

MEADOWOOD

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Sure signs of spring: Memorial Day. BratFest. Multiple trips to Home Depot. Piles of mulch. Newly mowed lawns (the end of No Mow May).

Despite my sore back from cleaning and gardening and (let's be honest) an aging body, I am really enjoying this spring. In addition to the yard work, I've managed a lot of hiking and biking.

But I'm worried. And my worries aren't helped by the news. It's been suggested that I not follow the news. I do ignore the performative stuff like renaming the Gulf of Mexico or Denali. But I cannot stick my head in the sand. I am most worried about the most vulnerable in Meadowood. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act (that's the official name) recently passed the House of Representatives. It's not that beautiful; the bill contains tax cuts for the rich while cutting Medicare and SNAP (food stamp) benefits.

You might feel that there is not much you can do about what's going on in Washington other than writing to your senator or congressman. But you can do *something*. There are three groups in Meadowood that can use your help.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church operates a [food pantry](#). You can donate money, food or your time.

The Meadowood Neighborhood Center, located in the strip mall on the corner of Raymond Road at Whitney Way also has a food pantry.

The [Meadowood Health Partnership](#), located at 5902 Raymond Road, provides health and other services to Meadowood residents. They can use your help.

I don't mean to be discouraging. Enjoy your summer. But let's be kind. Especially to the less fortunate.



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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Area 11 is not currently represented on the MNA Board.

If you live in this area, 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

2025 Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) Events Calendar:

Saturday, June 21: Make Music Madison, Meadowood Park. See details bottom of this page.

Saturday, August 16: Meadowood Neighborhood Association Annual Picnic at Meadowood Park. See article on page 3.

Community Suppers: These will be held on: **June 18th; August 20st; October 22nd;** and **December 17th.** Stay tuned for updates on times and locations of the community suppers.

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

Momentum

by Heidi Schultz, our neighborhood poet!

Have you ever heard a hummingbird speak?

Not the thrum of their wings whirring a mile a minute as they hover

over the flush heart of a flower just opened,

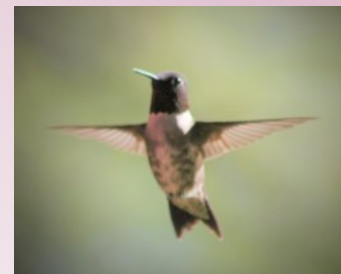
but their tiny squeaking chatter, a hybrid of urgency and excitement.

Flitting and flirting with the next best thing.

What must it feel like

to be so free,

so happily heavy both with stillness and speedy delight.



FREE Live Music Under the Summer Sky! Make Music Madison @ Meadowood Park Saturday, June 21 • Music starts at 5 PM

Celebrate the **summer solstice** with an unforgettable evening of live performances at Meadowood Park! We've lined up an incredible roster of talent for this **can't-miss community concert**—and it's all **completely free!**

The Lineup:

- **5 PM – Those Guys Over There.** Madison blues veterans from bands like Queenie and the Blue Cats, Soul Brothers, and more—serving up gritty blues with a splash of funk.
- **6 PM – Adam Bowen.** Local indie-folk singer-songwriter (and Meadowood neighbor!) brings heartfelt lyrics and soulful sounds.
- **7 PM – Old Black Joe & The Third Rail Sparks Blues Band.** Authentic Chicago-style blues straight from the barbecue circuit. Another homegrown talent (OBJ) from right here in Meadowood!
- **8 PM – Paul Filipowicz.** Nationally acclaimed bluesman, singer, and harmonica hero with 8 albums and decades of experience. A powerful headliner to close the night!

Bring your lawn chairs, friends, family—and good vibes!

In case of rain, follow the Meadowood NA Facebook page to see any cancellations:

Let's make this a night to remember. **See you at the park!**

MAKE MUSIC MADISON

Saturday, June 21, 2025

5 pm - 9 pm

Meadowood Park, 5810 Thrush Lane

**THOSE GUYS
OVER THERE**

5 pm - 6 pm
Blues Trio

6 pm - 7 pm
Indie Folk
Singer

ADAM BOWEN

**OLD BLACK JOE &
THE THIRD RAIL SPARKS BLUES BAND**

7 pm - 8 pm
Blues Band

8 pm - 9 pm
Chicago Blues
Musician

PAUL FILIPOWICZ

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT
www.meadowoodneighborhood.org

Sponsored by Meadowood Neighborhood Association



Annual Meadowood Neighborhood Association Picnic

If it's summer, you know what that means! It's time for our annual outdoor gathering! Come meet the Meadowood Neighborhood Association board. Meet your alderperson and your police liaisons. Enjoy some delicious picnic foods! Vote for the board officers. Hear about the latest happenings in our community.

It's also a chance to catch up with your neighbors as well as meet some new members. There will be some amazing door prizes!

- **When?** Saturday, August 16th, from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m.
- **Where?** Meadowood Park by the shelter

Hope to see you there!

Meadowood Neighborhood Kids Corner: (Article submission by Jay Close)

Are you and your family planning activities for Summer 2025?

The Meadowridge Library has many posters just inside the door with great ideas. Stop in and look!

Here are some ideas and resources:

- Here is a link to the MSCR summer camp booklet: <https://www.msqr.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Summer2025CampProgramGuide.pdf>
- Madison Bike Week 2025 (Start at the Beginning of June!): <https://www.madisonbikes.org/events/bikeweek-2025/>
- There are many opportunities at our nearby parks. Parks Alive events are a chance to visit your local park, listen to music, participate in fun, family-friendly activities, enjoy free food and get to know your neighbors. Build connections with your community and connect with green spaces across the city at events throughout the summer. 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (or later if there is a Mobile Movie too!). Here's the summer schedule for movies at parks on Madison's southwest side through the Parks Alive program:
 - ◇ June 11—Meadowood Park, 5800 Thrush Lane, 5:00—7:00 pm; Self Care & Wellness.
 - ◇ June 18—Elver Park, 1250 McKenna Blvd., Movie at 6:45 pm, "Dog Man".
 - ◇ June 23—Elver Park, 1250 McKenna Blvd., Movie at 6:30 pm, "Raya and the Last Dragon"
 - ◇ June 25—Hammersley Park, 6114 Hammersley Rd., Movie at 6:30 pm, "If"
 - ◇ July 9—Meadowood Park, 5800 Thrush Lane, Movie at 6:30 pm, "Air Bud"
 - ◇ July 14—Elver Park, 1250 McKenna Blvd., Movie at 6:30 pm, "Remember the Titans"

To learn more about Parks Alive events, go to: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/events/parks-alive>

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Booked for the Summer: Programs at Meadowridge Library

Summer is a great time to visit Meadowridge. Stop by to pick up the latest best-seller for your summer read, or grab a puzzle from the Puzzle Swap. There are also several exciting programs for adults, kids, and families. New programs for kids include:

- Lego Club: Tuesdays, June 3 and July 1, 4:00 – 5:30 pm
- Multi-Age Storytime: Mondays starting June 9, 10:30 – 11:15 am
- Read to a Dog: Mondays starting June 16, 4:00 – 5:30 pm
- Summer Science Club with the Bubbler: Thursdays, July 10 to August 14, 10:30 – 11:30 am
- WE READ Bubbler Artist in Residence with Lashay the Artist: Tuesdays, July 8 to August 12, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Bring the whole family to the library for a movie night and craft:

- *Dog-Man*: Friday, June 13, 4:30 – 7:00 pm
- *Moana 2*: Friday, July 11, 4:30 – 7:00 pm

Programs geared towards adults include:

- "Being the Best Caregiver" with Former Wisconsin Governor Martin J. Schreiber: Thursday, June 5, 1:00 – 2:30 pm. Schreiber will present on caring for someone with Alzheimer's while prioritizing the caregiver's own well-being. A book signing will follow and copies of *My Two Elaines* will be available for purchase. The first 20 people to arrive will receive a complimentary copy. This program was made possible thanks the Live Well @ Your Library initiative and funds from WPS Health Solutions.
- Meadowridge Book Club - *We are Staying: Eighty Years in the Life of a Family, a Store, and a Neighborhood* by Jen Rubin: Tuesday, June 17, 5:00 – 5:45 pm. Limited copies will be available for checkout at Meadowridge Library beginning May 12.
- Cooking with Chef Angela: Saturdays, June 28 and July 19, 1:00 – 3:30 pm. Limited space; registration is required.

Librarians are always adding new programs, so there's something for visitors of all ages all season long. Check the online calendar on Madison Public library's website at www.madisonpubliclibrary.org for updates.

Recreational vehicle loans for all of life's adventures!



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Mark Your Calendars – Madison’s BIGGEST Book Sale of the Year!

Library Service & Support Center – 1301 W. Badger Rd.

Saturday, June 28, 9 AM – 3 PM

Six Friends of the Madison Public Library groups are teaming up for a MASSIVE sale of gently used books, CDs, DVDs & more — and most items are just **\$2 or less!**

Thousands of treasures waiting to be found
All proceeds support **your** Madison Public Libraries — including **Meadowridge Library!**
Perfect for book lovers, music fans, movie buffs & bargain hunters!

Don't miss this once-a-year event!
Save the date: Saturday, June 28




JOINT FRIENDS OF THE
MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUMMER BOOK SALE

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 28
TIME: 9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.
LOCATION: LIBRARY SUPPORT CENTER
1301 W. BADGER ROAD

TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE VISIT QR CODE:



Meadowood’s Natural History *(Submission by Kara Pezzi)*

The changes to the land that we now call Meadowood have been remarkable. About 450-500 million years ago, a shallow ocean covered our neighborhood and most of southern Wisconsin.

Most of the southwest side of Madison is built on limestone bedrock created when the animals that existed in the shallow oceans died and sunk to the ocean floor. Over time, the shells of the animals were compacted into the rock we know today. The calcium carbonate and magnesium carbonate in the limestone are the source of Madison’s “hard” water. As rainwater passes through the rock, some of the mineral dissolves which releases calcium and magnesium ions from the rock. Our water softeners remove calcium and magnesium ions and replace them with sodium ions.

The glaciers that last passed through Wisconsin about ten thousand years ago left behind a unique landscape that includes Madison’s lakes and landforms. Elver Park is part of the end moraine, or the farthest extent, of the last glacier. According to David Mickelson in *Landscapes of Dane County*, the hills are mostly limestone bedrock with minor change due to the glacier.

Meadowood was a prairie during the time that the land was inhabited by Ho-Chunk according to data from the DNR. A remnant of the original Dane County prairie is located on Fredrick’s Hill in the Pheasant Branch Conservancy in Middleton.

Urbanization has altered the landscape and vegetation. However, you may be able to find some botanical and geological features around the neighborhood. Take time to explore this summer! Try using an app such as PlantNet to identify plants and see which of them are natives and which plants settlers and residents introduced to the area. If you’re interested in geology, try the Rockd app.

To learn more about the geology and botany of Wisconsin, check out these websites.

<https://wgnhs.wisc.edu/pubshare/ES043.pdf>

<https://www.pheasantbranch.org/prairies/history.html>

<https://data-wi-dnr.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/wi-dnr::original-vegetation-polygons/about>



Save Energy With Smart Planting and Shading

From Madison Gas and Electric (MGE)

While we often think of landscaping as a way to add curb appeal, planting smart can also help you save energy. To achieve maximum savings, it's key to plant the proper tree or shrub in the proper place. You need to consider what's located above and below your desired planting location, as well as the mature height and spread of a plant. Use these general planting tips for energy efficiency:

- Plant large, leafy trees on the east, west and south sides of your home to provide maximum summertime shade and lower the surrounding air temperature. They should be planted at least 20 feet from the side of your home. A six-foot-tall tree planted near your house will shade windows in the first year. That same tree will shade the roof in five to ten years.
- Trees with lower leaves and branches work well on the west side of your home to offer shade from lower sun angles in the afternoon.
- Position trees and shrubs to shade air-conditioning units. Equipment that operates in the shade will use less electricity; however, be sure not to block the airflow.
- Plant bushes next to your house to create air space that will provide insulation year-round.
- Prevailing winter winds come from the west and north; use dense windbreaks to protect from cold winter winds.

Plant With Safety in Mind

Be sure to contact Diggers Hotline at diggershotline.com or call 811 at least three working days before doing any digging in your yard. MGE and other participating utilities will mark the location of underground facilities on your property and indicate safe overhead line clearances. This free service will help you stay safe and avoid costly fines.


Add External Shading

External shading devices are another option to help prevent unwanted sunlight from entering your home. Shading devices include awnings, overhangs and trellises. For south-facing windows, a shading device should be based on window size. For example, with a window that is 36 inches tall, the shading device should be placed 10.8 inches from the top of the window. It should be 25.2 inches deep extending out from the house. There are online calculators to help determine where to install a shading device based on window size. For west-facing windows, the shading device needs a vertical component to block summer sun. Adding hanging vines to the shading device will help further block the sun. Consider creating a grid-like structure with plastic or rope, then add climbing vines. Vines that have leaves in spring and summer that fall off in fall or winter will help keep sun out during the summer and allow in warmth during the winter.

Get Free Advice From MGE Energy Experts

MGE is available to answer your questions and provide tips on landscaping for energy efficiency. Our energy experts are available 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 608-252-7000, or you can send them an email at askexperts@mge.com.

Dig Safely. Plant Wisely.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**