

MEADOWOOD

Newsletter of the Meadowood Neighborhood Assn

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Sept/Oct 2011

President's Message – Lisa Veldran

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Blink! There goes summer! By the time you read this newsletter, our gardens will be a little worse for wear, kids will be back in school and the tree leaves will be starting to turn. I hope you were able to get out and take part in some or all of the summer-fun Meadowood activities; the Meadowood Community Garden, the Southwest Community Farmer's Market, the recent Meadowood Community Picnic and Project Meadowood. Your neighborhood association is a proud supporter and partner on many of the initiatives listed. If you are interested in being a part of any of the activities happening in Meadowood and don't know who to contact, feel free to send me an email or call me and I can put you in contact with the right person.

I am looking forward to my fourth year serving as the Meadowood Neighborhood Association president and feel extremely privileged to serve on the board with the wonderful people who represent **your** area on **your** neighborhood association board.

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Meadowood Celebrates July 4th



Approximately 35 children turned out for the July 4th children's bike parade in Meadowood. This year's theme was "Proud to be an American!" Cash prizes and ribbons were awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each age category and group. A Madison Fire Department truck led the parade and after it, every participant was given a special treat and an opportunity to climb aboard the fire truck (a big thanks to our MFD personnel for taking the time to stop by). Thanks to judges Linda and Bob Rabehl, Nina Rembert and Matt Veldran. Here is the list of children who placed in the various bike parade categories:

It's MNA's 2011-12 Membership DRIVE Time!

If you feel like you have been left out of the loop, it's because you aren't a member of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association! For the small sum of \$5, your family receives the *Meadowood* (what you are currently reading) keeping you informed of the neighborhood's activities, five times a year; during the holiday season, your kids can get a Santa visit; you can attend the highly popular bingo party and family golf event at Vitense Golfland; advertise in the Neighborhood Garage Sale, and join us at the 4th of July bike parade and picnic – all for FREE! We encourage you to join the Meadowood Neighborhood Association during the annual membership drive. So become a member or just renew today! It's easy – area representatives and block captains will be canvassing your street in September/October to sign you up or you can visit the website and download a copy of the form. When your area representative receives your \$5 membership payment, you will receive a membership card to use at all the events and activities noted above.

Meadowood Neighborhood Association is now on Facebook!

This is the quickest way to share information. If you have a Facebook account, "like" the page and if you don't, you can still view it, but won't be notified when information is posted. www.facebook.com/pages/Meadowood-Neighborhood-Association/132354030181326

	0 – 5 years	6 – 8 years
1st place	Keevon Swenson	Abbey Mutch
2nd place	Callum Mutch	Emily Thom
3rd place	Tianna Phillips	Matthew Griffin
	9 – 12 years	Groups
1st place	Caleb Swanson	Sam & Max Knight
2nd place	Lilly Griffin	Cameron & Ali Moll
3rd Place	Owen Mutch	

We had a great turnout, again, for the picnic. Thank you to Lorene Wendricks for her hard (and VERY dedicated) work on the picnic and Patsy Ragland, Linda and Al Kubly, Sally Stix and Krista Ralston for assisting in serving food to the attendees.

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Patronize the donors of July 4th door prizes!

Vintage Brewing Company	George Vitense Golfand
Gino's Italian Deli	Copper Top Restaurant
Curves	Babe's Restaurant
Best Cleaners	Walgreens
Ace Hardware	Liquor Towne
Copp's Food Store	M&I Bank
Home Depot	Picasso's Pizza
Wisconsin Community Bank	MacDonald's Restaurants

THANKS to Dave Glomp, Mark Bauman and Dottie Loehrer for their hard work in procuring our door prizes for this year's picnic.

2011-2012 MNA Events - Mark your calendars!

Santa Visit	December 10, 2011
Bingo Party	January 21, 2012
Vitense Golf Outing	March 3, 2012
Meadowood Garage Sale	May 11 & 12, 2012
July 4th Bike Parade & Picnic	July 4, 2012

2011-12 MNA Board

Below is a list of officers and area representatives who were elected at the 4th of July picnic:

Officers 2011-2012

President	Lisa Veldran
Vice President	Andy Halada
Secretary	Joyce Dingman
Treasurer	Lorene Wendricks

Area Representatives

1. Sally Stix	271-7609
2. Krista Ralston	274-2210
3. Bob Rabehl	274-3125
4. Dottie Loehrer	271-5994
5. Sherri Rember	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. Rose Mary Wise	271-8259
11. Linda Kubly	271-4530
12. Patsy Ragland	273-4040
13. 14. & 15.	Volunteer needed!

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SPECIALS:

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Tuesday - Family Style
Wednesday - Shrimp Night
Friday - Fish Fry
Saturday - Prime Rib

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Alder Phair's Column

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Hello Meadowood residents. I hope you enjoyed your summer as much as I did—even if it went too fast!



I first want to apologize for not having an article in the last issue of the *Meadowood*; rookie mistake! I am happy to be your new alder and look forward to representing all of you during the next two years. As your representative on the Common Council, I am committed to addressing the concerns that are important to you and will work closely with

the neighborhood association. The City faces some interesting and tough challenges going forward; your input and guidance is welcomed and appreciated.

As summer winds down, we also face challenges here on the Southwest side including all of us ensuring that our streets and neighborhoods stay safe. We should be proud of all the work that is being done by a wide variety of our neighbors in this regard. We have people involved in everything from organizing community suppers, taking part in committees that work on safety, economic development, housing and programming, to neighbors and landlords who have worked to beautify apartments on Leland and Balsam. We have residents who have worked hard to create a community garden, renovate Meadowood Park...and the list goes on! All of these things, shepherded by people being involved, help create a sense of community and place, which in study after study is an indicator of how crime is reduced and safety enhanced.

However, we have to stay engaged and involved. As your alder, I maintain regular contact with the police department, especially with our neighborhood officer, to make sure we're doing all we can to prevent and deter crime. I co-sponsored three new City ordinances that make theft, battery, and party to retail theft a municipal offense. With our overworked and underfunded district attorney's office, too many cases that involved these types of crimes were being tossed out. Now the Madison Police Department has a tool that will hold these offenders responsible. In addition, I started working with other alders, landlords, and City staff to come up with innovative ideas to hold bad landlords accountable and require education for others who don't have the necessary skills. I will continue to update you.

Here are highlights of other issues that have affected or will affect the Meadowood Neighborhood and District 20:

Budget:

- It is that time of year...and this budget looks to be extremely dire. As many of you probably know, the City is facing a significant shortfall for 2012—latest figures are right around \$15 million.

- The Mayor has asked for and received budget proposals from City department heads that include a 5 percent reduction from last year's budget.

- While the numbers and outcomes will change by the time the Council adopts a budget in mid-November, we can be pretty certain that cuts will affect all of us in the form of fewer services and/or programs.

- I will do all I can to make sure that even under the circumstances, we adopt a budget that reflects the values and priorities of the people in our neighborhood and our city.

Street Repair (chip sealing):

I have received several emails and phone calls regarding the City's chip sealing street maintenance program.

This is a program the City implemented beginning in 2006. It is a cost effective way to prolong the life of a street.

The downsides are that it is messy and does cause a minimal amount of runoff into our lakes.

If you are interested in learning more about why your street was chip sealed view a power point presentation at www.cityofmadison.com/transportation/roadworks/documents/chipseal2011.pdf

Redistricting:

The Common Council adopted a new aldermanic district and polling place map at its August 2nd meeting.

Meadowood will remain in District 20; however, the district will change quite dramatically. You can take a look at the new map at www.cityofmadison.com/cityhall/redistricting_ The new aldermanic districts will go into effect officially on January 1, 2012.

Again, I look forward to representing all the people of Meadowood and am always willing to answer your questions or advocate on your behalf. **In fact, I would love to create a list-serve of constituents, so please email me!**

Thanks for entrusting me to represent you and enjoy the beginning of fall!

Matt

Supervisor Veldran's Column

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Hello Meadowood neighbors, as we bid farewell to the wonderful summer weather after a not-so-wonderful spring. (Remember it?) It was good seeing so many people at the July 4th bike parade and picnic.

Unfortunately, we must turn our thoughts to a fall that may see some drastic changes in many of the programs that have made Dane County a truly great place to live.

As of this writing all county departments have submitted their budgets to County Executive Joe Parisi. I am hopeful with the savings we realized by negotiating with county employees and a renegotiated contract with the county's health care provider we will see \$2,000,000 in savings over the next few years. That will translate into keeping vital programs intact.

The county board recently asked the Capitol Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC) to re-review its budget proposal which it presented to the county in July. The function of the Commission is to serve as the regional planning and area-wide water quality management planning entity for the Dane County region. CARPC's budget is added directly to the county tax levy, meaning that with the highly restrictive revenue caps put in place by Governor Walker's budget and passed by the legislature, the county could be severely limited in what can be used for much needed programs and services.

I'll have more on the final budget in the next newsletter. As always, I will fight to keep funding for our important Joining Forces for Families (JFF) office on Russett Road and the gang task force in the sheriff's budget. County Board Chair McDonnell has scheduled three budget hearings; the first on September 8th will cover all departments except human services, which will have two days of hearings on September 12 & 13 at the Alliant Energy Center. **Please come, listen to each department's budget proposal and make your voice heard!**

Also, as of this writing, the county board should be approving its final version of the new county supervisory districts map. Madison and all other municipalities have aligned their districts with the county's proposed map sent out in June and the final map should be voted on in September. District 7 will change to include only Madison neighborhoods. Currently, I represent portions of western Fitchburg, which have been eliminated from the district. The new District 7 will include Greentree, Prairie Hills and Park Edge neighborhoods, in addition to Meadowood and Orchard Ridge. The committee

strove to keep communities of interest together and I believe that a stronger representation of the Southwest side is important and was achieved. On the good news front: the former Cub Foods grocery store has been purchased and the City of Madison has given its final approval to the purchase by U-Haul. I met with representatives of U-Haul in May and though I would have liked to have seen a business employing more people, I feel a building that is occupied and contributing is better than an empty shell. I also applaud U-Haul's sustainability practice of re-using the existing building. U-Haul is currently hiring for positions at this facility.

Feel free to contact me on any issue of concern to you.
Matt

Wisconsin's New Voter ID Law Explained

Madison City Clerk, Maribeth Witzel-Behl,
Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.
Meadowood Neighborhood Center, 5734 Raymond Road

Plan on attending this informational presentation on the recent changes to election laws and what is required to obtain a free identification card for voting purposes. For more information on elections visit the Clerk's website at www.cityofmadison.com/clerk

Review the New Draft City of Madison's Zoning Map!

On March 29, 2011, Madison adopted a new zoning code. The new code replaces the existing one which was last adopted in a comprehensive manner in the 1960's. The new code will take effect when a new map is adopted by the Common Council. The City is preparing a draft map which assigns new zoning districts to all properties. The draft map will be presented for initial public review and comment at a series of open houses in Sept. & Oct.

Please attend and provide feedback on the draft. For District 20, **Thursday September 22, 2011, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Mount Olive Lutheran Church - Fellowship Hall
110 North Whitney Way. Alders will attend, and City Planning and Zoning Staff will be there to answer questions and collect comments. Your feedback is important, and will help the City prepare a revised draft of the Zoning Map.

For more information about either the new draft Zoning Map and/or Code, visit Madison's Zoning Code Rewrite website:

www.cityofmadison.com/neighborhoods/zoningrewrite/index.cfm

If you have any questions, contact Rick Roll, Project Manager: e-mail, rroll@cityofmadison.com, telephone 267-8732.

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Project Meadowood:

or don't kvetch about safety--Get Involved!

Seen the purple "I AM" shirts out and about? Project Meadowood is a group of involved residents who are being a part of the solution. They believe in neighborhood safety, neighborhood inclusion and active participation in the community. They support activities and events that promote respect of community, others, property and ourselves. Current projects include weekly Neighborhood Walks, a flag football program, youth t-shirt recognition initiative and a couple of other projects are in the works.

More information? Attend the next meeting; Wednesday, September 7 @ 6 pm at the Meadowood Neighborhood Center or join them for a neighborhood walk. For the next scheduled walk, please contact 467-8360.

Neighborhood Drug Dealing: Residents' Role

Sgt Lori Beth Chalecki lchalecki@cityofmadison.com

Drug dealing and using are two of the most problematic crimes and typically tied to just about every other kind of crime out there. Burglaries, robberies, copper wire theft and thefts from autos occur to generate funds to purchase drugs. People dip into their family's purses and wallets for that \$20 you won't miss or a blank check to forge. The same goes for jewelry or other items of value from your home. With



advances in technology, drugs are everywhere like never before.

How can you help? Provide us with information. We don't want people to put themselves in a position in which they are vulnerable so we are not asking residents to put on their "camo" gear and low crawl for license plate numbers! Being a good observer, with attention to details, and taking good notes on exactly what you see is the most helpful to us.

The West District is made up of variety of groups, patrol officers, a community policing team (CPT), a gang/crime prevention officer, detectives, parking enforcement officers, command staff, and support personnel. Any issues related to drug dealing will be funneled to either patrol officers or the community policing team.

Drugs deals typically happen in one of two ways. The drug dealer and drug user have a predetermined meet spot; the parking lot of a business, specific street, or park. The exchange usually takes 30 seconds or less and everyone goes on their way.

In these situations, you should call non-emergency dispatch, 266-4275, and be prepared to provide the best description you can of the vehicle make, model, color, condition, and license plate as well as descriptions of the driver and any passengers. Please realize that these are incredibly difficult for us. The transaction takes place so quickly it's very hard for officers to arrive before they are long gone. With different directions to go, it's luck for an officer to come into contact with the dealer/user's vehicles.

Of course, most drug dealers don't keep their vehicle registration up to date so the address may not be correct. Most of the time a vehicle is registered to a dealer's girlfriend, sister, mom, or grandmother. Sometimes the plates are not registered to the vehicle they are on. We also see a lot of rental cars used by drug dealers.

That said, we still **really** want all the information you can put together for us as they become pieces to solving the puzzle. You may have the last piece needed!

The other form of drug dealing is short term traffic (STT). It is typically a residence. This is evidenced by numerous individuals making quick trips, 5 minutes or less, to the residence. The car often is left running in the driveway or only one occupant of the car will go into the residence. The visitor may never enter the residence and contact is only made at the door. This type of drug deal can also be called in to non-emergency dispatch but may be assigned to the community policing team as we can work longer term with more involved problems. Now, not every residence that has short term traffic is dealing drugs. Many people run legitimate businesses out of their homes.

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Another fact that helps us, especially where the situation is short term traffic rather than "meets," is the time of activity. Some dealers only deal during the day; others only on the weekend. To give us dates, days, and/or times during which you see the activity helps us to manage our time. Many times we receive intelligence about drug dealing at an address but no other specific information. We could watch some properties for an 8 hour shift and have no activity. The CPT typically works 2 pm to 10 pm but has some flexibility to adjust their hours to investigate.

Meadowood (Balsam/Russett) Community Officer is: **Brian Vandervest** 243-0532 bvandervest@cityofmadison.co
www.cityofmadison.com/police/west/communityPolicing.cfm

Food Group's Festival, September 17

REAP Food Group's 13th annual Food For Thought Festival will be held Saturday, Sept 17th, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. along Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, off the Capitol Square.

The festival helps to reconnect people with food on a local level through speakers, demonstrations, kids' activities, information booths from more than 50 local vendors and food producers, and more. This year's theme is "Eating Through the Seasons." Highlights will include the Local Foods Chefs' Tent featuring amazing breakfast and lunch items by Madison's finest chefs; an "Eating Through the Seasons" chef showdown competition; "All About Apples" – a presentation to help us all learn more about eating, blending, and preserving apples for winter; a talk from Susan Troller, author of "Cluck: From Jungle Fowls to City Chicks;" a demonstration garden; and kids' activities led by the Madison Children's Museum and Colleen's Art Wagon. More information at www.reapfoodgroup.org.



Organized by REAP Food Group, the festival is made possible with generous support by Organic Valley, Willy Street Grocery Co-op, Metcalfe's Market, Whole Foods Market, Johns on Block & Co., Wisconsin Cheese Originals, the Wisconsin Vegetable and Potato Growers Association, Community Shares of Wisconsin, and Isthmus Publishing.

Reina Podell, REAP Food Group, 306 E. Wilson St., Suite 2E, Madison, WI 53703, 608-310-7836

MADISON REMEMBERS: A SEPTEMBER 11TH CONCERT OBSERVANCE

(Overture Center Press Release)

Join us as we gather in community to remember and to look forward on the tenth anniversary of the national tragedy of September 11, 2001. **On Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 3:00 PM, the Madison Symphony Orchestra and Overture Center for the Arts will present a free concert in Overture Hall.** The program will include music for the MSO's Overture Concert Organ, mixed community choruses and instrumentalists. Organist Gary Lewis of Bethel Lutheran Church will lead the performance, which will last about 45 minutes with no intermission. This concert is free and open to the public. All ages are welcome, and no tickets or reservations are needed. Visit www.madisonsymphony.org/911 for more details.

The program includes an introduction and welcome by NBC news anchor Carleen Wild, followed by the Presentation of the Colors by an Honor Guard of officers from the Madison Police Department. Then the singing of the National Anthem will be followed by Aaron Copland's famous Fanfare for the Common Man, arranged for organ and timpani. The performance will also feature the artistry of organist Bruce Bengtson and soprano Cheryl Rowe.

Secular readings will be presented between pieces, and the concert continues with Samuel Barber's beautiful Adagio for Strings, Gabriel Fauré's hauntingly melodic In Paradisum, Ye Now Are Sorrowful from Johannes Brahms' magnificent Requiem, Ennio Morricone's Gabriel's Oboe (well known from the film score for The Mission), and Carmen Dragon's stirring arrangement of America the Beautiful in which organ and choruses will be joined by the audience. The program will conclude with the Retiring of the Colors.

Overture Center for the Arts also presents an exhibit of photographs by Carolyn Knorr, Patrick Patterson and Reece Donihi entitled "9/11 Then and Now: How Life has Changed." The exhibit will run from Sept 7 through Nov 6 in the Playhouse Gallery.

The Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters will also observe the 10th anniversary of the events of 9/11 on Sunday, September 11, 2011, with an afternoon of discussion and reflection entitled Perspectives on a Post-9/11 World. Visit www.wisconsinacademy.org for details.

MadCity Chickens 2011 Coop Tour, Sept 10, 2011

9 am - 1 pm, Free!

Visit several of Madison's backyard chicken coops and talk to the chicken owners. End your self-guided tour at the Dane County Humane Society on Voges Rd. at 2 pm for a free screening of "Mad City Chickens, The Movie", by Tarazod films. Raffle prizes.

Call 608-695-7914 or smilingchicken44@yahoo.com for

locations or additional information. Coop locations listed at Google Maps link available at www.MadCityChickens.com

Women ♀♀♀♀♀♀ only: Free Mammograms Available!

All women are at risk for breast cancer, not just those with a family history. One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime. The good news is that breast cancer is treatable. Finding breast cancer early gives a woman a much greater chance of a full recovery.

Wisconsin Well Woman Program, in collaboration with Susan G. Komen for the Cure, provides FREE mammograms and Pap tests to age and income eligible women. This program has been serving women since 1994 and provides a choice from more than 30 medical clinics in Dane County.

ALL women can have access to regular breast and cervical cancer screening. Enrollment is quick and is completed over the phone. For more information, call today! Contact the Wisconsin Well Woman Program 608-242-6385 or 608-242-6235 (Spanish) at Public Health – Madison & Dane County. www.wellwomandanecounty.org

Have Bales of Fun on Madison Parks Hayrides

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/celebrate/hayrides.cfm>

Enjoy a crisp fall evening with a hayride in Madison Parks. Madison Parks is offering hayrides in Elver and Olin Parks beginning September 22 through November 23. Perfect for scout troops, community groups, or family outings – Madison Parks hayrides will treat your group to a tour of a beautiful park and enjoy a warm and crackling campfire with 's'mores. Each hayride trip is one hour: 30 minute ride, 30 minute campfire and 's'mores. The wagon, pulled by a tractor, will take your group on a scenic tour of the park. Please note that participants will need to enter/exit the wagon using a step ladder. For a listing of potential dates, times & locations, please visit the Madison Parks Hayride website.

Reporting numbers

For criminal activity/behavior:

- an immediate situation **911**
- not dangerous but immediate and annoying, call dispatch 266-4275 and select #7
- self-report on the City's website:

General problems:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/reportAProblem/GeneralFeedback.cfm>

Graffiti:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/reportAProblem/Graffiti.cfm>

Exterior Housing issues; junk, trash in street or property:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/reportAProblem/exteriorHousing.cfm>

Traffic Enforcement (hint: keep a notepad and pen in your car:

https://www.cityofmadison.com/reportAProblem/traffic_enforcement.cfm

Join the Meadowood Neighborhood Watch Group at

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/meadowoodneighborhoodwatch>

Back by popular demand – see the Fantasy Holiday in Lights in Olin Park from a haywagon!

Experience this Madison holiday tradition in a unique way. Get your friends and family together, snuggle up under some warm blankets and enjoy the beautiful lights and the downtown lights in the background. Book your new holiday tradition today. Dates for Fantasy Holiday in Lights Hayride tours are: Nov. 12 – 23, 5:30 & 6:45 p.m.

Registration: Call Madison Parks Office at 266-4711. Cost: \$85.00 per group (1-24 people). Advance registration required. For more information, please call 266-4711 or visit Madison Parks at <http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/celebrate/hayrides.cfm>

ANNUAL BUDGET REPORT: 9/1/10 – 8/31/11

INCOME

Membership	3050.00
Donations	115.00
Newsletter Advertising	691.25
TOTAL INCOME	3856.25

BUSINESS EXPENSES

Newsletter Printing	1432.71
Website	250.38
P O Box	70.00

EVENT & MISC. EXPENSES

Santa Visit	9.16
Bingo Party	200.00
Pizza/Golf Outing	226.09
Garage Sale	63.00
July 4 th Picnic & Parade	587.43
Bank Charges	6.00
Donations	800.00
Misc. Exp. & Supplies	7.68
Sign Repair	50.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

4373.45

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