

# MEADOWOOD

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## President's Message – Terry Evanson

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I recently traveled to Colonial Williamsburg, VA and enjoyed the reenactment of historical events told by historical interpreters, the authentic restoration of not only buildings but of a sense of time and place, and the opportunity to share that experience with my family members. Successful communities, including Meadowood, are built on shared values and goals, a sense of belonging, and care for others. In our polarized world, it is sometimes difficult for us to realize that we all have the same desires for a safe community, excellent educational resources for our children, a clean and healthy environment, and opportunities for economic success. This year is Meadowood Neighborhood Association's 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary. You are helping create Meadowood's unique identity, interpreting our values and reflecting our goals. Be an active participant in creating our shared history by helping a neighbor, volunteering, and caring about our community.

Thanks to all who participated in our February Bingo game. We had 47 participants and 20 generous prizes from local businesses. A special shout out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for hosting our bingo game this year. Please patronize our local businesses – they are an important part of the fabric of Meadowood.

Community Garden Plots Available! Consider growing a vegetable garden this year. Not only will you help lower your food budget, your food will taste all the better for your knowing you grew it yourself. The Meadowood Community Garden is located in Meadowood Park on Thrush St. You can sign-up for a plot at this [link](#). The community garden coordinator can be contacted at [meadowoodgarden@gmail.com](mailto:meadowoodgarden@gmail.com). Garden plots are 20' x 20' and rental cost is income based. Half plots can also be rented.

Participate in our Garage Sale! Garage sales will take place May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> in Meadowood and Greentree neighborhoods. Find information about advertising your sale elsewhere in this newsletter. Or, shop the garage sales and find new (to you) treasures.

Looking forward to summer? Save the date and join us at Make Music Madison in Meadowood Park on June 21<sup>st</sup>. In the meantime, enjoy Spring! See you around the 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:

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Two (2) 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)

## 2023 Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) Events:

**Friday-Saturday, May 5-6:** Meadowood Community Garage Sale

**May 17, 4:00-7:00 pm:** Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Anti-violence and "Save the Children" themed community supper. Resources for youth and teens. Outdoor activities and music. Sponsored by Meadowood Health Partnership.

**Wednesday, June 21, 6:00-8:00 pm:** Make Music Madison, Meadowood Park, Hosted by Meadowood Neighborhood Assn.

**Saturday, August 19:** MNA Annual Picnic

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

[meadowoodneighborhood.org/events](http://meadowoodneighborhood.org/events)

## Meadowood Neighborhood Association Garage Sales!

Once again, the Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) is sponsoring a neighborhood garage sale event taking place on Friday, May 5th and Saturday, May 6th from approximately 8 am to 3 pm each day. This sale will be at the same time as the Greentree Neighborhood Garage Sales so that more shoppers will come to the southwest area of Madison.



If you live in the Meadowood area and are interested in having your own garage sale, please contact either Maggie Dugan ([maggiedugan24@gmail.com](mailto:maggiedugan24@gmail.com)) and/or Janice Bauman ([jdbauman4@gmail.com](mailto:jdbauman4@gmail.com)) and we will make sure that you are listed on the garage sale map. We also will need your address, phone number, times open, payment options, and a general description of items. (Your email and phone number are for our use only.)

You do not need to be an MNA member to be listed on the map, but if you would like to join MNA, we would encourage your membership! If you are not having your own sale this year, then we encourage you to come out and shop at the sales and meet your neighbors!

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## Friendly Reminder to Report Bad Sidewalks

By Lisa Veldran

In February I was walking in our Meadowood neighborhood and came upon a 3 inch raised sidewalk slab. Unfortunately not until I tripped on it, broke my wrist and ended up with two metal plates and a cast.



This is my reminder to our neighbors that as you are walking around and come upon an uneven slab of sidewalk - report it to the city! There is a simple online form to report it to the city <https://www.cityofmadison.com/reportaproblem/Sidewalk.cfm> or if you do not have computer access call 608-266-4537.

Happy walking and keep your eyes open!

## District 10 Candidates Forum Canceled Due to Snow

A record snowfall on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, forced the cancelation of the District 10 Candidates Forum sponsored by Meadowood and Orchard Ridge Neighborhood Associations. By the time you read this, the election will have been held. We, as a board, are deeply appreciative of all the support we have received from our city council representatives. Last year's redistricting resulted in the Meadowood neighborhood being moved from District 20 to District 10 with three city council reps all living in District 10. Yannette Figueroa Cole and Sheri Carter have attended MNA board meetings, listened to our concerns and relayed those concerns to the city staff and the council. We look forward to continuing a strong relationship with our Alderperson as we move into the coming two-year aldermanic term.

## Home Healthcare Crisis Affects Meadowood Families

Access to home health care for the elderly and disabled is reaching crisis proportions in Wisconsin as well as the rest of the country. The lack of funding for workers and the increasing demand for care is putting elderly and disabled people at risk for poor health outcomes. Families with loved ones needing care are torn between providing care and needing to work, often full-time jobs, to support themselves and other family members. People who might otherwise be able to live in their own home are forced into institutional care. The City of Madison Common Council recently voted to authorize moving forward to develop a comprehensive response to this crisis in Madison. The Disability Rights Commission will develop that plan.

Meadowood is host to a few residential group homes for elderly and disabled residents and we have many older adults in our neighborhood who are aging in-place in homes they purchased decades ago. Consider helping your elderly or disabled neighbors by clearing their walk of snow, helping with lawn maintenance and leaf raking or perhaps providing a ride to the doctor or grocery store. Two or more neighbors might collaborate in helping nearby elderly and disabled residents. You might even consider becoming a caregiver and providing this much needed help to people in our community.

We are grateful to our elderly and disabled neighbors and their caregivers for providing a safe, welcoming environment and helping our neighborhood be a vibrant, inclusive place to live. If you are interested in learning more as the comprehensive plan for home health care is developed, you can contact Alder Barbara Vetter at [district12@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district12@cityofmadison.com) or (608) 249-8428 or see this [link](#).

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The Board of Directors meets at 6:30 pm the first Wednesday of every month (no meeting in July) at the Meadowridge Community Room.

Meetings are open to the public. [www.meadowoodneighborhood.org](http://www.meadowoodneighborhood.org)

Like us on Facebook!

## Many Thanks to Area Businesses!

Thank you to all the area businesses that donated prizes for our annual Meadowood Neighborhood Association Bingo game event. We encourage you to patronize and support them. Here they are:

- ◇ Glass Nickel Pizza
- ◇ Thai Basil Restaurant
- ◇ Copper Top Restaurant
- ◇ Los Atlantes Restaurant
- ◇ Heartland Credit Union
- ◇ Kwik Trip
- ◇ Vitense Golfand
- ◇ Walgreens
- ◇ Gino's Italian Deli
- ◇ Ten Pin Alley
- ◇ Vintage Brewing

## Earth Day Challenge

Celebrate Earth Day (April 22nd) with your neighbors and friends by volunteering to clean up your local park! Join this community-wide volunteer effort to make a difference. Earth Day Challenge Projects are held throughout the city. Volunteers may assist with trash pickup, raking, weeding, and removing sticks. We will supply gloves, garbage bags and rakes. Rakes at each park will be based on the number of volunteers participating. No staff is onsite during the event. To learn more, go to: [www.cityofmadison.com/parks/events/earthdayChallenge.cfm](http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/events/earthdayChallenge.cfm)



## Alder Update from Yannette Figueroa Cole, District 10



*Alder Yannette Figueroa Cole  
District 10*

Have you been curious to learn about how the city's budget process works?

The budget season has already started! Mark your calendars for upcoming dates. To find the budget page go to: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/finance/budget>

The calendar provides the basic budget steps. The budget page has information about current activities and past budgets.

Agencies work on their budgets and plan for 2024 and submit the budget requests to the Mayor (these are posted online); the mayor reviews and discusses each request with the agencies. The Capital and Operating budget move through in parallel and come together at the end of the year.

The Mayor prepares the executive Budget and presents it to the Finance committee. Finance makes amendments and the Finance Amended budget is sent to the council for revision. Additional amendments may be made and require 11 votes for approval, and once the Budget is approved, it becomes the Adopted Budget.

Throughout the 2024 year, changes to the Budget will be made via resolutions, and budget amendments outside the budget process required 15 votes to pass.

The City Budget reflects our collective priorities and values! Stay involved!

## Key Dates for 2024 Budget Development

	Capital	Operating
Kick-Off Meeting	Tuesday, March 21 10:30am	Tuesday, June 20 11:00am
Agency Requests Due	Friday, April 21	Friday, July 21
Agency Briefings with Mayor's Office	May 8 – 19	August 7 – 18
Executive Budget introduced to Common Council (CC)	Tuesday, September 5	Tuesday, October 3
Finance Committee (FC) Briefings	September 11 – 12	October 9 – 10
FC Amendment Meeting	September 26	October 23
CC Amendment Week	October 30 – November 10	
CC Budget Adoption Meetings	November 15 – 17	

## Hello to All and Happy Spring!

Welcome to another new spring season! A couple of brief updates for you:

- ◆ It looks like the jail issue may finally be resolved! The referendum to ask voters if the county should spend additional funds was voted down by the board in January. But luckily we have been given the final estimate and the anticipated funding gap will be resolved through county unspent funds from other projects and canceled-budgeted projects. We will get a full report from the consultant and project team later in the month. At that point, the public works and finance department will finalize the request for proposal to build the jail project. We could finally break ground early next year. There is still an issue of sending jail residents to other counties because of ongoing aging issues in the old jail and a shortage of deputies. I hope this can be resolved much earlier than the actual opening of the new jail tower.
- ◆ The county executive and sheriff announced a possible place for the mental health resources center at the old Huber Center on Rimrock Road by the Alliant Energy Center. While the county board has not seen a definitive plan yet, the county board had held public hearings a couple of years ago and one of the recommendations that came out of those hearings was to pick a mental health resource partner first and then use their knowledge to determine what a facility should look like. While I am glad to move this project forward, I believe listening to the public and doing it right may be better than doing it fast.
- ◆ Finally, it's a great time to enjoy the Dane County parks and trails as the weather begins to warm up. So please take advantage of the investments that the county continues to make.



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

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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## Save Energy With Lighting Tips

*From Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE)*

The light bulb has come a long way since incandescent bulbs started lighting homes more than 100 years ago.

In the 1990s, compact fluorescent (CFL) bulbs came on the scene, offering consumers a longer-lasting bulb that used less energy than older bulbs. In recent years, light-emitting diode (LED), bulbs have become more affordable and more popular in households.

LED bulbs are very efficient—using about 75% less energy than standard incandescent bulbs—and they last longer than other bulbs. As an added bonus, because they use most of their energy to produce light instead of heat, they are cool to the touch. The cost to operate an LED bulb annually ranges from about \$1 to \$1.50 for an entire year versus \$2 to \$3 for a CFL and \$10 to \$11 for an incandescent bulb.

### Get Free Energy-Saving Packs From FOCUS ON ENERGY®

Our statewide energy efficiency partner, Focus on Energy, offers a variety of different energy-saving packs that include LED light bulbs—all sent to eligible MGE customers for free.

Each pack contains a variety of products including LED bulbs, pipe insulation, faucet aerators and more. Please note there is a limit of one pack per eligible household every year.

Visit [www.focusonenergy.com/residential](http://www.focusonenergy.com/residential) to learn more and to order your pack. And be sure to visit [www.mge.com](http://www.mge.com) regularly for other energy-saving tips.

## National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Have you looked in your medicine cabinet lately? Spring is a perfect time to take a peek and get rid of any unused, unwanted or expired medicines you may find.

Close to 50% of people who misuse prescription drugs for the first time get these medicines from people they know with or without asking, according to reports by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. And as unintentional deaths through drug poisoning exceed deaths from motor vehicle crashes in Dane County, it's a good preventative measure to dispose of medications in a timely and appropriate manner. Not to mention the importance of keeping unwanted medications out of the hands of children and out of our streams and lakes.

The African American Opioid Coalition and Safe Communities Madison-Dane County host community drop days each spring and fall. Over the last 20 years, MedDrop collected more than 18 tons. Products are incinerated and disposed of in the most environmentally sound method currently available.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day will be held on **Saturday, April 22**. Safe Communities, the Dane County Sheriff's Office and Madison Police Department and the AAOC will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Elver Park (1250 McKenna Blvd.), Warner Park (2930 N Sherman Ave.) and Mt. Zion Baptist Church (2019 Fisher St.) to collect unused and unwanted medications. There will be free medication lock boxes and at-home disposal kits available. The AAOC will also be hosting additional take back days on select Sundays in May and June in partnership with various churches. Visit [safercommunity.net](http://safercommunity.net) for more information.

About Safe Communities:

Safe Communities of Madison and Dane County is an award-winning non-profit coalition of over 350 organizations working together to save lives, prevent injury and make our community safer. We convene coalitions and task forces focused on falls prevention, drug poisoning prevention, suicide prevention and traffic safety. For more information visit [safercommunity.net](http://safercommunity.net).