridge Library:

- ◆ Health Promotion and Health Coaching
- ◆ System Navigation
- ◆ Home Base Support
- ◆ Outreach and Community Mobilization
- ◆ Blood Pressure Checks
- ◆ Preventing Diabetes

Community Health Worker: Sheray Wallace

sherayw@yahoo.com

(608) 288-6160

Meadowridge Library, 5726 Raymond Rd.

#### Office Hours:

Wednesday, 10 am—4 pm

Friday, 10 am—1 pm

Health promotion

Empowerment  
Quality of Life  
Healthy Choices  
Community Health And Wellness

## Meadowood Health Partnership invites you to join our Knitting/Crochet Group

Meadowood  
Neighborhood Center  
5740 Raymond Rd.  
Wednesdays,  
9:30-11:30 am

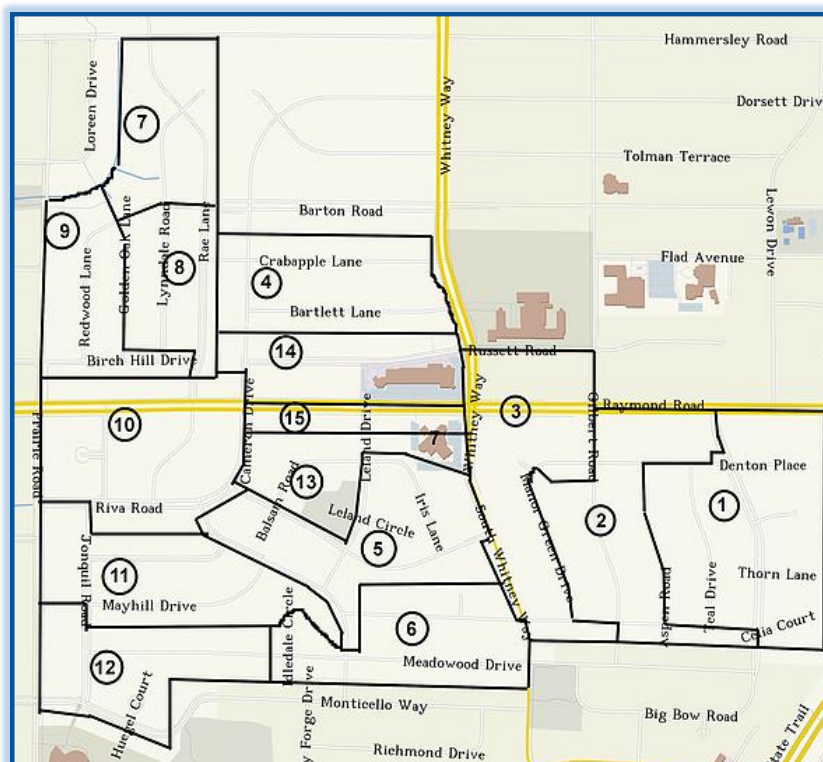


**New to knitting and crochet? No problem!**  
**We will show you everything you need to know.**  
**Please bring your own supplies.**

## Meadowood Neighborhood Map

Did you ever wonder what area the Meadowood neighborhood encompasses? Well, take a look at the map to the right. We straddle both east and west sides of Whitney Way and north and south of Raymond Road.

The Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) is divided into 15 areas, each with its own area representative that occupies a seat on the MNA Board—in addition to a ‘member-at-large’ position. Page 1 of this newsletter lists the names and email addresses of each area representative. In addition to the 15 MNA area representatives, some streets are also served by ‘block captains’ who help out with distributing the newsletter or with the annual membership drive.



## Hello Meadowood Neighbors!

I have seen many, many folks keeping their leaves out of the street, or in bags and cleaning out the gutter in front of their homes permitting rainwater to flow to the sewer grates. Thank you! This is very helpful in keeping all those unnecessary nutrients out of our lakes. If you still are raking, please be mindful of keeping the street clear. The lakes are a large priority in the county budget so whatever can be done by all of us, can cut back on resources dedicated to keeping our lakes as clean as possible. There are urban filter projects in this and past budgets to keep the nutrients from flowing into the lakes, especially from hard surfaces, so the little we can do can go a long way. As we continue to grow downtown there are more non-impervious surfaces created, which becomes an ongoing challenge to have clean lakes.



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

Other parts of the County Executive Parisi's budget as of this writing are being reviewed by the county board and will be passed in mid-November. As I have previously written, the largest part of next year's budget will be funding for a new jail. It will become the largest building project in the Dane County's history and it is not being taken lightly by me. There will be *less* beds than there are now for the general population. We will finally close the antiquated and dangerous jail in the City-County Building, we will create more beds to separate youthful offenders, mentally ill people that are sent to jail because there is no other place for them to go after they have been arrested. We will also close the Huber Center, so all inmates will be housed in one building.

We will also be exploring the possibility of a separate building for mentally ill arrestees who can be treated to reduce harm to themselves and others while incarcerated. This approach has been successfully used in other cities and are commonly known as Crisis Response Centers.

We also continue to invest in adding resources for our older population through various programming to keep them involved in the community, such as the weekly senior lunch at the Meadowood Neighborhood Center, expanding case management services and adding needed transportation funding to access senior centers. Other human service areas are the continual support and expansion of mental health programs, for all ages. The Beacon is now open, and it is successful addressing the needs for the homeless. There are many programs in place, which are mainly staffed by volunteers alongside professionals. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Beacon.

There are funds proposed to expand the bicycle trails; the connection to the Glacial Drumlin State Trail from Cottage Gove and the Madison's east side, begin a connection on the north side of lake Mendota. There are also many road expansion projects in the budget, of interest is the continued improvement of Highway PD and Highway M.

Finally, I want to point out that currently in the County Executive's budget is proposal to add a Vehicle Registration Fee of \$28, starting next October. I am not comfortable with it and it is one of the most regressive taxes that can be levied. It is addressing the numerous road projects that are needed as the funds must be used for transportation expenses and we have been getting road aids from the state. It exists in a number of cities and counties in Wisconsin.

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

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## Don't Fall for Impostors' Scams

From: *Madison Gas and Electric*



your community energy company

MGE customers are reporting fraudulent calls from impostors claiming to work for MGE. These impostors attempt to collect money for past-due accounts and/or upgrades or repairs to utility meters. The scammers give instructions to pay with a prepaid debit card or with a wire transfer and often threaten immediate disconnection. **This is not MGE.**

### On the phone:

Ask for identification. Pull out your most recent MGE bill and ask the caller to tell you the account number and the amount due. If you don't have your bill handy, ask for the name on the account, the account address, and the exact balance. If the individual cannot provide this information, it isn't MGE. If you suspect the call may be fraudulent, hang up and call us at 608-252-7222.

When customers are behind in their payment, MGE provides past-due notification in writing before service is shut off for nonpayment. When customers call MGE for billing inquiries, employees will always be able to provide account information and the exact balance due.



**Do not provide your Social Security number, credit card numbers or bank account information to anyone who requests the information during an unsolicited phone call.**

### At your home or business:

Ask for identification.

All MGE employees and contractors working for us are required to carry a **Company ID card** with their name and photo prominently displayed. Ask for it. Don't let anyone enter your home if he or she cannot show you proof of identification. If someone comes to your door claiming to be from MGE and you aren't sure, call us at 608-252-7222 to verify the person works for MGE. Look for our uniform. While not all MGE employees wear uniforms, our field service people, who are most likely to request access to your home, wear uniforms with an MGE logo sewn on. MGE employees who access your home typically drive a clearly identifiable white and green MGE vehicle as well.

### Don't be fooled:

MGE will not ask for money to replace or work on your meter.

MGE meters will not blow up if you use a lot of power.

MGE does not charge for line clearance work. Do not pay for tree-trimming work by individuals claiming to be from MGE or an MGE contractor.

MGE will not attempt to collect a bill payment at customers' homes or businesses.

### Help stop impostors from trying to victimize others.

If you've been approached, please:

Call your local police department. In Dane County, call 608-245-3662.

File a complaint with the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

Let's stop these people before others can be hurt!

Thank you for your help.

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## Want to save energy?

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- Use calculators to estimate your savings
- Download your past energy use
- View energy-saving brochures
- Learn about Focus on Energy



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### Electronics Recycling

Madison Area Rehabilitation Centers (MARC) is part of the CyclePoint Network from SourceAmerica.



CyclePoint from SourceAmerica is the nation’s electronics recycling network that ensures your personal and business data security, maintains chain of custody of your material, provides documentation of destruction and end-of-life environmental management, all while providing sustainable jobs for people with significant disabilities.

What electronics can I recycle? Accepted items include:

- Televisions \*
- Computers
- Laptop computers
- Notebooks
- Servers
- Routers
- Modems
- Network cards
- Computer accessories
- Printers \*
- Copiers \*
- Facsimile machines \*
- Image scanners
- 
- Monitors \*
- Mobile phones
- Telephones
- Digital cameras and projectors
- Digital audio players
- DVD players
- Video cassette recorders
- Video game systems
- Video display devices
- Game controllers
- Signal converter boxes
- Cable and satellite receivers
- GPS devices

Drop off M-F, 8 am—3 pm at 805 Forward Drive, Madison, WI. Phone 608-273-3630

*This article was submitted by Randy Klein, Program Director for MARC, who writes, "This is a great way for your residents to dispose of unwanted electronics and create employment opportunities for people with disabilities!"*

### FUN WITH PUZZLES

Submission from the 'Meadowood' editor

In my spare time, I enjoy the challenge of puzzles. One of my favorites is **Kakuro**. Here are the rules...

Just like in sudoku, fill in the grid with the digits from 1 to 9. Each group of digits must add up to the number that is just to the left or above it. No group can repeat the same digit twice. Although they are aligned vertically or horizontally, a group does not necessarily span the whole column or row. This means that although you may not repeat a digit within a group, you may repeat it within a column or row. There is no requirement to use all of the digits.

