

MEADOWWORD

Newsletter of the Meadowood Neighborhood Assn, Inc.
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President's Message –Krista Ralston

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MEADOWORD AND MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

This issue of the *Meadoword** will be distributed to all Meadowood residents. For future issues your household needs to be a dues paying member of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA), and indicate whether you want a hard copy or electronic version of the *Meadoword*. The dues for 2016 are only \$5.00 per household and can be paid to any area representative or block captain, or mailed to the MNA at P.O. Box 45528, Madison, WI 53744-5528. You will receive a 2016 MNA membership card as your receipt. Please include the following information with your payment: **NAMES OF ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS; HOUSEHOLD ADDRESS; TELEPHONE #** (optional); **EMAIL ADDRESS** (optional but required if you want an electronic version of the *Meadoword*).

*Our new Vice President, Sally Stix, will retire as the *Meadoword* editor at the end of the year. The new editor will be Mark Bauman.

AND THE WINNERS ARE: all the Meadowood residents who participated in community building activities this summer! I was gone most of the summer, but I want to sincerely congratulate and thank all of you who came out and joined your neighbors at the many fun and delicious Meadowood Park events, the community gardens, the Meadowridge Library, the Meadowood Neighborhood Community Center, and of course the 4th of July bike parade and MNA annual picnic.

BIKE PARADE RESULTS

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each age group for the bike decorations at the 4th of July parade were:

Ages 0-5: Tianna Phillips, Foster Dunn, and Peter Schweisthal;

Ages 6-8: Keevon Swenson, Izzy Jackson-Marsen, and Callum Mutch;

Ages 9-12: Cam Moll, Ali Moll, and Cox Ashlym;

Groups of 2 or more: the Pence group (Dexter, Addie & Everly); and the Van Horn group (Caleb, Maddie & Reed)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED! It's always fun to see the creative decorations.

MNA BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

The MNA members at the picnic elected the following MNA Board of Directors for 2016:

Officers

President: Krista Ralston

Vice President: Sally Stix

Secretary: Krista Wozniak

Treasurer: Lisa Schulz

Exciting opportunity! Representatives needed!

Area Representatives

Area 1: Sally Stix

Area 2: Krista Ralston

Area 3: [vacant]

Area 4: Dottie Loehrer

Area 5: [vacant]

Area 6: [vacant] (two write-ins who declined the position)

Area 7: Lisa Schulz

Area 8: Mark and Janice Bauman

Area 9: Marty and Terry Evanson

Area 10: Krista Wozniak

Area 11: Linda Kubly

Area 12: Patsy Ragland

Area 13: Sheray Wallace

Area 14: [vacant]

Area 15: [vacant]

Please volunteer to be an Area Representative if you live in one of the vacant areas. (Areas 3, 5, and 6 are located primarily south of Raymond Rd. and west of Gilbert Rd. Areas 14 and 15 include primarily the apartment buildings and duplexes on Russett Rd., Cameron Rd. and the south side of Raymond Rd.)

Matt Veldran, Supervisor

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Fall is almost here!

I hope everyone had good summertime activities if they were far or near, in Madison or throughout Dane County. Autumn is also a great time to enjoy our changing season in one of Dane County's parks.

I participated in listening sessions recently about public transit outside of Madison. We were finding common themes and interest as our county continues to grow including how we can best serve citizens transportation needs into the future. We asked three questions: 1) how could transit benefit your community, 2) what are the transit needs in your community, 3) how could Dane County be a part of it fiscally and thoughts on possible funding of any transit expansion beyond Madison's borders. The subcommittee I served on will be presenting its final report in September. The report will also be available for public review on the Dane County web site.

The county has been active in seeking a wide variety of citizen input on racial disparities in the criminal justice system over the summer through three work groups. They are

concluding their work and will make a formal presentation of suggested changes in the areas of addressing inmates' length of stay, mental health issues and alternatives to incarceration. Watch for that presentation as well.

A county redistricting subcommittee has also been meeting this summer to look at how Dane County draws its supervisory boundaries. It meets on Mondays at the City-County Building (CCB) at 12:00 mainly listening and reviewing different redistricting plans. They will be presenting a formal plan and there will be public hearings around Dane County in the fall, so you will have the opportunity to review any proposals and have your input on the future elections. Dane County Budget department presentations and hearings will take place on **September 9th, starting at 7:00 PM at the CCB for all departments except Human Services. The Human Services budget presentation/hearing will be on September 16th at the Alliant Energy Center Exhibition Hall also starting at 7:00 PM. Both hearings are on Wednesdays.** Please mark your calendar and plan on coming to participate in *your* budget.

Finally, Dane County supervisors will have a new way of communicating with the public! A new supervisor blog and a separate public comment portion will soon be available on the county's website. Of course, if you would like to discuss any issue, concern, please contact me directly!

Message from State Representative Lisa Subeck

Hello neighbors,



I have had the opportunity to meet many of you, but for those I have not met, please let me introduce myself. I am your Representative in the State Assembly. I was elected last November and took office in January, representing the 78th Assembly district. It was really great to see so many of you at the Meadowood Fourth of July picnic last month. I will take this opportunity to share with you news from the state Capitol and information about how to reach me if I may be of assistance to you.

Earlier this summer, the Legislature passed the 2015-2017 state budget, and we are already starting to see some of its impact here in Madison. Some of the impacts of the state budget include:

K-12 Schools: The budget fails to restore the record funding cuts to public schools made over the last 5 years. The Madison, Verona, and Middleton school districts will all see significant reductions to their state aid next year, and the budget expands the statewide school voucher program,

taking taxpayer money from our public schools and sending it to unaccountable private schools.

UW-System: Under this budget, the University of Wisconsin System faces a \$250 million cut and substantial policy changes to tenure, impacting the university's ability to retain the best professors. These cuts impact quality and affordability at UW Madison and throughout the UW System, putting opportunity further out of reach for too many of our state's young people.

Long Term Care: Substantial changes were made to Wisconsin's long-term care programs. Many unanswered questions remain about how changes will be implemented and, even more importantly, how the changes will impact the seniors and individuals with disabilities who rely on Wisconsin's long-term care programs. These changes radically change Dane County's current system of service delivery, as the county is forced to move into the state's FamilyCare program.

Transportation: The transportation budget faces continued problems with no sustainable plan in place to fund our infrastructure needs. Cuts to this budget mean that projects all over the state are seeing delays. This includes the Verona Road Reconstruction project, already underway, which will now see an additional two-year delay, hurting residents and businesses.

Natural Resources: The budget eliminates public funding for the state park system while increasing visitor fees, and will allow the Department of Natural Resources to sell corporate naming rights for state parks. The budget also cuts \$30 million from our state's Stewardship program and shifts the Department of Natural Resources away from research-based conservation policies by cutting 80 positions from the DNR.

I am very disappointed with this budget, as I don't believe it reflects the values of the people of Wisconsin. That said, I remain committed to fighting for our values and creating economic and educational opportunity for all of our state's residents.

With summer in full swing, the past few weeks have been quiet in the Capitol. Our fall floor period is scheduled to start soon. Later this month, all state legislators will be back in Madison to debate another set of bills. I encourage you to sign up for my weekly e-newsletter to stay up to date on the latest news from the Capitol. If you would like to subscribe, you can visit <http://legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/78/subeck> and click "subscribe to my newsletter," email Rep.Subeck@legis.wisconsin.gov, or call my office at 608-266-7521.

As your representative, I am here to help you. If I can be of assistance on any matter so please feel free to call or visit my office at the State Capitol.

**THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING AREA
BUSINESSES FOR THEIR GENEROUS
DONATIONS
FOR THE MEADOWOOD 4TH OF JULY 2015
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COPPS
TOUCH OF CLASS
BABES
COPPERTOP
TEN PIN ALLEY
VINTAGE BREWING COMPANY
LIQUOR TOWNE
ANCHOR BANK
VITENSE GOLF
MICHAEL'S FROZEN CUSTARD
DANE COUNTY CREDIT UNION
WALGREENS
MC SPORTS

**University Houses Preschool
6033 Odana Road, Madison, WI 53719**

Saturday Playgroup

Come along to play, chat and sing with your little ones. Bring a snack and talk to other families while the kids enjoy the toys and dramatic play area.

Saturdays, 10:30- Noon

September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12,
January 9, February 13, March 12, April 9, and May 14.

Bring your friends! Everyone is welcome at this free, fun event.

Dane Co. Executive Joe Parisi

In his Biennial State Budget Governor Walker proposed privatizing our local Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). At Dane County we found this unacceptable. Our local ADRC is a one-stop-shop that connects seniors and the disabled with critical services available to them through various federal, state and community resources. In 2014 alone, the Dane County ADRC had 23,897 consumer contacts helping thousands of Dane County's disabled and elderly.

Governor Walker's budget directed the Department of Health Services to contract with a private provider threatening the current successful locally focused "one-stop-shop" model. The bill also would have eliminated local input and oversight.

The ADRCs are one example of government working well. They help people get the resources they need and navigate through bureaucratic red tape.

After months of work, I am proud to tell you we fought this budget proposal and we won. Our local one-stop-shop will continue to make those critical connections to services. As Dane County Executive, I will continue to work and support our ADRC.

Our commitment to our seniors does not end there. We have many other important services for seniors in Dane County. For example, I created a new Elder Benefits Specialist position to ensure our seniors have timely access to services and information through the ADRC.

Since last year, our Elder Benefits Program has seen a marked increase in the number of seniors needing services and this position will help meet that growing need. The county partners with the federal government and private donations to provide \$1,466,086 to ensure our seniors continue to receive warm meals, served with smiling faces.

Across Dane County we have 26 county supported senior centers. Dane County has many things to offer citizens of all ages. We enjoy an incredible quality of life including world-class bike paths, beautiful lakes and scenic county parks. In fact, our quality of life is so wonderful we are continually nationally recognized as a great place to retire, to raise a family and one of the safest places in the country.

I am very happy to be able to deliver such good news but we could not have done it without you. Thank you to all of you who came who out to the hearings, registered your concerns and/or called your legislators. We must continue our vigilance and ensure that our seniors' golden years are enjoyed and their services remain protected.

responsibility engagement

Help MGE build a community energy company for the future

Our energy world is changing. Madison Gas and Electric's *Building a Community Energy Company for the Future* discussion guide provides a summary look at the complex issues facing our industry today. Explore the guide and share your input as part of MGE's Community Energy Conversations underway throughout our community. Download the discussion guide and make comments at mge.com/conversations. To participate in an MGE small group discussion session facilitated by Justice and Sustainability Associates, email CEC@jsallc.com.

Help us shape your utility of the future.

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Green Madison-Jen Rubin

Madison is currently part of a national competition to win \$5 million dollars. As part of this competition the city kicked off a challenge to help people individually save money by reducing energy consumption and to help the city overall save money by reducing its energy consumption. (A 90 second video of the Madison public launch of this effort: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_sJ2vZWRrU.)

One piece of Green Madison is for homeowners to save money by reducing energy costs in their home. This is possible for all homeowners, not just ones that can afford to invest in solar panels. I am organizing house parties throughout Madison and a contractor will come to each house party and do a short energy assessment to show how a household can minimize energy loss and therefore save money in their home.

Since the city is in this energy reduction contest, Madison is making assessments and retro fits more affordable this year. Anyone who hosts a house party will have the assessment fee waived and anyone who signs up for an assessment this year will pay the greatly reduced \$99 for the assessment (usually about \$400).

Here is a link that provides a bit more information - <http://greenmadison.org/get-involved/energy-house-party/>

MPD's Mounted Patrol

Chief Koval's Blog—authored by Sergeant Erik Fuhremann Community Partnership exists as one of the Core Values of the Madison Police Department. For many years we were incredibly fortunate to partner with Dr. Darren Bean. Under his direction, the MPD became one of the first police agencies in the country to implement 'Cardio Cerebral Resuscitation, or CCR. Today this method has become a standard of first responder training throughout the country. Tragically, Dr. Bean lost his life in a Med Flight helicopter crash in May of 2008. His legacy however, lives on today through the life saving efforts that countless MPD officers administer as emergency first responders. Recently, his wife Stacey began a new partnership with the Madison Police Department to honor his legacy.

On Tuesday, July 21st, 2015, the Madison Police Department introduced the newest member of the Mounted Patrol Team, Police Horse Doctor "B" (Doc) to the public. 'Doc' is a 5 year old Shire that stands 16.3 HH (fancy horse talk for 67 inches tall at the shoulders). Doc weighs in at 1400 lbs which puts him on the small side relative to most of the other 4 horses in the unit. Doc is able to assist his rider with a variety of police functions such as: neighborhood patrol, demonstrations, crowd management, and search & rescue.



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Doc is the first horse to join the Mounted Patrol unit through a horse sponsorship program developed by the 501(c)3 non-profit 'Friends of Madison Mounted Horse Patrol' (www.madisonmounted.org). The purchase price, boarding and veterinary costs associated with Doc will be entirely covered by the non-profit thanks to the generous, ongoing donation of Stacey Bean.

The Mounted Unit is partially funded through the City budget, but is also reliant upon the ongoing fundraising efforts of their volunteer non-profit group to sustain their operational costs. The goal of the unit is to expand the horse sponsorship program to all of the horses in the unit. This partnership between the MPD, 'Friends of Madison Mounted, and Stacey Bean is a shining example of what can be accomplished when we work with members of the community. Dr. Darren Bean's impact continues to be felt and his contributions to this community continue to live on through 'Doc' and Stacey!

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for the MPD's Mounted Patrol please contact Sergeant Erik Fuhremann at efuhremann@cityofmadison.com or 608-266-4590.

Among the highlights is a conversation with renowned author Parker Palmer, whose books on leadership, spirituality and social change have reached millions.

The celebration commemorates the 60th wedding anniversary of John and Tashia Morgridge, who will celebrate the milestone in the building made possible through their vision and support. This event brings a community-wide focus on healthy aging.

"This looks to be an engaging event and a wonderful tribute to John and Tashia Morgridge, who are themselves models of successful aging," says Carol Ryff, director of the UW-Madison Institute on Aging.

The day begins with a special edition of Saturday Science focusing on "super powers." Play learning and memory games, learn about super-powered creatures and try some fun household workouts. The event is ideal for school-age children and families.

Afternoon events focus on seniors and caregivers. How do family relationships affect health later in life? Can aging inspire your creativity? What small steps can make a big impact on health? Explore these ideas and more. For more information contact: Laura Heisler, 608-316-4392, lheisler@morgridge.org

Save the Date!

Dane County Regional Job Fair at the Alliant Energy Center

Wednesday, September 16th,
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
1919 Alliant Energy Center Way

With Jobs in:

Cleaning	Government	Sales
Construction	Healthcare	Skilled Labor
Customer Service	IT	Transportation
Education	Maintenance/Janitorial	Warehouse
Food Service	Manufacturing/Packing	
General Labor	Office/Administrative	

And much more!

CELEBRATION OF HEALTHY AGING

The Morgridge Institute for Research and the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation are teaming up with UW-Madison researchers and a number of organizations throughout Madison, Dane County and beyond to host a special event on Saturday, October 10, 2015, that takes an exploration of health, happiness and well-being across the lifespan.

The free event, held throughout the day in the Discovery Building, 330 North Orchard St., features entertaining talks and hands-on activities on topics that can enrich people at any age, with an afternoon focus on seniors and their caregivers.



Joining Forces for Families teens work on the Russett Rd. front yard gardens. It is worth the time to take a walk and see the positive, creative effort that was expended during the summer.

Russett Rd. Joining Forces for Families + raised beds



A summer's work well done

SAVE THE DATE!

Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable

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Saturday, October 24th, 2015
 Warner Park Community Recreation Center, 1625 Northport Dr.
 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



The Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable provides an opportunity for neighborhood and business association leaders, residents, community organizations, and other stakeholders to learn, share, and network about ways to make neighborhoods great places to live and do business!

Workshop schedule, registration and other details will be posted by mid-September on the City's Neighborhoods web page:
www.cityofmadison.com/neighborhoods/



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