

MEADOWOOD

Newsletter of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association, Inc.
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President's Message – Terry Evanson

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We are certainly living in “interesting times”. I fervently hope you are well and feeling nourished physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually. Feeding these basic needs takes more effort at the present time and encourages us all to show more kindness, understanding and gratitude. The [thread](#) is an organization that believes “that empathetic and enduring relationships are our society’s most essential form of wealth”. Nothing could be truer or more obvious at this time of disruption and uncertainty. The stock market may have plummeted, but our social wealth can soar. Please call a neighbor who may be shut-in; reach out through email, social media, etc. to support those who may be isolated and need additional social contact. We need not fear a crash of social wealth with social distancing – in fact, this is the time to grow our social capital and strengthen our entire community.



Sheray Wallace continues to be a central figure in ensuring the health and well-being of our residents. Pre-COVID-19, her Meadowood Health Partnership worked out of the library on Wednesdays and Fridays. She prepared for the closure of the library by moving critical supplies to her home and continues to help those with medical needs, expectant mothers, moms with new babies and provide support to those in need across our neighborhood. Sheray’s energy, vision, determination and sense of mission bless many families and creates a healthier, more stable neighborhood for all of us.

Like almost all public activities, our annual Bingo game was canceled in March. We hope to find a time to reschedule it this fall.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming MNA-sponsored activities!

Garage Sale, Friday & Saturday, May 29 – 30. More information will be posted on our [website](#), [Facebook](#) page, and Nextdoor-Meadowood.

Make Music Madison on Sunday, June 21st, Noon to 4 p.m. at Meadowood Park. Celebrate Father’s Day by enjoying activities for the whole family, including talented local musicians, a free community lunch, and activities for children of all ages.

Children’s Bike Parade, July 4th. The traditional July 4th Bike Parade returns!

MNA’s Annual Picnic is Saturday, July 18th, Noon to 2 p.m., also at Meadowood Park.

We must “social distance” for the present, however we look forward to seeing you at these events and around the neighborhood. Be well!

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 12: Arik Grundahl, grundahlak19@gmail.com

Area 13: Sheray Wallace, sherayw@yahoo.com

Areas 14 and 15: VACANT

Member at Large: VACANT

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

Meadowood Here & Now

Submission from Lisa Veldran, MNA Area 6 Representative

MNA Area Representatives will be interviewing neighbors in each of their areas over the next few issues of the Meadowood. We will be highlighting neighbors who have lived in Meadowood for years and neighbors who have lived in Meadowood for a short time. In the January-March issue, we featured an interview of Allison & Jesse Lynch. This issue also includes a couple from Area 6, interviewed by their representative, Lisa Veldran.

Names: Bev and Gerry Nelson, Kroncke Drive, Area 6

Occupation: Retired but volunteer their time in Meadowood and Wexford Ridge neighborhoods

Number of Adult Children: 3 - Brian, Jerilyn and Jennifer - all who grew up in Meadowood and attended Orchard Ridge and Madison Memorial High School

Number of Grandchildren: 8 grandchildren and one very adorable great-grandchild

Hometown(s): Bev was born in Sauk City, lived in Mazomanie and Black Earth before moving to Meadowood. Gerry was born in Blanchardville and also lived in Mount Horeb and Barneveld. They both lived in Middleton before building their house and moving to Meadowood.

Moved to Meadowood: In 1961. They originally wanted a farmette, since both of them grew up on farms, but it was out of their price range at the time.

How is the neighborhood different than when you first moved in? Whitney Way stopped at Kroncke Drive and there was nothing behind them except cornfields. Not all the houses on the block were built yet. They fondly remember having corn boils on the block, and the large number of kids playing in the fields. They noted that Kroncke Drive was named after Dane County Judge George Kroncke, Jr (1950-1958). Today there are less kids but more young people moving into the neighborhood. There is more crime now but they felt Meadowood was still a safe community and that people's perceptions can be skewed by a few incidents.

What do you like about the Meadowood neighborhood? They like their neighbors (past and present) and have developed deep friendships with them.

Piece of neighborly advice? Know your neighbors, be interested in their well-being and look out for each other. Be a friend!



Meadowood, Hammersley & Prairie Hills Community Garden Registration

In person Registration will not take place this year. Please contact the coordinator and registration materials will be sent via e-mail.

For more info on Dane Co. Community Gardens, or to find the garden closest to you please visit: danegardens.net Coordinator Contact info: Meadowood: meadowoodgarden@gmail.com.

PUZZLE TIME!

Here's a chance for you to win a prize. Send me your correct answer to this puzzle (to msbauman57@gmail.com) and I'll draw one name from all the entries.

Here's the puzzle: A doctor calculated that last year 85% of the residents in a neighborhood had the flu last year, 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?

2019 Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) Events:

Friday - Saturday, May 29 - 30: Meadowood Neighborhood Garage Sale

Sunday, June 21: Make Music Madison at Meadowood Park

Saturday, July 4: MNA Children's Bike Parade

Saturday, July 18: MNA Annual Picnic at Meadowood Park

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

meadowoodneighborhood.org/newsandevents

Community Suppers: Held at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on the following dates:

- * Sunday, June 21 (at Meadowood Park)
- * Wednesday, July 29
- * Wednesday, October 28

Letters Purporting to be from MNA

Recently a couple of Meadowood residents received anonymous letters in the mail that appeared to be from the Meadowood Neighborhood Association. The letters complained about barking dogs and cited city ordinances regarding the responsibility of property owners to avoid disturbing the peace and quiet of people living in the vicinity.

We want to assure you that the Meadowood Neighborhood Association does NOT send letters of this type to residents. Any letter from MNA, Inc. would include a letterhead and the signature of a board officer. If you receive letters or other forms of communication that use the name Meadowood Neighborhood or appear to be from MNA and you aren't sure the association sent the communication, please let us know by sending an email to MNABoard1@gmail.com.

The sender of these letters is being disturbed by barking dogs. Please be sensitive of your neighbors' needs! Many people work night shift and sleep during the day and need a quiet environment.

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Hello Neighbors!

I hope everyone is staying well and safe in these unprecedented times. It is hard to write about anything other than COVID-19 and how we are all coping with the virus in our lives. From the Dane County vantage point, I have watched and contacted the people who I have close relationships with. Particularly, with information about senior services, distributing meals that were available at meal sites, like Meadowood Neighborhood Center. I have also been getting information for seniors and low income folks that need rides from county providers.

The county board held its first remote meeting on March 19th. We kept the agenda very simple and took up routine business to lessen the impact on the public. There was a way for citizens to participate by phoning into a number that was listed on the agenda, and to comment on agenda items. It is very important for me to have open and transparent meetings that do not violate open meetings law. Our last of the 2018 term, on Thursday April 2nd will also be held remotely. The following meeting is after the election (which hopefully occurs on April 7) and that will be its own challenge, as new and re-elected supervisors need to be sworn in at that time.



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

Other areas of importance of services during the Coronavirus outbreak/safer at home status:

- I spoke to the sheriff after Governor Evers' declaration that the state prisons would not be taking in any new inmates or transfers, which puts a heavy burden on the county jail system. He said that he shared my concern for potential overcrowding. As was newly discovered, some inmates (as of this writing!) have contracted COVID-19. This is obviously a fluid situation and he told me his working with the DO to keep the situation safe for everyone.
- The county park system remains open. If you need to get outside, please go to a county park to take a walk just to enjoy the outdoors, while no services will be available, it can be a calming influence with all of the fear of uncertainty that many are feeling. The bike paths are also open so this is another way to get out of your home.
- Unfortunately, the county JFF offices are closed until further notice and that obviously puts a great strain on some of our neediest neighbors. 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.

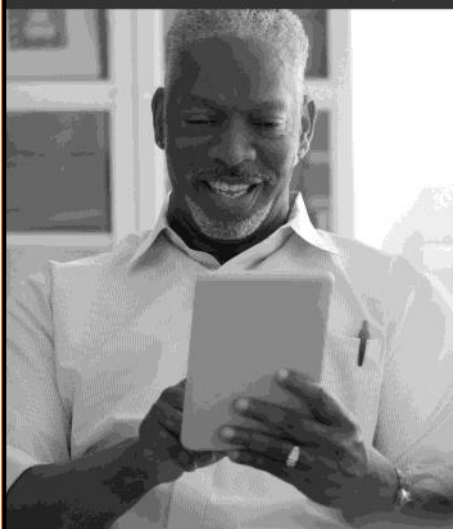
There is so much information I wanted to include, but it is voluminous and extremely fluid (like the note about the Sheriff—which completely changed since I started this article!). I will have some of it put on the Meadowood website. But the best way to find out what is happening is to go to the Public Health Madison Dane County (PHMDC) at either the Dane County or City of Madison websites.

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

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The Actions Dane County is taking to Address Climate Change

By Dane County Executive Joe Parisi

Since I first became County Executive, Dane County has been working hard to pursue cleaner, greener sources of energy, reduce our reliance on fossil fuels, and reinvent county operations to make them run better not only for the public, but also the environment.

Our efforts reached an urgency when we released the Dane County Climate Change and Emergency Preparedness Report back in 2013. Data from the study showed that Wisconsin was becoming warmer and wetter over time. It wouldn't be long until we'd see serious effects on public health, public safety, and increased strain on county infrastructure.

Over the last few years, that's exactly what we've experienced—record floods, some of the wettest years ever recorded, and unprecedented groundwater levels. The report's findings confirmed what we were already working toward—taking action.

Fast-forward to 2020, and Dane County is a leader in cutting edge climate change technologies. We now have a facility at the Dane County landfill that's able to turn trash and cow manure into renewable vehicle fuel and inject it into the interstate transmission pipeline so it can be bought and sold to power fleets of renewable natural gas vehicles.

Later this year, we'll unveil a PV solar system at the Dane County Regional Airport that will span 58 acres and include more than 31,000 solar panels. Through our partnership with MGE, it's estimated this solar system will produce about 40% of the electricity needs to power county-owned facilities.

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Dane County Executive
Joe Parisi

Practice Natural Gas Safety

A message from Madison Gas and Electric Company

Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE) is committed to the safe and reliable delivery of natural gas. Stay safe this season with our natural gas safety information and tips.

What's that smell? We add a distinctive, harmless chemical odor to the natural gas we deliver to you. This smelly (rotten egg or rotten cabbage), sulfur-based odor will help you detect gas leaks that might occur in your home, business, or neighborhood.

Follow these steps if you smell natural gas. Evacuate the area immediately and warn others to stay away. Do not touch anything that might create a spark (light switch, telephone, cell phone, garage opener, etc.). Call 911 from a safe distance. Call MGE's emergency response line at (608) 252-1111. For long-distance calls, dial (800) 245-1123.

If your pilot light is out. Read the manufacturer's instructions so you know what type of ignition is on the furnace or appliance. Be sure to check the instructions and follow them exactly as described. If you aren't sure what to do, call a qualified service technician.

Avoid problems in winter. For your furnace to operate properly, you need to keep snow cleared from your vents. You also need to clear ice and snow around electric and gas meters.

For more information on gas safety and more, visit mge.com/gassafety.

Meadowood Neighbors:

I hope this message finds you well and remaining positive during these unprecedented times. For your benefit, I am sharing a few recommendations that the city has suggested for ways to stay safe and healthy.

- **Stay home as much as possible.** This means not leaving your home unless absolutely necessary.
 - When you leave home, assume that you will come into contact with COVID-19. Stay home so you don't increase your likelihood of getting sick, and you reduce the risk of getting others sick too.
 - You can still go outside if you're alone or with your household members. Remember to practice social distancing if you see others. So go for a bike ride, walk your dog, play in the yard--just do so safely!
- **Continue strong everyday prevention measures.** Wash your hands often and cover your sneezes and coughs with a tissue or your elbow.
- **Monitor for symptoms.** All community members should be monitoring themselves for symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat) and isolating themselves from others as soon as they develop these symptoms. Our [fact sheet PDF](#) has more information.



Madison District 20 Alder
Christian Albouras

During this time, I am encouraging everybody to remain hopeful, check in on family/friends digitally, and lean in on your faith or other things that allow to keep a healthy perspective.

Personally, I have found it increasingly more difficult to keep my normal exercise routine that allows me to decompress and refocus. Fortunately, with a quick YouTube search (cardio, dance, interval training) online I was able to find some really simple (no equipment needed) workout videos that will help me to reestablish a strong routine.

Finding these online resources have been beneficial for me both physically and mentally. My hope is that you will also find safe outlets that will allow to reestablish a sense of wellness and normalcy.

Please also see a few city updates that you may find beneficial:

- Madison Water Utility will be exempting late payment fees until further notice
- All Streets Division drop-off sites will be closed until further notice. These include the following: 1501 W. Badger Rd, 4602 Sycamore Ave, and the brush processing and mulch center at 121 E. Olin Ave

As always, please let me know if there is anything that would like for me to help with you with or consider when taking action during council meetings. Be well.

Regards,

Christian Albouras | District20@cityofmadison.com

("Climate Change" article by Joe Parisi, continued from page 5...)

Dane County is already on track to becoming 100% sustainable at county facilities within the next 5 years. We see no sense in waiting until 2030 or 2050 to do what can be accomplished today through continued innovation and smart investments. That's why we're on the cusp of rolling out Dane County's Climate Action Plan. It will serve as a roadmap for the Dane County community to reduce its carbon footprint, develop renewable energy sources, and establish operations that are both sustainable and resilient in our ever-changing world.

This work wouldn't have been possible without the Dane County Office of Energy and Climate Change, which I created back in my 2016 budget. The office has allowed us to form key partnerships and continues to lead public and private efforts across the community to implement climate change mitigation strategies.

Dane County is now seen as a regional and national leader in the area of renewable fuels, and we set the gold standard for what's possible at the local government level.

We aren't waiting for the federal government to **step up to the plate**. The time to act on climate change is now. We at Dane County are committed to **batting a thousand** and doing everything we can to preserve the promise of tomorrow for future generations.