

# 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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Meadowood is in the vanguard of improving neighborhood safety. Two Community Safety Workers (CSW) were hired in October to directly engage residents in conflict resolution and to explore grassroots efforts to reduce police calls and increase neighborhood safety. Our new CSWs are Mike Alston, who has worked with MSCR in Meadowood for 10 years, and Sheray Wallace, founder of Meadowood Health Partnership. Their work is funded through the Community Building and Crime Reduction Grant. The pilot extends through the end of 2020, with the hope that additional funding can be secured in 2021.



The City is exploring a strategy to reduce demand on police by funding a Violence Prevention Unit in the Public Health Department in 2021. This unit would be called to work with people in mental health crisis where no weapons are involved. You can learn more about the 2021 City budget at this website: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/finance/budget/2021>.

Welcome new MNA Board members! Maggie Dugan, Area 1. Maggie is a retired nurse practitioner and has lived in Meadowood for 28 years. Jacob Kriegisch, Area 11. Jacob has lived in Meadowood for four years and works for a technology company. Rebecca Kowalewsky, At-Large Member. Rebecca is in business administration and moved to Meadowood in January of this year. We are thrilled at the enthusiasm of our new board members and their commitment to the neighborhood.

The pandemic has brought many changes and challenges to our lives. Doing even small things for a neighbor can make a significant difference for both parties. We all need to find ways to avoid isolation, which leads to depression and anxiety. Many of us are walking (with or without dogs) daily. One result of this is that our neighborhood is cleaner – there is less litter. I've observed, you, my neighbors, collecting litter along the streets on your daily walks. Thank you for finding a way to stay healthy, improve our neighborhood and respond to a communal need.

The 2021 MNA membership drive is taking place NOW. You actively support our neighborhood by renewing your membership. Membership is \$10 per household annually. Besides this newsletter and access to MNA activities, your membership supports neighborhood groups such as Friends of the Meadowridge Library and Meadowood Health Partnership. You contribute to the strength of our neighborhood by supporting MNA. You can join here <https://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org/joinold> or by contacting your Area Representative.

May you all enjoy the holidays!

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, [maggiedugan24@gmail.com](mailto:maggiedugan24@gmail.com)
- Area 2: Miguel Benson & Sammy Clevenger, [miguel.a.benson@gmail.com](mailto:miguel.a.benson@gmail.com)
- Area 3: Mike Edmonds, **Vice President**, [m.edmonds@sbcglobal.net](mailto:m.edmonds@sbcglobal.net)
- Area 4: Tony Smick, [skyumahwi@aol.com](mailto:skyumahwi@aol.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: Heidi Wiley, [heidijeanwiley@icloud.com](mailto:heidijeanwiley@icloud.com)
- Area 8: Mark & Janice Bauman, **'Meadowood' Editor (MB), Board Secretary (JB)**, [msbauman57@gmail.com](mailto:msbauman57@gmail.com)
- Area 9: Terry Evanson, **Board President**, [mtevanson@gmail.com](mailto:mtevanson@gmail.com)
- Area 10: Diane Berry & Gene Masters, [dianexberry@gmail.com](mailto:dianexberry@gmail.com)
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- Area 12: Arik Grundahl, **Webmaster**, [grundahlak19@gmail.com](mailto:grundahlak19@gmail.com)
- Area 13: Sheray Wallace, [sherayw@yahoo.com](mailto:sherayw@yahoo.com)
- Areas 14 and 15: VACANT
- Member at Large: Rebecca Kowalewsky, [rebecca.kowalewsky@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.kowalewsky@gmail.com)
- MNA Board Treasurer: Lisa Schulz, [buttonldy@aol.com](mailto:buttonldy@aol.com)

Four (4) 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)

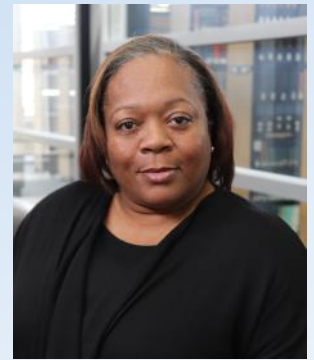
## CBCR Happenings

*By Stephanie Bradley Wilson  
Common Wealth Development*

A recent effort of the Community Based Crime Reduction (CBCR) cohort of organizations funded under the US Department of Justice federal grant is the Community Safety Workers (CSW) pilot program. The pilot is operated by Focus Interruption and was funded by a portion of the community policing money under the grant and a donation from the location Madison Community Policing Foundation. Short term in nature currently, September 2020 through December 2020, the goal of the pilot project is to reduce law enforcement in low level events through the assistance of the CSW pilot. Additional funding is being sought to continue the work beyond 2020.



Mike Alston



Sheray Wallace

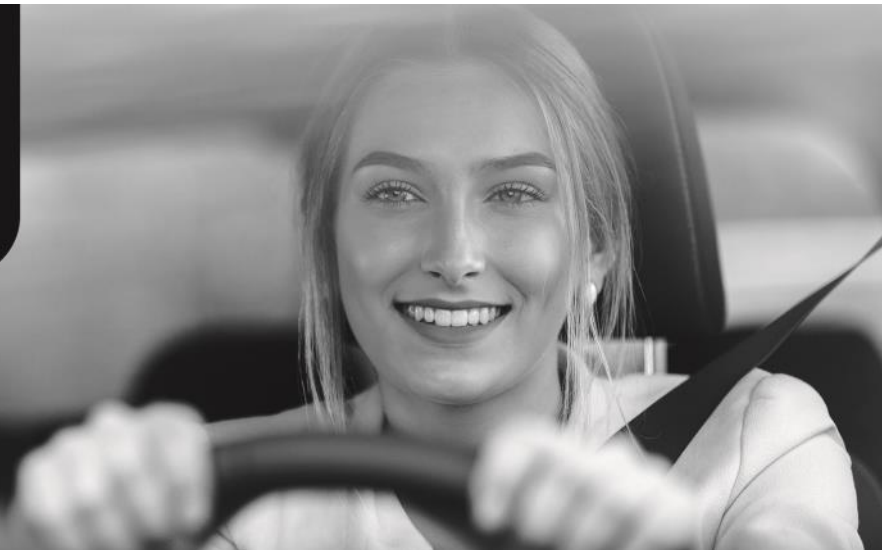
Sheray Wallace and Mike Alston, well known southwest community members, hit the ground in September to work with neighborhood police officers and residents to help solve low level problems. Wallace and Alston have been well received by the community and believe their work is an important tool that helps improve safety, well-being, and neighborhood cohesion.

Sheray can be contacted at [swallace@focusedinterruption.com](mailto:swallace@focusedinterruption.com). Mike's contact information is [malston@focusedinterruption.com](mailto:malston@focusedinterruption.com). Both CSWs work Tuesday through Saturday, from 4 - 8 pm.

The Fatherhood Initiative funded by CBCR and operated by the Madison Urban League is still accepting non-custodial fathers into its weekly program. The men meet to discuss parenting, employment, child support and other topics of interest to the group. Meetings last about 2-hours at the Urban League's west side offices, 1233 McKenna Blvd, and offers a safe place for men to talk. Contact Lee Stanley, 608-620-8714 or [lstanley@ulgm.org](mailto:lstanley@ulgm.org).

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On January 1, 2019, NewBridge officially came into existence as a non-profit organization serving older adults in Madison and Monona. While a new organization, it has a long history of service. Each of the Senior Coalitions has provided service for over 45 years. Our mission is to provide older adult a bridge to successful aging. To ensure longer, healthier, and safer independent lives, NewBridge provides a variety of services and activities for older adults.

#### **COVID-19 Services**

NewBridge is helping older adults, 60+ in Madison and Monona through COVID-19. Below are the services we are providing. For up-to-date information on COVID-19 services and information regarding reopening of our regular services, check our website and Facebook pages.

#### **Case Management**

Case Managers are available by phone (608) 512-0000 and by email [info@newbridgemadison.org](mailto:info@newbridgemadison.org) to help older adults connect to available resources.

#### **Food Bridge Delivery**

Groceries from a food pantry are delivered to the older adult's door by a volunteer and done on an ongoing basis as needed.

#### **Bridge Buddies – Friendly Callers**

Volunteers are matched with older adults to do safety check calls and/or social friendly calls.

#### **Cloth Face Mask Delivery**

One reusable face mask will be delivered to the older adult's door by a volunteer upon availability.

#### **Virtual Classes & Activities**

We providing online classes and activities. To find the class list, call us at (608) 512-0000, check our newsletter, or check our website.

#### **Take-Out Meals**

Meals are available to pick up at several locations for older adults 60+. Donations are accepted to NewBridge, 1625 Northport Dr. Madison, 53704. Call to order one week in advance, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

NewBridge West Office, 5724 Raymond Rd.

Wednesday between 3:00-4:00 pm

1 Meal Catered by Kavanaugh's Esquire Club.

Order with Candice at (608) 512-0000 Ext. 4006

Meal Delivery for HOME BOUND ONLY

For older adults who do not have a car and do not have a proxy driver.

Friday between 3:00-4:00 pm

2 Meals Catered by Kavanaugh's Esquire Club.

Order with Kristen at (608) 512-0000 Ext. 2001

For more information on how to get services, call our main number at (608) 512-0000 and ask to speak to the Case Manager on intake or check out our website.

## COVID-19: The Novel Coronavirus

*By Joe Parisi, Dane County Executive*

As of this morning (this was written on 10/27), there are 14,474 people who have tested positive for coronavirus in Dane County. Of those, 11,981 individuals have recovered. Visit Public Health's [Data Dashboard](#) for the latest on COVID-19 case counts, hospitalizations, deaths, tests by date, and more.

As more and more people are diagnosed with COVID-19, Public Health Madison & Dane County is no longer able to efficiently follow-up with everyone who has been diagnosed. The Department is moving to a crisis model of contact tracing. With a crisis model of contact tracing, if a person tests positive, they will still be notified of the positive test by their health care provider or testing center and given isolation instructions. Unfortunately, a Public Health contact tracer may not be able to follow up with all people to support isolation. Public Health will prioritize contacting individuals with a positive diagnosis before providing contact tracing. [Click here to learn more.](#)



*Dane County Executive  
Joe Parisi*

When do I need to wear a face covering? Under state and local orders, people five years of age and older must wear a face covering:

- Indoors and in any enclosed building where other people, except for members of the person's own household or living unit, are present.
- In line to enter any enclosed building.
- Driving or riding in any vehicle where other people, except for members of the person's own household or living unit are present.
- In any other confined space open to the public where individuals congregate where other people, except for members of the person's own household or living unit, are present, including but not limited to, outdoor taverns, outdoor restaurants, and outdoor park structures.

## Behind on Your Energy Bill? Madison Gas and Electric Company Can Help.

*From Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE)*

We know this is a challenging time for many in our community. It's important all of our customers know MGE is here to help.

Customers who are behind on their MGE bill can work with our customer service representatives to set up a personalized payment agreement and discuss financial assistance that may be available from our community partners. A payment, even if minimal, can help customers who are behind on their bills avoid potential collection activity, late fees or disconnection in the future.

### Contact MGE

Our customer service representatives are available to help. Contact us Monday-Friday between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Please call us at (608) 252-7144 or (800) 245-1125.

### Need Financial Assistance?

Financial assistance may be available for your household. Energy Services, Inc. (ESI), is currently taking applications through an online portal at [energybenefit.wi.gov](http://energybenefit.wi.gov) or by phone at (800) 506-5596.

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