

# MEADOWOOD

## Meadowood Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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

### President's Message from Lisa Veldran You're Welcome!

If you're like me, maybe you've been shying away from involvement in your neighborhood association. Having lived in the neighborhood 11 years, I've attended the July 4 bike parade with my children and the picnic at Elver Park, sent letters to Santa and had him visit our house, and stuck a Slow Down sign in my yard. But until I joined the MNA Board a year ago, I figured the old guard – those who've been on the Board for years – had things well in hand and I had nothing to contribute. What could I say that hadn't been said already? Besides, as you well know, you and I are busy people.....

In fact, I'm not finding service on the MNA Board to be intimidating or overly time consuming. I'm really enjoying it. It's causing me to think about where we live in a new way, and to connect with neighbors differently. As someone with plans to raise our children here and to be carried out of my house feet first at a ripe old age, I feel a strong connection to this neighborhood. I know our previous generations of neighbors felt this way, and I imagine you do too. Being active in our neighborhood is, for me, a way to honor its past and foster its future.

On behalf of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association Board, we invite you to attend our meetings to find out what's going on and to give your input. We also encourage you to stick your toe in the water to see whether becoming more involved in your neighborhood association suits you by considering serving on the neighborhood association board.

Maybe service on the MNA Board is something you would consider in the future, or perhaps you're interested in other opportunities like these:

\* Attending the July 4<sup>th</sup> Bike Parade and Picnic at Elver Park

\* Taking on a leadership role by becoming an area representative

\* Working with your neighbors and elected officials to advocate for safe neighborhood initiatives

\* Writing a newsletter article about your experience or knowledge as a Meadowood Neighborhood Association resident

\* Slowing traffic on your street

\* Taking on a fun or challenging project that interest you

**You're welcome!** For more information or to discuss ways to become involved, please check out the MNA website at [www.meadowoodneighbors.org](http://www.meadowoodneighbors.org) or contact any Board member. (\*With much thanks to Cheryl

### Membership

#### MNA Annual Membership Drive

We encourage you to join the Meadowood Neighborhood Association during the September membership drive. An annual family membership is **still only \$5** and covers multiple MNA activities through out the year, including the traditional July 4th picnic and bike parade, Santa visit to Meadowood children in December, the *Meadowood* newsletter and other activities throughout the year.

Become a member! It's easy – block captains will be canvassing on your street in September.

#### Did You Know?

The Meadowood Neighborhood Association was organized on July 11, 1958 with the purpose of to "work for community betterment" and to "promote fellowship".

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### West Police District Newsletter

The West Police District Newsletter is available on-line at :  
<http://www.cityofmadison.com/police/westNews/newsletters.htm>

## Voter Registration Month



The Madison Common Council is declared *Voter Registration Month* for September 10 through October 10. Madison residents can register to vote at the City Clerk's Office, any Madison Public Library, or any Madison Fire Station. No proof of residence is needed during this Open Registration period. The names of voters who have registered in advance will be printed on the November 4 poll lists, saving voters time on Election Day.

You can check the status of your voter registration online at <http://vpa.wi.gov>.

Eligible voters can also be deputized to register their neighbors to vote. For more information, see [www.cityofmadison.com/election/deputy/Registration/](http://www.cityofmadison.com/election/deputy/Registration/).

## Meadowood Neighborhood Association July 4th Children's Bike Parade

Submitted by Dottie Loehrer



Approximately 70 children turned out for the July 4 Children's Parade in Meadowood. This year's theme was "Golden Anniversary" in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association. A number of children did follow the theme in their decorating. Cash prizes and ribbons were awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd

place winners in each age category and group. Every participant was given a special treat. The Madison fire truck led the parade afterwards. The firefighters allowed children to climb inside the truck. It was the high point for the event. Thanks to Andy Halada for the signs. Also thanks to Linda and Bob Rabehl, Tim Johnson and Dottie Loehrer who were judges

## Madison Parks Division Newsletter

Here's the link to latest installment of the Madison Parks newsletter. If gas prices have led you to cancel your family's vacation, learn about some fun Madison "Stay-cation" packages. *Enjoy your Madison Parks!*

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/newsletter/2008%20July.pdf>

## Neighborhood Timebank Kickoff

Were you looking for someone to help shovel all that snow last winter? Can you use some help with a minor house repair? Can you help weed a garden? Can you spend some time reading to someone?

Please plan on attending the **Neighborhood Timebank Kickoff on Monday, September 15, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at Toki Middle School (All-Purpose Room)** to learn about timebanking and the benefits to our Meadowood Neighborhood. Look for the flyer with this issue of the newsletter.

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## Meadowood Neighborhood Association Election Results from July 4th Picnic

The following individuals were elected to the 2008-2009 Meadowood Neighborhood Association Board:

President	Lisa Veldran	271-0722
Vice-President	Lorene Wendricks	271-5054
Treasurer	Bob Rabehl	274-3125
Secretary	Joyce Dingman	244-2665
Area 1	Jane & Dave Ross	271-6696
Area 2	Cheri McKently	271-6359
Area 3	Bob Rabehl	274-3125
Area 4	Dottie Loehrer	271-5994
Area 5	Sheri Rembert	273-0960
Area 6	Lisa Veldran	271-0722
Area 7	Lisa Schultz	271-7831
Area 8	Janice & Mark Bauman	277-0860
Area 9	Dave Glomp	281-9531
Area 10	OPEN	
Area 11	Mary Conlin	271-1320
Area 12	Lorene Wendricks	271-5054
Area 13	OPEN	
Area 14	OPEN	
Area 15	Tim Johnson	274-3461

If you are unsure what area you live in please visit the Meadowood Neighborhood Associate web page under the "About Us" tab.

## From Our Alder – Ald. Thuy Pham-Remmele, District 20

Please visit Ald. Pham-Remmele's website at  
<http://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district20>

Questions? Email: [district20@cityofmadiison.com](mailto:district20@cityofmadiison.com) or Council Office: 266-4071



While we enjoyed perfect weather for the Taste of Madison and Labor Day, these two events also marked the end of summer and the return to school for our children. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer with friends and family.

I am pleased to report that the Community Development Block Grant Commission (CDBG) appropriated funding for three projects in the Southwest Neighborhood Plan:

1. \$27,000 to Community Action Coalition (CAC) for capital enhancements to community gardens in Lucy Lincoln Park and up to 3 new gardens in the area.
2. \$13,000 to the City Parks Division for safety improvements and pedestrian paths at Hammersley Park
3. \$10,000 to Project Home for loans and grants to income-eligible households in targeted areas for security improvements.

To mark the first anniversary of District 20's unprecedented Listening Session with the Madison Police Department (MPD), we held a "Stop-n-Check Revisit" with West District Police on August 7. Captain Jay Lengfeld reported on Calls For Service (CFS) that indicated areas of concern. Police Chief Noble Wray assured us that we will get our fair share of increased police resources. The West District has two new detectives who, for the first time, will also work weekends. A Gang officer has been added to serve both the West and South Districts. We will have a Community Policing Team (CPT) of five officers and one sergeant and a new, 24-hour a day (three shifts) beat officer will be added in February 2009. The MPD has added a human touch to the Self-Reporting procedure, providing citizens with three improved options:

1. Call 245-3662. An officer will return all calls to complete the report.
2. Report online at <https://www.cityofmadison.com/police/SRU/>.
3. Pick up a paper form at any police station, complete and return it by mail or in person.

Please continue to report all criminal activities to help police determine our need for resources. MPD is now assigning case numbers to many quality-of-life problems, which were not recorded in the past.

District 20 received Emerging Neighborhood funding for a

neighborhood center in the former Jacobson Bros. space in Meadowood Mall. A public hearing was held on August 6 to solicit ideas and suggestions from area residents on how to make it a successful gathering place for our community. Madison School & Community Recreation (MSCR) plans to start operation by November. Currently, I am working with City staff and mall businesses to reach a compromise about what youth activities will be offered at this center. I have met with principals of both Toki Middle School and Orchard Ridge Elementary to initiate a partnership between school and community in addressing ongoing problems with unsupervised youths harassing patrons at both the mall and the library. Our community supports public education, is proud of our schools, and expects school staff to partner with us in teaching students to **respect** all community members and property.

The start of fall in Madison also is the beginning of many street repairs. Our district is slated for several intersection modifications: A stop light at Raymond Road & S. Whitney Way, redesigned traffic flows at Hammersley Road & S. Whitney Way, four-way stop signs at Tokay Boulevard & Segoe Road, and a yield sign on Pioneer Road at Westbrook Lane.

Madison is facing a tough budget, and the Mayor is requesting a 5% cut across the board. I'll be devoting the next couple of months to working on a budget that maintains basic services without burdening taxpayers. The Mayor has proposed \$2.5 million in the 2011 budget for Meadowridge Branch Library's expansion and service enhancement. This will increase availability of Internet access, offer more books and media, provide more educational programs, and offer much needed space for neighborhood meetings, and group study and tutoring in the near future.

If you missed our two public meetings and would like to share your input about police services and/or the neighborhood center, questionnaires are still available at Meadowridge Branch Library. Please complete the form(s) and leave at the library's Front Desk.

## Help Prevent Alzheimers's

Submitted by Tim Johnson

UW Hospital sponsors the Wisconsin Registry on Alzheimer's Prevention (WRAP) study. Eligible persons are between 40-65 and either have a parent diagnosed with Alzheimer's and can provide diagnosis documentation OR have a mother who lived to 75 or greater and a father who lived to 70 or greater without evidence of dementia. This second group is the "control group" and they are short on participants. Persons whose parents died younger may also be eligible. WRAP includes memory/cognitive testing and pays \$50 for your initial participation. For information go to <http://www.medsch.wisc.edu/wai> or call in Madison 829-3306, toll free 1-800-417-4169

## From Our Supervisor – Matt Veldran, District 7

Please visit Supv. Veldran's website at

<http://www.countyofdane.us/coboard/supervisorDetail.aspx?district=7>

Questions? Email: [veldran@co.dane.wi.us](mailto:veldran@co.dane.wi.us) or call 271-0722



The Veldrans were able to get away in August for an enjoyable family vacation; I hope everyone else had a chance to enjoy some of the great weather in July and August after a tumultuous start to the summer, remembering the difficult times that some of our neighbors had in June. We now focus on the fall months and what that means to all of us; whether back to school or back to a regular work routine or a continuing and an enjoyable retirement.

I attended alder Pham-Remmele's neighborhood session and had a chance to talk to her afterwards about some ideas that recently came up that can enhance and compliment the proposed neighborhood center in the Meadowood Shopping Center. When I first was elected to the County Board in 2006, I asked various departments about the possibility of such a facility. I was told the county rarely, if at all, "does buildings". But what I have learned is that the county can help with programming in these facilities. Two of my recent appointments can help fill this need at the neighborhood center with some worthwhile programming.

I was appointed to the Dane County Youth Commission. At a retreat, we discussed how to continue to reach out to our youth in different ways. One way that was discussed was mentoring. I heard the exact same words at the meeting and am excited as our plans on the Youth Commission emerge that we can help fulfill a role. The commission also has a subcommittee made up of youth from around the county. They meet regularly downtown, but we also discussed the possibility of moving their meetings around the

county and in Madison. I thought what a great place to occasionally host a meeting! One of the other pleasant surprises that I encountered on the commission was that former Toki Middle School Principal Joe Gothard is also serving. This may make for a great opportunity to discuss different possibilities for the center.

I also am a member of UW Extension Committee. While one of the main focuses is on various rural issues, it also spends a considerable amount of time concentrating on nutrition and financial education. This is another possibility for using the center to run occasional seminars that can be targeted to a variety of audiences. It also oversees 4-H, so there may be a possibility to use the space as well for some of its activities.

The county board will soon be receiving County Executive Falk's budget which will present obvious challenges. I just concluded attending initial public hearings on the budget. While there are certain to be overall departmental cuts, I will make sure that the budget priorities the Sheriff's Department, the 911 center and the Human Service department are honored. I will also work to keep our roads and infrastructure maintained as well as preserving Dane County's natural resources.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that one of the easiest things we can all do to protect our lakes is to keep leaves and other debris out of the gutters and off the streets so the nutrients do not end up in our lakes.

### Thank you to our Neighborhood Businesses!

First, a **BIG THANKS** to **Dave Glomp** for all his hard work in procuring our door prizes this year for the 4th of July Picnic.

The Meadowood Neighborhood Association asks that you visit the following businesses that so graciously donated prizes:

J.T. Whitney's	Best Cleaners
Bavarian Sausage & Cheese Haus	Cub Foods
J.W. Jung Seed Company	Anchor Bank
Touch of Class Hairstyling	Walgreens
Vitense Golfland	Target
Gino's Italian Deli	MC Sports
Pancake Café	Ace Hardware
Copper Top Restaurant	Woodman's Food
Ten Pin Alley	Liquor Towne
Griff's Restaurant	Copp's
Curves	M & I Bank
Babe's Restaurant	Home Depot
Klinke's Cleaners	Picasso's Pizza
Staples Office Center	Wisconsin Community Bank
Subway Restaurant (on Schroeder Road)	
Pizza Extreme	

### 2008-2009 Meadowood Neighborhood Association Events

Please mark you calendars for the following events in 2008-2009

Santa Visit	December 13, 2008
Bingo Party	January 24, 2009
Vitense Golf Event	March 7, 2009
Meadowood Garage Sale	May 16, 2009
July 4th Bike Parade & Picnic	July 4, 2009

Meadowood Neighborhood Association meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of every month starting at 7 p.m. at the West Police District Station. You are welcome to attend!