

# MEADOWOOD

Newsletter of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association, Inc.  
P.O. Box 45528, Madison, WI 53744-5528

June - August 2020  
[www.meadowoodneighborhood.org](http://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org)

## President's Message – Terry Evanson

[mtevanson@gmail.com](mailto:mtevanson@gmail.com); (608) 271-6846

It is my sincere hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and staying well as we work our way through this pandemic. Many of us are experiencing a certain amount of trauma, including lack of predictability, loss of connection, loss of safety, loss of sense of time, and loss of sense of purpose. It is critical that we take care of ourselves and that we support and connect with others even under socially distant circumstances. Please take walks and bike rides and wave to your neighbors. Many are taking up gardening and growing fresh vegetables and beautiful flowers. Please talk to your neighbors (wearing a mask or at appropriate distance) and catch up with what is happening in each of your lives. You can smile and make eye contact even when you are wearing a face mask. Outdoor picnics are possible (currently with 10 people or less). Have each person bring everything they need, chair, food, beverage, and sit 6 – 10 feet apart. We can continue to enjoy life and strengthen our neighborhood while also staying healthy.

COVID-19 is inflicting a great deal of economic suffering on members of our community. Sheray Wallace, founder of Meadowood Health Partnership and an MNA board member, is supplying the needy in our neighborhood daily with food, diapers, formula, and other goods to help them weather this crisis. If you or someone you know is in immediate need of help, call MHP's emergency number at 608-235-1027. If you have the ability, please consider donating to Meadowood Health Partnership through MNA. When you donate on-line through MNA's website or send a check to our treasurer, indicate the donation is for MHP. Sheray's work is entirely volunteer – every dollar goes to serve families in need.

I am sad to announce that all activities sponsored by Meadowood Neighborhood Association planned for this spring and summer have been canceled. This includes our Bingo party, Meadowood garage sale, Make Music Madison on June 21, the Children's Bike Parade on July 4, and our annual picnic scheduled for July 18. Money budgeted for these activities has been donated to Meadowood Health Partnership. We hope to hold our annual meeting on-line this fall. More information on this will follow.

Our board meets virtually the first Wednesday of each month (except July) beginning at 6:30 p.m. If you'd like to join us, send an email to [MNABoard1@gmail.com](mailto:MNABoard1@gmail.com) to receive a meeting link. Keep up all your efforts to reduce spread of the virus and to promote a vibrant, connected neighborhood.



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: Elizabeth Schroeder, **Webmaster**, [eliz.k.schroeder@gmail.com](mailto:eliz.k.schroeder@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, [tylerrahm@gmail.com](mailto:tylerrahm@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)
- Area 11: VACANT
- Area 12: Arik Grundahl, [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: VACANT
- 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)

## Thanks to Crossroads Community Farm

Special thanks to the Crossroads Community Farm, which has pledged to provide 46 free every-other week veggie shares to families experiencing food insecurity in Madison's Meadowood neighborhood and the Mt. Horeb community. Working with the amazing Mellowood Foundation & Neighbors Helping Neighbors, this food will nourish families who are disproportionately harmed by the pandemic.

The Crossroads Community Farm sells CSA summer shares for \$397 for the every-other-week deliveries and \$695 for the weekly deliveries. These deliveries extend from early June through mid-October.

For more information on the farm or to purchase a CSA, contact them at: <https://crossroadscommunityfarm.com/>.

## Puzzle Winner!

You may recall that the April-May edition of the newsletter included a puzzle, with a chance to win a prize. As a reminder, here's the puzzle...

A doctor calculated that last year 85% of the residents in a neighborhood had the flu, 80% had tonsillitis, 75% had circulation trouble, and 70% had stomach problems. Thankfully, nobody had the COVID-19 virus. Based on those stats, what is the minimum percentage of people in that neighborhood that had all four ailments?

The correct response for the minimum percent with all four ailments is  $(85 + 80 + 75 + 70) - 300 = 10\%$ .

I had several people respond to me with puzzle answers, but only one person with the correct response. Congratulations to **Reid Jorgenson** for submitting the correct response! Please contact me to claim your prize: [msbauman57@gmail.com](mailto:msbauman57@gmail.com).

Save  
to win up to  
\$5,000!\*

Every \$25 Deposit is  
Another Chance to WIN!

Open your account today!



[www.dccu.us](http://www.dccu.us)

 DANE COUNTY  
CREDIT UNION

608 256-5665  
800 593-3228

\*See [www.dccu.us](http://www.dccu.us) for complete terms, conditions and official rules. Early withdrawal limits may apply. Federally insured by the NCUA.

The *Meadowood* is published in January, April, June, September and November. Submissions are encouraged. Contact Mark Bauman, editor, (608) 692-7354 or [msbauman57@gmail.com](mailto:msbauman57@gmail.com)

## Introducing Heidi Wiley—New Area 7 Board Member

We are happy to welcome Heidi Wiley as the newest member of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association board. Heidi represents Area 7\*. Heidi and her family have lived in Meadowood since 2012. Heidi is a personal trainer and a certified doula. She homeschools her two young children. Heidi is passionate about building strong communities. To get to know her neighbors, she put a decorated picnic table in her front lawn so she and her family could eat outside. Her family greeted neighbors and got to know them while eating dinner! Heidi has served as block captain on Lynndale Road for several years. She has hosted block parties, coffee and donuts and ice cream socials. Heidi is excited to expand her community building skills to all of Area 7 and to strengthen community bonds in the Meadowood neighborhood.



Lisa Schulz has represented Area 7 for over 20 years. She will continue serving as Treasurer on the MNA Board.

Are you interested in strengthening your community? Consider volunteering as a block captain or MNA board member. Send a message to [MNABoard1@gmail.com](mailto:MNABoard1@gmail.com) indicating your interest.

*\*Area 7 includes Rae Lane (1300 – 1500 blocks), Lynndale (1400 – 1500 blocks), north side of Barton Road (6000 and 6100 blocks) and south side of the 6000 block of Hammersley Road.*

## An Important Message to Our Valued Customers

*From: Madison Gas and Electric*

As your community energy company, we appreciate the trust and confidence you have in us to provide safe, reliable energy. Sadly, scammers seek to exploit this relationship by portraying themselves as representatives of Madison Gas and Electric (MGE) to take advantage of our customers. We have heard recently that some businesses throughout our community have been called by someone pretending to be MGE and demanding immediate payment of their bill. The impostors continue to get more sophisticated – it may appear as though the call is coming from MGE. Or, in some cases, scammers may claim to know recent bill amounts.

Do not call a number left by a scammer. Always call MGE at 608-252-7222.

The scammers typically claim accounts are past due and give instructions to pay with a prepaid debit card or wire transfer.

## Find Energy Savings Here.



### Partner with MGE to save energy.

Make [mge.com](http://mge.com) your first stop.

- Get easy, low-cost ways to save energy.
- Use calculators to estimate your savings.
- Learn about incentives from Focus on Energy.

Join us in creating a more sustainable future.  
Visit [mge2050.com](http://mge2050.com).



Your community energy company

653343 05/12/2020

Scammers often threaten disconnection of services within an hour. MGE would not contact a customer to request payment either by prepaid debit card, wire transfer, or green dot cards. MGE will never threaten that we are coming within the hour to disconnect service. When a customer faces disconnection for nonpayment, there are several past due notifications that come in writing through the mail.

Never allow anyone into your business or home for an unannounced visit to check your meter, electrical wiring, natural gas pipes, or appliances unless you have a scheduled appointment or are aware of a confirmed problem. Always ask for identification.

Please visit our website—[mge.com/scam](http://mge.com/scam)—to know when to spot a scam. Never give out personal information. Always call MGE at 608-252-7222 if you have questions about your account.

## Hello Neighbors!

Staying home and isolated is becoming challenging for many of us but we know that it is working to keep us safe from COVID-19. I hope everyone is still practicing distancing as we start to venture out again. Public Health Madison-Dane County director Janel Heinrich with the mayor and the county executive has put out the "Forward Dane" plan as we have now entered Phase 1, viewable at the following link: [https://publichealthmdc.com/documents/Forward\\_Dane.pdf](https://publichealthmdc.com/documents/Forward_Dane.pdf). I believe it is important that we start to resume as much regular activity again as soon as possible. You may have seen an article by some County Board supervisors and Madison alders to Ms Heinrich to rethink implementing Phase 1. I didn't sign onto it because I believe that we must move forward to return to normalcy.



*Matt Veldran, Dane Co. Board of Supervisors, District 7*

The County Board continues to meet remotely and our committees have also started to meet remotely. I have been appointed to the Public Works & Transportation Committee, where I started my tenure on the Board. Our main priority is making sure that departments are able to open and run their operations safely.

- The land fill continues operations as an essential operation. With all of us home for such a long time, many people took advantage of that time to clean out their garages and take unwanted chemicals to the Dane County "Clean Sweep" program! The staff was so inundated they had to close it for a time because of long lines and not being able to keep everyone safe. They have reopened so if you do go please be considerate of others when visiting the site. The popular "Swap Shop" remains closed however.
- The Zoo will reopen in July! The director reported how they plan on keeping attendance limited in each phase and all of the safety measures that are being implemented now in anticipation of opening. The Lake Wingra entrances will be ....*Continued on page 6...*

## Do you want to lose weight?

**Lose weight and feel great!**

Partner 2 Lose



This nutrition and weight loss study may be a good fit if you:

- are 18 - 74 years old
- are currently overweight
- are not pregnant or breastfeeding
- live with a spouse or life partner who is willing to participate with you
- you and your partner have separate smart phones and e-mail addresses

This 2-year UW-Madison weight loss study includes group classes (starting in September 2020) to help you lose weight and keep it off! We are enrolling couples starting on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

## Join our paid research study!

Earn up to \$360 per couple



For more information:  
[www.partner2lose.com](http://www.partner2lose.com)



## An Update on Dane County's COVID-19 Response Efforts

*By Dane County Executive Joe Parisi*

Between March 1 and April 28, the volume of calls to United Way's 211 line relating to food and meals jumped 300% compared to pre-coronavirus time frames. During that same period, approximately 30,000 Dane County residents had applied for unemployment. These numbers make it all too clear how much our community is being affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. While many unknowns still exist, I want to lay out what Dane County is doing to serve our residents and provide relief to those struggling during this difficult time.



*Dane County Executive  
Joe Parisi*

To help those facing food insecurity, Dane County is giving \$3 million to Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin. This funding will be used to acquire food for Dane County food pantries over the next 90 days. Dane County is also acquiring four cold storage semi-trailers to bolster the ability for Second Harvest to store more meat, dairy, and fresh produce grown and produced locally. This effort will bring producers and consumers together to improve sales for farmers while resupplying dwindling cupboards of area food banks during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Another group that has taken a significant hit over the past few months is local businesses, leaving many owners to question what they can do to stay afloat. To help make ends meet during this difficult time, Dane County is putting \$10.8 million towards its Small Business Pandemic Support Grant Program. This funding will be used by local businesses to help with employee retention and mitigate losses related to COVID-19. Dane County has partnered with Dane Buy Local to administer these grants, and awards have already started to go out.

Staff for Dane County and the City of Madison have been working tirelessly to protect our most vulnerable residents. To date, Dane County has invested more than \$1.8 million in COVID-19 homelessness efforts. We've helped over 350 individuals experiencing homelessness get relocated to more than 180 hotel rooms with 6 hotel partners to help carry out proper social distancing. Limiting the spread of the novel coronavirus is Dane County's top priority, and these efforts have helped us flatten the curve in our community.

With an eye towards the future, Dane County and the City of Madison are amending our 2020 budgets to boost funding for Public Health Madison & Dane County by nearly \$700,000 for COVID-19 response efforts. These funds will help increase contact tracing, infectious control, disease prevention, and community education efforts needed to transition parts of the local economy into reopening and put us on a path to recovery.

I want to thank Dane County residents for their support and cooperation as we work to combat the spread of COVID-19. We're in this together, and we'll come through this together.

....Continued from page 4 (Article by Matt Veldran) ...

closed to start and only the Drake St. entrance will be open to maintain the correct amount of visitors inside. The current amount of visitors allowed at this stage is between 600-800 people. The Children's Zoo, the Primate house and the Big Cat house will all be closed for now to protect families and the animals in these areas. Especially since both the primates and the cats are susceptible to contracting the virus.

- The airport is starting to see more activity and has added additional hand sanitizing stations and the airlines are installing plexiglass at the counters and we will also be aiding some of the local restaurants at the airport who have suffered without a steady customer base.
- The Alliant Energy Center is still closed except for essential activities, including its test facility. So if you think you need a test for COVID-19, don't hesitate to use this free service!

Here is an update on some other areas for you.

- ◇ The county park system remains open, but facilities are still closed. Please bring what you need including hand sanitizer and other essentials for your visit. The bike paths are also open.
- ◇ Unfortunately the county JFF offices remain closed. If you know someone who is in need of their services or can possibly help out, please contact Eric Alvin at (608) 516-6014 or [alvin@countyofdane.com](mailto:alvin@countyofdane.com).
- ◇ For seniors and others looking to volunteer, RSVP is open again!
- ◇ If you or anyone you know is struggling with rent payments because of the coronavirus, the County Executive and the Board have approved a contract for Tenant Resource Center to help those in need of housing aid. Please contact them directly if you need their services.

As always and especially now, if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Matt Veldran,  
Dane County Supervisor, District 7  
608-235-8369

[veldran@countyofdane.com](mailto:veldran@countyofdane.com)

## Hello Meadowood Neighbors,

MadiSUN is a program sponsored by the City of Madison to make going solar easy and affordable. Since 2016, the MadiSUN Group Buy Program has helped homeowners across the area install solar-electric systems on their rooftops. Nearly 150 households have gone solar thanks to the program's simplicity, reduced price, and customer service. MadiSUN also offers incentives for business, nonprofits, and affordable housing providers. Check out [madisunsolar.com](http://madisunsolar.com) to learn more about how to go solar!



Solar energy is good for our local economy and offers lasting financial and environmental benefits for Wisconsin residents. The **MADISUN SOLAR ENERGY PROGRAM** helps homeowners, businesses, and nonprofits go solar. Lower your energy costs with clean, smart energy. Go solar with MadiSun!

[WWW.MADISUNSOLAR.COM](http://WWW.MADISUNSOLAR.COM)