

# 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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"Time spent building community is never wasted time". I have recently had the pleasure of talking with many of you face-to-face as I've solicited your support of Meadowood neighborhood during our 2023 MNA membership drive. Building community requires hard work and perseverance but it is worth the time and effort. It takes the combined efforts of us all to make our neighborhood a safe, livable, inviting, inclusive community where all individuals and families can thrive. I love the diversity of longevity in our neighborhood – some of you have lived here since the early 1960s and live today in the home you grew up in; others have been here only a year or two. Most residents are enthusiastic about Meadowood.

The main concerns voiced to me had to do with people speeding in the neighborhood. The City of Madison is implementing "Vision Zero" to reduce car caused pedestrian and biking deaths to zero. The speed limits on Prairie Road and South Whitney Way have been reduced to 25 mph and to 20 mph on all residential streets in Meadowood between Prairie Rd and South Whitney Way north of Raymond Road. Please obey the speed limits and keep everyone safe.

A meeting to discuss possible improvements to Meadowood Park took place Sept. 28. The meeting included nearby residents, MNA Board members and Chad Hughes, city supervisor of West Madison Parks. Some of the topics discussed included: replacing and upgrading playground equipment, increased benches near the basketball court and a shorter hoop for young players, and installation of a small splash pad. Any future improvements require city budget initiatives. Interactions with city staff and long-term planning for Meadowood is one of the benefits of an engaged neighborhood association.

The Madison Public Library is starting a community engagement process for trends and growth of the west side community libraries, which includes Meadowridge Library. Community conversations are beginning with neighborhood associations and will expand to the community at large. A similar plan was completed for the Eastside libraries, which can be viewed [here](#).

Meadowood Health Partnership continues to be a force for good in our neighborhood. MHP, founded and lead by Sheray Wallace, offers resources to low-income residents with needs ranging from eviction prevention, help with utility bills, food security, prenatal care/support, medical supplies, health services and more. If you know of someone in need of these services, go to MHP's [website](#).

[Join MNA today](#) and participate in building 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:

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

## Friends of Meadowridge Library Annual Pie Sale

**Tuesday, November 22, 2022; 10am - 2pm  
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](mailto: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).



## Jacky Byrnes - Meadowridge Library Volunteer

Ever wonder who volunteers to do the most successful fundraiser, the Annual Pie Sale, for the Meadowridge Library? That wonderful volunteer is Jacky Byrnes, board member with the Friends of Meadowridge Library, who coordinates and staffs this event in November every year.

Jacky has lived in the Meadowood neighborhood for over 30 years and was an employee at the Meadowridge Library for over 10 years. The Annual Pie Sale has been in existence for several years (at least since the 1990's) and has been the Friends of Meadowridge Library's most successful fundraiser. Jacky says the best part of volunteering for this event is that it makes money that goes directly to our library for programming, furniture, materials, etc.

- Favorite Author: Jodi Picoult
- Favorite Food: Cheesecake
- Favorite Thing to Do: Read!

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## Hola!

The holidays are around the corner! Wishing your plans include lots of quality time with your loved ones! I am looking forward to Accion de Gracias, Navidad, and Three Wise Men's Day! In Puerto Rico, the celebration starts Thanksgiving Day and ends with las Octavitas. After the last couple of years of isolation and Zoom parties, I am ready to celebrate and spend the best season of the year surrounded by my Madison tribe.

Last month we celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month, check out the blog series packed with information, stories, podcasts, books, and movies! October's blog also highlighted Domestic Abuse Awareness. DAIS launched a new 24/7 Text Line at (608) 420-4638 and Unidos Against Domestic Violence continues to highlight the importance each of us play in ending this pandemic that plagues our community.

The mayor's executive budget was released; stay informed by visiting the city's Finance budget page. In a couple of weeks, a new blog will be released similar to last year's "Let's Talk Budget" blog. Finance also provided an overview in this session. Amendments to the operating budget are in full swing. The amendment process requires lots of research, long days, and collaboration.

This year, I have had the privilege to work with some amazing people, collaboration has been critical in the efforts to allocate funding for services needed across the city and the county. Two matching fund opportunities emerged; Supervisor Castillo & I are sponsoring two Patient Navigators for prenatal care coordination within the Sexual and Reproductive Health Care program and Supervisor Huelsemann & I are requesting funds for the Double Dollars program. Supervisor Wegleitner and the co-sponsorship of several other supervisors made it possible to ensure the men's shelter operations continue after ARPA funds are depleted by allocating funds in the County's budget. These are examples of intentional & collaborative work between City and County officials.

On the city side, I am looking forward to presenting via amendment a much-needed position for a Parks Volunteer Coordinator. Having a structure similar to Olbrich Gardens' dedicated volunteer coordinator for our park's system will improve processes, help us maintain service levels, and save us money. In collaboration with the Police Department, I am also requesting funding to cover the needs for a Traffic & Special Events Coordinator and a Police Data Supervisor, as well as accepting two grants for Community Policing Advisory Boards and Police Wellness Coordination Services. A Third-Party Transport Summer Pilot to evaluate estimated savings for the "to and from" trips to Winnebago Mental Health Institute is also on my list. For more details about these amendments, register to my city blog for upcoming entries.

I want to give a shout-out to Sheray Wallace and the community members that joined us for a discussion about

safety. Thank you for sharing your vulnerability, your experiences, your strength, and your hopes for your neighborhood. A shout out to city staff from Parks & MPD, Public Health, Joining Forces for Families, Allied Wellness Center, Community Services Bridging the Gap, and Community Health Workers. I cannot say this enough, collaboration is key to addressing violence in our communities. It takes all of us to work together to build a village. We heard you and we are committed to working on the solutions presented! I am looking forward to the next meeting. In the meantime, please do not be a stranger; feel free to contact me at 608-318-3838 or via email at [district10@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district10@cityofmadison.com)

Happy Holidays to you all!

Alder Yannette Figueroa Cole (District 10)



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District 10



## Compost Bin Giveaway

The Meadowood Neighborhood Association participated in the City's compost bin giveaway to raise awareness of the great benefits of composting. At our annual membership meeting and picnic held on August 20, 2022 we gave away three compost bins to the following neighbors who entered the raffle:

- Virginia Evans
- Alicia Kennedy
- Meg Aikins

Thank you to our President Terry Evanson for delivering the bins to the winners!

To learn more about composting visit the City of Madison's website: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/compost/howto.cfm>



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**Spring Election Day is April 4, 2023**

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## My Account Offers Convenient Features

*From Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE)*

More customers are enjoying the benefits of MGE's My Account and paperless billing. If you haven't signed up for My Account, read on to learn how you can help save paper, get easy access to your account information and more!

### Sign up for Paperless Billing

You can skip the mailbox and help conserve resources when you sign up for paperless billing. Here's how:

- Log into My Account. Not registered yet? Visit [mge.com/myaccount](http://mge.com/myaccount) to sign up.
- Once you're logged in, go to the Payment and Billing menu on the left. Select Paperless Billing.
- Select the "Edit Paperless Billing" settings button to change your preferences and enroll.
- Read the Terms and Conditions and accept. Your next bill will be sent to your email.

Paperless billing participants get emails with links to important information from MGE, news and updates, along with reminder emails when their bills are ready to view.

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## Explore Hiking Trails in Dane County

*by Mark Bauman*

We are so fortunate to live in the midst of a lot of natural beauty and a huge diversity of landscape right on the edge of Wisconsin's driftless region. And there are some great hiking trails to explore these natural areas, both within the city of Madison and a short drive from the city. If you're not familiar with hiking opportunities in the area, here are some of our favorites:

### Within the city:

- The Arboretum. The Arboretum maintains more than 17 miles of trails through restored prairies, savannas, woodlands, and wetlands. The larger portion of the Arboretum is north of the Beltline, but the southern section is just as pretty, and less busy.
- Pheasant Branch Conservancy. This is actually in Middleton (not Madison). The 3.3 mile loop hike around the conservancy provides a mix of open-water marsh, springs, prairies, meadows, lowland forest and wooded hills.
- Picnic Point / Fraitschi Point. The short walk to the tip of the peninsula known as Picnic Point can be extended by looping back along the northern path to Fraitschi Point and the beautiful wooded area behind Eagle Heights.

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## Dane County Celebrates Successes of Behavioral Health Resource Center

*By Dane County Executive Joe Parisi*

This fall, Dane County's Behavioral Health Resource Center (BHRC) will celebrate its two year anniversary. Our one-stop resource for mental and behavioral health care bridges private and public mental and behavioral health care providers—making it easier for consumers, their families, and providers to navigate care and advocate for loved ones.

Over the years, the need for behavioral health care has grown in Dane County. Seeing this increasing need, I created the BHRC in the fall of 2019. There has been a nearly 19% increase in call volume at the BHRC from the first year and a record call volume set in March 2022—with 238 calls. The BHRC walks alongside consumers and their families—regardless of insurance coverage, financial status, age, identity, ability, or legal status—helping them continue to navigate the process until appropriate services are available.

BHRC staff size has also grown to meet the needs of our community, from three members when it first opened to nine members today. A total of 3,500 consumers, concerned others, and professionals have been served, and roughly 175 cases are active at any given time.

BHRC staff work tirelessly to destigmatize mental health support by creating alternative approaches to the most commonly thought of intervention types. Peer Support has been incredibly successful and is offered by many organizations throughout our area. Support can exist individually, in support groups, at respite centers, in community centers, related to vocation, and beyond. The BHRC's Peer Support services are short-term and fill the gap of support while individuals work towards connecting to other mental health services.

Across all consumers, the three biggest barriers to treatment are waitlists, insurance limitations, and scheduling/hours. Expanding capacity among current providers and adding providers is vital to getting services in a timely manner. As our community works towards solutions, Dane County remains committed to coordinating care and improving outcomes for residents struggling with mental and behavioral health challenges.



## Explore Hiking Trails in Dane County (CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE)

- Owen Park. This is a hilly park just off Old Sauk Rd. where we've sometimes encountered wild turkeys and other wildlife. During the winter, about 1.6 miles of the park's trails are groomed for cross-country skiing (dogs not allowed).

### **Outside the city:**

- Indian Lake County Park: This is just off Hwy. 12 west and is a fun hike in the fall and winter. We often enjoy visiting the small chapel and the view from the top of the hill overlooking the lake and surrounding countryside.
- Donald County Park: This park just southwest of Verona features a bubbling artesian spring and a good mix of forest and prairie, hills and dales. Or you could climb the rock outcropping known as "Donald Rock".
- Black Hawk Unit, Lower Wisconsin Riverway: Off Hwy. 78 by the Wisconsin River. This is a gorgeous hike any time of year, with an initial climb, then several wooded loop trails (fairly level), totaling anywhere from 3 to 9 miles.
- Brooklyn Segment Ice Age Trail: Just west of Belleville. The trail traverses the Brooklyn State Wildlife Reserve, known for its wetlands with bird-watching opportunities. A great place to hike now that mosquito season is over!
- Table Bluff Segment, Ice Age Trail: North of Cross Plains. This 5-mile out-and-back trail features a sunbathing alligator (it's harmless). We've found some edible wild mushrooms along this trail, so be on the lookout (some can be found all year).

For additional ideas, feel free to contact me or check out the book, **60 Hikes Within 60 Miles of Madison**, by Kevin Revolinski.