

MEADOWWORD

MEADOWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

www.meadowoodneighbors.org

September/October 2009

President's Message – Lisa Veldran

Dear Meadowood Neighbors - This is the season for many new arrivals in our neighborhood and the MNA Board would like to take this opportunity to say welcome! Our neighborhood has many wonderful venues to enjoy and activities to get involved with including the Meadowood Community Garden, the Meadowood Community Center, the Friends of the Meadowridge Library, the Meadowood Neighborhood Watch and the Southwest Community Farmers Market. You can start your savings account at Anchor Bank, pick up that handyman item from Ace Hardware, work off that summer barbeque at Curves, get your hair trimmed at Meadowood Barber Style Shop, drop off your dry cleaning at Best Cleaners, pick up a slice of pizza at Pizza Extreme or General Tso's chicken at Chang Jiang's and drop off your prescription refill at Walgreen's **all in one stop!** Orchard Ridge Elementary School (one of the only elementary schools in Madison that does not bus) and Toki Middle School employ some of our best teachers in Madison and the schools are within safe walking distance for our children. We have much to enjoy and be proud of in the Meadowood Neighborhood!

MNA Annual Membership Drive 2009-2010

We encourage you to join the Meadowood Neighborhood Association during the September/October membership drive. An annual family membership is **still only \$5** and covers many MNA activities throughout the year, including the traditional July 4th picnic & bike parade, Santa visits to Meadowood children in December, Bingo Party in January, the Vitense Golfland Event in March and the Garage Sale in May. This year your membership also *includes the Meadowood Neighborhood Association Directory*. **Reminder: Starting with the January 2010 issue of the Meadowood only PAID members will receive the newsletter.** So become a member today! It's easy – area representatives and block captains will be canvassing your street in September/October or you can visit the website and download a copy of the form at www.meadowoodneighbors.org



Meadowood Neighborhood
July 4th Bike Parade & Picnic

Approximately 75 children turned out for the July 4th Children's Bike Parade in Meadowood. This year's theme was "Star Spangle Power". Cash prizes and ribbons were awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each age category and group. The Dane

County Sheriff's Department led the parade and afterwards every participant was given a special treat. Thanks to Linda and Bob Rabehl, Tim Johnson and Matt and Lisa Veldran who were judges. Here is the list of children who placed in the various Bike Parade categories:

0-5 year

1st place Shaw Jackson Jr.
2nd place Kevon Swenson
3rd place Ruth Griffin

6-8 years

1st place Lillian Griffin
2nd place Anya Griffin
3rd place Samantha Schultz

9 – 12 years

1st place Dani Farr
2nd place Tyler Loving
3rd place Rachel Roseboom

Groups

1st place Alison & Cameron Moll
2nd place Knight & Everet

We had a **great turnout** for the picnic this year! Thank you to Lorene Wendricks for her hard (and dedicated) work on the picnic and Lisa Schultz, Patsy Ragland and Cheryl Glomp for assisting in serving food to everyone.

Below is a list of officers and area representatives that were elected at the 4th of July Picnic for the 2009-2010 term. **However we have had two resignations since the elections: Area 10 – Reid Bowers and Areas 14 & 15 – Tim Johnson. We are looking for anyone interested in serving in these areas. Please call Lisa Veldran at 271-0722 if you are interested in serving!**

Officers 2009-2010

President	Lisa Veldran
Vice President	Bob Rabehl
Secretary	Joyce Dingman
Treasurer	Lorene Wendricks

Area Representatives 2009-2010

1. Sally Stix	271-7609
2. Karen Boedecker	274-2574
3. Bob Rabehl (V-Pres)	274-3125
4. Dottie Loehrer	271-5994
5. Sherri Rembert	273-0960
6. Lisa Veldran (Pres)	271-0722
7. Lisa Schulz	271-7831
8. Janice/Mark Bauman	277-0860
9. Dave Glomp	271-9531
10. Vacant	
11. Mary Conlin	271-1320
12. Patsy Ragland	273-4040
13. Darlene Burrell	608-317-3294
14. Vacant	
15. Vacant	

A BIG THANKS to Dave Glomp, Mark Bauman, Dottie Loehrer and Bob Rabehl for all their hard work in procuring our door prizes this year for the 4th of July Picnic. The Meadowood Neighborhood Association asks The Meadowood Neighborhood Association asks that you consider visiting our generous donors!

Ace Hardware	Liquor Towne
Anchor Bank	McDonald's Restaurant
Babe's Restaurant	MC Sports
Best Cleaners	M & I Bank
Copper Top Restaurant	Meadowood Barber Shop
Copps Food Store	Pancake Cafe
Curves	Picasso's Pizza
Dane County Credit Union	Ten Pin Alley
Gino's Italian Deli	Touch of Class Hairstyling
Griff's Restaurant	Vitense Golfland
Home Depot	Walgreen's
Jung Seed Company	WI Community Bank
Klinke Cleaners	

2009-2010 MNA Events - Please mark you calendars!

Santa Visits	December 12, 2009
Bingo Party	January 23, 2010
Vitense Golf Event	March 6, 2010
Meadowood Garage Sale	May 15, 2010
July 4th Bike Parade & Picnic	July 4, 2010



Southwest Community Farmers Market – Ends October 28th & Emails/Letters of Support Needed!

The Southwest Community Farmers Market is located at the Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ parking lot at 1501 Gilbert Road from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday through October 28. (Hours during the fall will be adjusted and the market will end before dark.)

The church is required to apply for a conditional use permit through the City of Madison in order to host the farmers market. The application will be considered by the Plan on Commission on October 5, 2009. **If you have enjoyed the Farmers Market please send your comments of support to Heather Stouder, Planning Staff, hstouder@cityofmadison.com or by mail to Plan Commission, c/o Heather Stouder, 215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Room LL110, Madison WI 53703 by Friday, September 25, 2009.** You may also want to attend the Plan Commission meeting on Monday, October 5, 2009 at 6 p.m. in Room 201, City-County Building to register to speak or indicate your support. For more information feel free to contact Lisa Veldran at 271-0722 or lveldran@yahoo.com.

Meadowood Community Garden Update

The Meadowood Community Garden was visited by Mayor Dave's bike tour on August 29th. His annual community garden tour brought him through the southwest Madison gardens at Prairie Hills, Hammersley Park, Meadowood Park and Orchard Ridge UCC. Mayor Dave got a taste of our Southwest hospitality and an appreciation for the positive impact that community gardens bring to our city.

The Meadowood Kids' Garden mission is to provide neighborhood children with an opportunity to garden. Each week during the growing season we meet to plant, weed, water and harvest. The kids' garden is a place where kids are free to explore & tend the plants and to pick & snack on what's ripe. The garden is winding down for the season, but folks are invited to join us on Saturday mornings in September at 10am in Meadowood Park to help put the garden to bed for the winter and plan for next year. Special thanks to Meadowood residents Scott Marshall, Sheri Rembert, Nina Rembert and Becky Schrader for their contributions to our program this year. Please contact Leslie Stephany to get involved: leslie.stephany@gmail.com or 608-438-2109.

Strengthen your community by becoming a Schools of Hope tutor at Toki Middle School!

Tutors will work with a student one-to-one on homework and class projects, as well as practice general study and organizational skills to promote academic success. Tutors are most frequently asked to provide extra support in math and literacy, though need varies with each students.

We do our best to consider tutor strengths and student needs when creating a match. It is not necessary that tutors be math or literacy experts to provide a real service. Much of the success of a match depends on the tutor-student relationship. Knowing that someone has taken an active interest in their academic performance positively affects a student's attitude towards school, which encourages them to think about their own school success.

Tutors are asked to make a semester long commit of at least one hour a week either during or after school. Days and times are dependent on your schedule; however possible times are between 7:30am-3:30pm Monday-Thursday, and 7:30am-2:30pm on Fridays. For more information or to apply, please contact Anna Weidemann (anna@chdc.us) or Ariana Hauck (ahauck@ulgm.org) at (608) 204-4763. An application can be downloaded from the Urban League website (www.ulgm.org).

Dane County TRIAD 7th Annual Crime Prevention and Safety Conference & Expo - *"To be Aware is to be Prepared"*
 September 22, 2009, 8a.m.-3:00 p.m.
 Blackhawk Church, Madison, WI
 Come and learn how to keep you, your family and friends safe in your home and community. All ages are invited. Seniors, law enforcement, EMS, fire personnel, neighborhood associations, city/county officials, human service professionals and the general public are invited to attend. Workshops will focus on:

Juvenile Gangs *Internet Safety for You and Your Children/ Grandchildren* *Hiring a Reputable Contractor* *Fire and Falls Prevention* *Scams and Frauds* *Project Lifesaver and Safe Return Projects* *Youth Peer Court* *Financial Literacy* *Financial Fraud Risks for Older Adults in Economic Hard Times* *Elder Abuse*

There will be an opportunity to participate in the AARP free Car-Fit Program. Drivers are assessed in how they "fit" in their cars for safety. There will be Exhibits, Door Prizes, Blood Pressure Screening and Reflex Testing. The cost is \$15.00. The fee includes lunch, breaks, and materials. C.E.H.s are available. If you need an interpreter, translator, materials in alternate formats or other accommodations to access this program please call 441-7897, 10 working days before September 22. There will be a \$100 cash door prize. For more information or to register contact: RSVP of Dane County: (608) 441-7897.

Neighborhood Watch - Coordinator Needed!

Meadowood needs a new neighborhood watch coordinator. Tim Johnson, our former coordinator, has resigned for personal reasons. Currently, we have a yahoo group, similar to Orchard Ridge's group, and our coordinator could also be moderator for that group. Tim, Becky Jenn (Orchard Ridge coordinator) and MPD are all great resources for building the neighborhood watch. This volunteer position is open to any Meadowood Neighborhood Association members. If interested, please contact Tim at tjohnson61@yahoo.com or Lisa Veldran at lveldran@yahoo.com.

Meadowood Neighborhood Center

The Meadowood Neighborhood Center is located at 5734 Raymond Road, next to the library. Funding is provided by the City and the Madison Metro School District. The center is open M-F, 9 am - 8 pm. The fall schedule is available online at www.mschr.org or at the Meadowood Neighborhood Center. Some new **FREE** adult activities include Uploading Photos, Book Club, Writing Our Life Stories, Meadowood Talks, and for the whole family Wii Virtual Bowling League! Please see the fall calendar for more information or contact the staff at meadowood@madison.k12.wi.us or 608-467-8360.

Thank You Neighbor! – Thank those that help you throughout the year. Email Lisa at lveldran@yahoo.com or call 271-0722 to leave your "thanks" for the next issue of the Meadowood.

* **Shirley Culp:** I would like to thank all of the Meadowood Area Reps for a great job on the 4th of July. The picnic and prizes were great. Many thanks to all of you for time you spent on the parade, meal, obtaining prizes and serving. We all appreciate it!

City of Madison 2009 Neighborhood Roundtable
Mark your calendars!

Saturday, November 7, 2009, 8:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Goodman Atwood Community Center, 149 Waubesa Street

This is a great event if you are interested in knowing more about how neighborhoods around the city work, finding an opportunity to meet other people involved in their neighborhoods and sparking your interest in possibly starting a new initiative in Meadowood! More information will be available on the City's website soon at www.cityofmadison.com

Meadowridge Public Library Events

The Library is open M-F 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. The following is a listing of upcoming events. Please contact the library staff at 288-6160 to register or for more information.

* Chess Club – All ages - Wednesdays at 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

* Visiting Artist – grades K-5 – Saturday, September 19 at 1 p.m. A local artist will be visiting Meadowridge and demonstrating how they create their art!

*Chemistry – It's Elemental & Fun – grades K-5 – Saturday, October 3 at 1 p.m. Get a jump on celebrating National Chemistry Week! Enjoy a hands-on chemistry extravaganza at Meadowridge Library on October 3rd at 1pm.

*Friends of the Meadowridge Branch Book & Bake Sale- Saturday, October 24 at 9:00 a.m. Sale of books and AV materials, plus delicious baked goods! Friends only from 9:00-10:00. Join at the door! \$5 individuals, \$15 family, \$24 dealers and other businesses. Bag sale begins at 12:00.

* We're Going Batty! – Thursday, October 29 at 6:30 p.m. - Join Ken and Barbara Bowman (and bat friends) and observe up close and personal bats' upside down lifestyle. Discover first-hand the real story behind these fascinating furry flying animals.

* Apples To Apples – Friday, October 20 at 6:00 p.m. - Bring the family to the library for an Apples to Apples extravaganza! The more players, the funnier it is. Snacks, prizes and hysterical laughter with family and new friends. Suggested for ages nine to adult.



MADISON ALDERPERSON
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Summer is coming to an end and families are getting children ready for "Back to School". Please be patient with the S. Midvale Boulevard Resurfacing Project now in full swing and is scheduled to be completed by Halloween. It's great that Wis. Department of Transportation has committed to repainting lane markings at the same time as it certainly will improve traffic safety in our area.

Madison has committed millions of stimulus money to purchasing 14 hybrid buses for Metro Transit. This should enhance services in both scheduling & routing. I will continue to push for stimulus funds to be channeled toward projects that create jobs, especially at the entry level, for the many limited income residents within District 20.

Between now and November City Council is gearing up for its biggest challenge: wrapping up a very difficult 2010 Budget. Impacted by the current recession, many of us have been tightening belts as we face an

unknown future while experiencing income decreases. Until an economic turnaround occurs we must be fiscally conservative and take care of our needs, while delaying our wants. The City must also exercise restraint and not tax Madisonians out of their homes. I ask you to participate in Budget Public Hearings, pay close attention to details as they are being presented and let me know your opinions/suggestions on these very important issues. I truly appreciate all constituents' input and will use them for guidance during upcoming Council Budget debates.

The violent homicide right in our District this summer has triggered serious safety concerns among many area residents. Although quite saddened for the untimely loss of such a young life I am thankful to see friends & neighbors actively join Neighborhood Watches and work together in several avenues to take back our community. Our joint efforts and commitments will strengthen our District as we continue to hold the Mayor to the many promises he made in the immediate aftermath of that tragic murder. I will continue to support basic City services. With the last recent group of new graduates MPD has the total 30 additional officers allocated in the 2008 Budget. Although crime data showed an overall citywide decrease, the sharp increase of calls for services to the West Police District proves a serious need for resources to be allocated to the Southwest to maintain the safety & quality of life in our area.

My best wishes to you & your family for a very successful new school year. Please continue to stay in close touch.

Alder Thuy, district20@cityofmadison.com



**DANE COUNTY SUPERVISOR
Matt Veldran**

Hello Meadowood neighbors – The fall season is upon us with our schedules and activities picking up in a variety of ways. The weather has been wonderful this summer as we continue to enjoy late seasonal temperatures.

Fall season also means the county budget will be presented to the county board by Executive Falk and we will start deliberating before finalizing it in November. As we all know, the national economy continues to affect everything we do. I have just sat through two days of budget hearings on the Human Services portion of the budget and the department made some tough decisions to adhere to the county executive's budget guidelines. One of the toughest cuts that will affect our area directly right now as proposed is the elimination of two positions at Joining Forces for Families (JFF). Mike Bruce, the head of the JFF office on Russett Road does an exceptional job for the community. His is one of the positions that will be eliminated if not put in the executive's budget. The money invested at JFF ultimately saves all of us money for people who are trying to get their lives back together but need help getting there. Reinstating Mike's position is a high priority for me to maintain in the 2010 budget. The remaining departments will present their budget proposals to the county board on September 21. Feel free to attend and listen to the presentations, the meeting will be held at the City-County Building. The budget decisions that will be made will be difficult and I welcome your thoughts or suggestions on the budget. It will be difficult for all of us.

After the tragic shooting in June, a variety of people got together to look at the situation in our area. After different events were held to discuss solutions, it is good to see that we can come together to find workable solutions. I welcome any discussions to achieving positive outcomes and will continue to ask any county agency staff to assist us as we work together to make Meadowood safe and strong. Some of the other budget initiatives that were not cut at all involve strengthening the gang task force. This is a much needed area that had not been funded appropriately and I'm glad that continued and increased funding is in the budget proposal. In addition, because safety is still an important priority, I have once again asked Sheriff Mahoney to have his deputies' drive through the neighborhoods on their way to the county's west precinct office from downtown.

Finally, as the leaves start to turn and fall, please remember the best thing that we can do here is keep our leaves out of the streets as they will ultimately end up in the lakes. When you pile your leaves up, please do not put the piles in the street. Because of the city's leaf pick-up policy, leaves may sit for a weeks and if it rains during that time too many leaves will end up in gutters where they will directly affect the quality of the lakes by adding unneeded nutrients that promote algae growth. So please be a good steward of the lakes even out in Meadowood.

Have a great fall season and enjoy the fabulous weather while it's still here! As always, please feel free to contact me with any concerns or ideas you may have.

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(I'm also on Facebook)

Meals on Wheels – Volunteer Opportunity - Do you have room in your heart and room in your car? Home Health United Meals on Wheels delivers the noon meal every day to the elderly and homebound in Madison, Monona and Middleton and we are always in need of new volunteers. A route takes about an hour with very specific instructions to each recipients home. We have four pickup points in Madison and will adapt to any schedule you may have. This is a great family activity and can also be used as community service hours for individuals, scout groups or service groups. Contact Sue Barker at 276-7598 for more information.

Quick Links to Community Information

H1N1 Information – City-County Public Health Dept.

<http://www.publichealthmdc.com/disease/swineFlu>

City Parks Newsletters

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/newsletters.htm>

West Police District Information & Newsletters

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/Police/west>

Important Phone Numbers

West Madison Police Department	243-0500
Animal Control	267-1989
Mayor's Office	266-4611
Dane County Executive's Office	266-4114
Social Security Administration	270-1141
Madison Metro	266-4466
Meadowood Neigh. Center	467-8370