

# MEADOWOOD

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## President's Message – Terry Evanson

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It has been my honor and privilege to serve as MNA Board President for the past 7 years and getting to know so many Meadowood residents. I have deep appreciation for those who work tirelessly to serve our community, such as the officers and staff at the West District Police office, the library, MSCR neighborhood center, local churches, the business owners and managers at the Meadowridge Shopping Center, alder persons and government officials. Mike Edmonds, MNA Vice-President, has kindly agreed to run for President and lead the MNA Board in the coming year. I will continue to serve as Area 9 representative.

A huge thank you to **Diane Triplett**, who created and maintained a lovely garden beneath the Meadowood welcome sign on Whitney Way last year and has volunteered to continue caring for that garden this year. **Sheray Wallace** organized a Gathering for Peace, to stop violence and protect children that was held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on May 17<sup>th</sup> for all Meadowood residents. That event was staffed by dozens of volunteers. I invite you to volunteer your efforts to make our neighborhood safe, inviting, and inclusive. Consider joining our board or helping with neighborhood events. Contact us at [MNABoard1@gmail.com](mailto:MNABoard1@gmail.com) with ways you'd like to help improve and strengthen our neighborhood.

We are truly excited about **Make Music Madison on June 21<sup>st</sup> in Meadowood Park**. The festivities take place from 5 to 9 p.m. Our line-up includes Dead Sea Squirrels, Old Black Joe and the Third Rail Sparks Blues Band, and Adam Bowen. Bring chairs, your friends and family, and enjoy a summer evening.

**Saturday, August 19, noon to 2 pm is MNA's Annual Meeting and Picnic in Meadowood Park**. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. Vote for 2023/24 MNA Board members and officers. New officers are running for President, Vice-President and Treasurer this year, as described elsewhere in this newsletter. If you are not a 2023 MNA member, you are invited to become a member by joining here: <https://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/membership> or join at the picnic. Annual dues are \$10/household.

**Parks Alive is back in Meadowood Park this summer!** Enjoy family friendly events and food carts on these Wednesday evenings: June 28, July 12, July 26, and August 9 from 5 – 8 p.m.

A huge thank you to Maggie Dugan, Janice Bauman and Heidi Wiley for making our Garage Sale on May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> so successful. Thanks to all who participated and those who shopped!



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**, [maggiedugan24@gmail.com](mailto:maggiedugan24@gmail.com)
- Area 2: Miguel Benson & Sammy Clevenger, [miguel.a.benson@gmail.com](mailto:miguel.a.benson@gmail.com)
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- Areas 14 and 15: VACANT
- Member at Large: Lisa Schulz, [buttonldy@aol.com](mailto:buttonldy@aol.com)
- MNA Board Treasurer: Nick Baxter, [nickbaxter1992@gmail.com](mailto:nickbaxter1992@gmail.com)

Two (2) 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](http://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/contact-us)

## 2023 Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) Events:

**Wednesday, June 21, 5:00-9:00 pm:** Make Music Madison, Meadowood Park, Hosted by Meadowood Neighborhood Assn.

**Saturday, August 19, 12:00-2:00 pm:** MNA Annual Meeting and Picnic, Meadowood Park

**June 28, July 12, July 26, August 9, 5:00-8:00 pm:** Parks Alive, a family friendly events and food carts at Meadowood Park, June 28, 2023

For updates on additional events in the Meadowood area, please refer to the 'Events' page of the MNA website: [meadowoodneighborhood.org/events](http://meadowoodneighborhood.org/events)

## Rock Your Block!

You can help create a sense of community and togetherness in Meadowood by hosting a Block Party. There are many new residents in Meadowood, and you might not have met them yet. Hosting a block party is as easy as serving coffee/lemonade/other liquid along with donuts in your driveway on a Saturday or Sunday morning or holding a potluck on a summer or autumn evening. Create a small flyer announcing your block party and distribute it to the homes on your block. You decide what constitutes your block of neighbors. Even better, include another family or two from your block in the planning process. Consider inviting your MNA Board representative - just email the time and date of your block party to [MNABoard1@gmail.com](mailto:MNABoard1@gmail.com).



**Wednesday, June 21, 2023**

**6pm to 9 pm**

**Meadowood Park, 5810 Thrush Lane**

**Rain or Shine!**

*(in case of rain event will be moved to  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 5701 Raymond Road)*

**This event is FREE and OPEN to ALL!**

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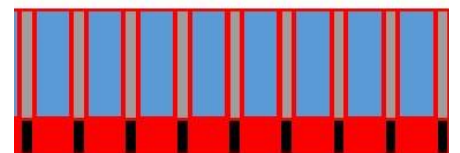
Make Music Madison is a free, citywide day of music held annually on June 21st, the longest day of the year. Initiated in Madison in 2013, our festival is part of the larger Make Music Day, an international summer solstice music celebration occurring in 1,000+ cities across the globe. Each year, coffee shops, restaurants, retail shops, centers of worship, front porches, parks, and other locations across Madison fill with music for everyone to enjoy!

**We've got a terrific lineup of musicians this year at Meadowood Park!**  
Bring your own chair or blanket and enjoy an evening of music to celebrate the Summer Solstice.

**6pm Dead Sea Squirrels**  
**Folk, classic rock and blues duet**

**7pm Old Black Joe and the Third Rail Sparks Blues Band**  
**Traditional Chicago Style blues band**

**8pm Adam Bowen**  
**Indie-folk singer/songwriter**



## The Poet on Kroncke Drive

*(Article submission from Lisa Veldran)*

Meet Meadowood neighbor Heidi Schultz, currently best known for her poetry that she shares with neighbors as they walk up and down the 5700 block of Kroncke Drive. Heidi moved to Kroncke Drive in October 1997 with her two sons, Zack and Taryn. In 2009 she expanded the family with her marriage to husband Andy Schultz and daughter Sam. Heidi is also a 4K school teacher with MMSD.

Heidi has written poetry on and off for several years but became much more intentional with her writing during the pandemic. She recalled seeing a story about poetry walks in Oregon and with that thought in mind repurposed a box into an outside hanging frame in which she placed her own poems. Her poetry allowed her to connect in a unique way with neighbors during the time of the pandemic and the need for social distancing. She interchanged the poems throughout those many months and continues this practice today. Her poems revolve around nature and what is happening in the world today. She looks forward to continuing to write poetry but also has plans to write and publish children's books in the future.

Thank you to Heidi for connecting our Meadowood neighborhood and neighbors with your poetry!

### Revival

*by Heidi Schultz*

The trees have such patience.  
They do not hold the reluctance we do  
to let go, to change, to shed the old while  
they wait for the new.  
And do they know that the spring will  
return to them,  
dressing them in a jade sea  
of promise and prosperity?  
Or do they just let pieces of themselves fall,  
and let their branches carry them through  
the riptide of the great wide open?  
Why can't we do the same?  
We abhor the wait, lamenting our losses  
While praying for the end of one season  
And the beginning of another.  
And then inevitably we will forget the winter  
As we revel in the splendor  
Of the brand new days.



## Meadowood Neighborhood Association's Annual Community Picnic



It's that time of year again - finally! The weather is slowly warming, the birds are chirping and the dandelions are sprouting. That means it's time for a picnic!

Come one, come all to the annual Meadowood Community Picnic!

**Date: Saturday, August 19th, 2023**

**Time: Noon - 2:00 p.m.**

**Location: Meadowood Park, Leland Dr.**

- Meet your neighbors!
- Meet your Meadowood Neighborhood Association Board Members!
- Find out what is happening in our neighborhood!
- Meet your alderperson! Meet your police liaisons!
- Door prizes to be given away!
- Plenty of food to be served!

**Hope to see you there!**

## 2023 MNA Board Elections

Meadowood Neighborhood Association Board elections will take place on Saturday, August 19, at noon, at our ANNUAL PICNIC AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING in Meadowood Park. MNA works because of the volunteer efforts of people in our neighborhood.

The slate of MNA Officers on this summer's MNA Ballot include:

Mike Edmonds, President  
Jay Close, Vice-President  
Maggie Duggan, Secretary  
Nick Baxter, Treasurer

**PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING AN AREA REPRESENTATIVE and serving on the MNA Board.**

Volunteers to represent **Areas 2 and 10 and one at-large position are needed.** See the [map](#) at this link for the boundaries of Areas 2 and 10. All MNA members over 18 years of age are eligible to run for any Board position, with priority given to candidates from each Area. For more information about the duties of each Board member check out the MNA Bylaws at <https://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/>

To be included on the ballot, nominations should be submitted to [MNABoard1@gmail.com](mailto:MNABoard1@gmail.com) or Mike Edmonds at [m.edmonds@sbcglobal.net](mailto:m.edmonds@sbcglobal.net) by August 12. The ballots will also have a write-in option for each position at the time of the election.

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## Remembering Linda Mathis Rose

Linda Denise Mathis Rose, age 65, passed away May 6, 2023 with her husband Gerard Rose and friends at her side. Linda earned both her Bachelor of Art and Masters of Art from the UW Madison and taught art at Hamilton Middle School. As one of the first African American teachers at Hamilton Middle School, African American students gravitated to Linda who was their safe haven providing them advising, mentoring, support, empathy, and sympathy. After 28 years as a dedicated teacher, she retired in 2013.

Linda's passion for art included painting in oils and acrylics, sculpting, and making jewelry. She was honored with many awards, including sharing first place in the Pure Black Art Exhibit at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She is also known for her many murals around town, including her newest at the Madison College South Campus.

Besides art, Linda and her husband, Gerard Rose, enjoyed playing tennis, bicycling, walks in nature and serving as DJs on WORT, where Linda was known as Lady L, providing the best soul music on the planet.

Linda and Gerard have lived in the Meadowood neighborhood for many years. Some of her artwork is evident around the neighborhood. Several years ago, Linda engaged school youngsters at the Meadowood Park with painting the Meadowood Neighborhood Association – sponsored Little Free Library (pictured to the right).



## Hello!

Greetings! After multiple trip cancellations, I finally made it to Puerto Rico to spend a few weeks with family and friends but mainly to recharge. Self-care is always important but, at times, difficult to fit in. The trips to the beach to catch the sunrise or the sunset were vital to helping me focus on the present and to clear my mind. I stayed on top of emails and committee meetings. Still, I didn't miss the opportunities to connect with nature, either by going out for walks or enjoying freshly picked fruits and vegetables. This time of the year on the island, "mangotín" (little mango—a sweeter and portion-size version of a mango) can be found everywhere, as well as passion fruits and avocados. Finding time to enjoy all the beauty Madison also offers is imperative for our mental health and relaxation. See you at Saturday's Farmers Market!!

I am excited to get back into the swing of things. For this term, my committee assignments look very different. I will continue to serve on the Board of Parks, but everything else is a new challenge. The committees are: the Board of Public Health, Room Tax, Parks, Planned Commission (PC) & Common Council Executive Committee (CCEC)

There is so much to learn at PC; we have already had two meetings, and staff and other commissioners have been very welcoming and responsive to all my questions. There is so much going on with city parks; I enjoy working with Staff and the Board on ideas to make services more inclusive and fun! Looking forward to my first meeting with the Board of Public Health & Room Tax; the agendas are already out.

Transportation and Finance meetings are too important to ignore; I strongly recommend engaging with the city by watching meetings on topics that interest you. The budget season started in April and will continue over several months. Last week's Transportation Commission meeting had an excellent discussion about the Metro redesign. You can see the clip here: <https://media.cityofmadison.com/Mediasite/Showcase/madison-city-channel/Presentation/bd7950dcd21f435fa430a39381d8f9851d?playfrom=364000>

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Alder Yvette Figueroa Cole  
District 10

## Save Energy This Summer

From Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE)

Regardless of the season, safe and reliable electricity is an essential part of our daily lives. Utilities like MGE work to provide power to all customers 24/7, including when demand for power is at its highest—for example, on the hottest day of the year when everyone is cooling their households and businesses. Learn more about how you can reduce your energy use and stay comfortable at home this summer.

### Top Tips to Save Energy This Summer

Set your thermostat at 78°F or higher, if health permits, and turn off or set your air conditioner to 85°F when no one is home.

Use shades and drapes to block out direct sunlight during the day.

Cook outside or with a microwave oven instead of a stove.

Use a whole house fan, room fans or ceiling fans instead of air-conditioning.

Turn off appliances including computers and televisions when not in use.

Reduce humidity by reducing sources of moisture, such as running exhaust fans after showering and cooking and using an ENERGY STAR®-rated dehumidifier.



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Visit [mge2050.com](https://mge2050.com) to learn more about our carbon reduction goals and to get more energy-saving tips.

### — Article by Yannette Figueroa Cole, continued from previous page —

In April, I went to Captain Zanders's open house; this was the first time we met in person; he is welcoming and eager to immerse himself in the community as the new lead for the South district. Captain Beckett at West, Captain Freedman at Midtown, and Captain Zanders at South districts cover the District 10 area. I attend regular meetings at each district; together, we look for solutions to streamline processes and improve participation from community members that don't usually connect or have their voices heard.

It is going to be a busy term! There is so much going on in the city in the areas of Transportation, Housing, Planning, and more! I am honored to serve the city and district. Join me on this ride! Register for my blog, email me, or call. Please don't hesitate to reach out. Have a wonderful summer!

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