

MEADOWOOD

Newsletter of the Meadowood Neighborhood Assn

www.meadowoodneighbors.org

June/July/August 2011

President's Message – Lisa Veldran

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Welcome to summer in Meadowood! You have plenty of opportunities to become involved in a variety of activities and events this summer such as the Southwest Community Farmers Market and MNA's Annual July 4th Bike Parade and Picnic. Look for new playground equipment at Meadowood Park and lend a helping hand with "Project Meadowood" a neighborhood walk program started by area residents. (See more information on this group in the newsletter.)

Lots of positive community building activities and events are happening right here in the Meadowood neighborhood and I hope you have a chance to be a part of at least one of them. Remember to visit our website for updated information throughout the summer. Hope to see you soon!

Reminder: Elver Park Fireworks will be held on Tuesday, July 5th!

Next Meadowood Community Supper

Thursday July 21, 2011

Doors Open at 5:30 p.m., Dinner 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Meet and greet your neighbors at the Meadowood Neighborhood Center! Make new friends, enjoy a free delicious meal and learn about all the great things happening in our area and how you can get involved!

Southwest Community Farmers Market

Wednesdays 3-7 pm, Orchard Ridge UCC parking lot

Fun, healthy food, entertainment, information

Website: <http://swfarmersmarket.com/>

Facebook: Southwest Community Farmers Market

Looking for fresh produce, bakery goods or cheese curds? Don't look any further! Visit our Farmers Market on Wednesdays to pick up your goodies, mingle with your neighbors, hear great entertainment and pick up information from various organizations.

We need volunteers for an hour or two at our information booth. **Want to promote you organization?** Consider setting up next to the information booth. Play an instrument, juggle or dance? Consider providing entertainment. Nominal compensation is provided. For more information contact Karen at 274-2574 or kmb3238@aol.com.

Meadowood July 4th Parade and Picnic

Join us on Monday July 4th for MNA's premier event! Enjoy the fun with your family and neighbors at the children's parade in the morning and at the picnic in the afternoon.

July 4th Schedule

10:00 a.m. – Bike Parade at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. This year's parade theme is "Proud to Be an American". There are treats for all parade participants and prizes for the best-decorated bikes, wagons and children in the following categories:

Individual ages: 0-5 years, 6-8 years, 9-12 years
Groups: 2 or more children

Assemble at Good Shepherd Church (corner of Whitney Way and Raymond Road):

10:00 a.m. Bikes Assemble
10:15 a.m. Judging begins
10:30 a.m. Parade begins

12:30 p.m. – Neighborhood Picnic/MNA Election at the Elver Park shelter.

Food will be served from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The picnic is free to MNA members. You must show your membership card for check-in or join the Association at the picnic for just \$5. MNA guests are welcome for \$1 per person. We need volunteers to set up and serving.

Election for 2011-12 MNA Officers and Area Representatives/Call for Nominations

The nominees are listed below. You are greatly encouraged to run for an officer or area representative position. If interested, contact Lisa Veldran, 271-0722, by Friday, June 17. The ballot will also have a write-in option for each position. Nominees must be members in good standing of the MNA. You can check neighborhood boundaries (under the *About Us* link), the duties of an officer or area representative and the MNA Bylaws online on the website: www.meadowoodneighbors.org

You may request an absentee ballot by mailing or dropping off a written request to Bob Rabehl at 2117 S. Whitney Way (53711) no later than Monday, June 27. Absentee ballots must be returned to Bob by Friday, July 1.

****** Vacancies exist for Areas 10, 13, 14 and 15******

The Meadowood Neighborhood Association Board of Directors meets at 7:00 pm the first Wednesday of every month (except July when there is no meeting) at the Meadowood Neighborhood Center. **Meetings are open to the public.**

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Candidates MNA Officers and Representatives:

President: Lisa Veldran
 Vice President: **VACANT**
 Treasurer: Lorene Wendricks
 Secretary: Joyce Dingman

Area 1 Representative: Sally Stix
 Area 2 Representative: Krista Ralston
 Area 3 Representative: Bob Rabehl
 Area 4 Representative: Dottie Loehrer
 Area 5 Representative: Sheri Rembert
 Area 6 Representative: Lisa Veldran
 Area 7 Representative: Lisa Schulz
 Area 8 Representative: Janice & Mark Bauman
 Area 9 Representative: Dave Glomp
 Area 10 Representative: **VACANT**
 Area 11 Representative: Linda Kubly
 Area 12 Representative: Patsy Ragland
 Area 13 Representative: **VACANT**
 Area 14 Representative: **VACANT**
 Area 15 Representative: **VACANT**

GENERATION MORTGAGE COMPANY

Join Steve for a FREE Educational Lunch & Learn Seminar on Reverse Mortgages

**Tuesday, June 21st
 or Tuesday, July 19th**

11:00 AM - DENNY'S RESTAURANT
 433 S. Gammon Road, Madison

Many homeowners 62+ are finding reverse mortgages a smart financial option to help supplement their retirement income, enabling them to pay for necessities and more. Competitive FHA-insured HECM loans.



Toll Free 1-866-399-3070
 Please RSVP one day prior to the event
 Limited Seating

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 Reverse Mortgage Professional
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responsible energy

Make your home more comfortable and energy efficient while adding value

- New program from the City of Madison for homes to help offset the cost of making energy improvements.
- Work with a local energy advocate that will help guide you through the process.
- Get a professional evaluation, testing and written recommendations from Focus on Energy, Wisconsin utilities' statewide program for energy efficiency and renewable energy.
- Get access to low-interest financing from Summit Credit Union (summitcreditunion.com) to finance your project and Cash-Back Rewards from Focus on Energy to help offset the cost of eligible improvements.

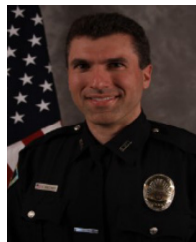
Call Green Madison at 877-399-1204 or visit cityofmadison.com/greenmadison






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Meet our New Officer! Brian Vandervest
 Balsam/Russett Road Neighborhood Officer, MPD



I am very excited to be the new Balsam/Russett liaison officer. I have worked out of the West District since joining MPD in 2004. Before that I was an environmental attorney at Quarles & Brady in Milwaukee. However, I realized my passion was criminal law. I love working with people and had no desire to spend most of my time behind a desk. Police work was a natural fit and I knew I wanted to be in Madison. I was born and raised on Madison's west side until I moved downtown to attend UW and then to Milwaukee to study law at Marquette. My parents lived in an apartment on Russett when I was born and later moved into a duplex on Hammersley. They purchased a home in Westmoreland where I spent most of my childhood. I remember walking the halls of Toki (then Orchard Ridge) with my father who was a learning coordinator there.

I feel I have a stake in this neighborhood, too. I love the west side and I'm proud of it. I know we face significant challenges, but I also know the neighborhood is filled with wonderful, committed residents who are determined to make

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it better. I look forward to meeting these challenges together.

On April 30th members of the community, volunteers, tenants and landlords joined forces to implement Phase 1 of the Balsam/Leland Landscaping Project. Despite heavy winds and the threat of rain, the group planted flowers along the sidewalks from Leland to Balsam, added a flower bed on the southwest corner of Balsam, and put new plantings in the traffic circle. The next day brought cooler temperatures but the same enthusiasm as additional work was done on the Russett Rd. community gardens which were developed last year. Similar flower beds to the ones on Leland were added to stretches of Russett and the garden areas were tilled for planting. Interns working with Public Health will be monitoring the plantings throughout the summer.

Over the past few months, the Meadowood Traffic Safety Group has been looking to improve safety at Raymond and Leland as many juveniles and other pedestrians cross there. The issues are speeding on Raymond and a significant amount of traffic entering and exiting the Meadowood Shopping Center. Volunteers recorded pedestrian and traffic behavior data and the Group hopes to incorporate an educational component, additional signs, traffic engineering projects, and/or crossing guards as part of the solution.

Calls for service in the Meadowood area have been increasing including more related to juveniles. We are working with the Meadowood Neighborhood Center and Public Health to make sure there is sufficient programming this summer to keep area children engaged. As the weather has warmed, we have also received more calls regarding short term drug activity. This is extremely valuable information for the Police Department and we appreciate the diligence and observations of community members. Vehicle descriptions and license plates are particularly helpful as are the times when there is consistent activity. As always, however, we ask that community members collect information only to the extent that they can do it safely!

Finally, we always experience an increase in calls involving BB guns and facsimile firearms this time of year. Just as a reminder, it is against Madison City Ordinances for juveniles to have BB guns, pellet guns, or air soft guns. Using these devices in the commission of crimes or bringing them to schools can lead to state charges. It is also a violation for anyone, adults included, to fire a BB gun, pellet gun, or air soft gun within city limits. Paintball guns can be used on private property as long as the projectile does not cross the property line and juveniles must be supervised by an adult.

Finally, if anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact me at bvandervest@cityofmadison.com.

EXTRA! EXTRA!

Moving of west end Meadowood sign completed! And thanks are in order

After receiving notice from the City of Madison that the neighborhood sign on the west end of Raymond Road was in the wrong place, Dave Wendricks and Bill Liegel removed it. Dave refurbished and moved it to it's new location. Thanks to volunteers Alan Kubly, Bill, and Dave for their time and work. Helen Wroblewski transplanted the flowers from the old to the new area. Thanks to Helen for her diligence in pulling weeds and the general up keep of ALL the *Welcome Meadowood* signs.

(It is amazing what a few volunteer hours from willing neighbors can do to spruce up the neighborhood!)

**2011
HOME GARDEN TOUR**
FEATURING THE GARDEN AS SANCTUARY

Friday, July 8, 10am-4pm & Saturday, July 9, 9am-3pm

AWE-INSPIRING GARDENS
ADVICE FROM
GARDEN ENTHUSIASTS

PRESALE TICKETS: Members \$10; General Public \$12
TOUR-DAY TICKETS: Members \$14; General Public \$16

OLBRICH
BOTANICAL
GARDENS

Ticket Information at
www.olbrich.org | 608-246-4550

WLCA
Wisconsin Landscaping Contractors Association • Member

Jung Garden Centers • Madison Area Master Gardeners Association, Inc.
Klein's Floral and Greenhouses • Flower Factory
Estate "The Tree Care Specialist" • Qual Line Fence



Sponsored by the Meadowood Neighborhood Center:

“PROJECT MEADOWOOD”
NEEDS YOU!

*Remember when you were young and you THOUGHT you knew everything?
Do you have REAL LIFE experiences and feel that your story could inspire a
young person to make better choices?*

“Project Meadowood” is a LAID BACK, DOWN TO EARTH, REAL group that has “been there”. We believe in neighborhood safety, neighborhood inclusion and active participation in the community. We support REAL solutions, activities and events that promote respect of others, property and ourselves.

**UPCOMING
PROJECT MEADOWOOD ACTIVITIES**

Wed. June 1 @ 6pm

Come hear more! We invite and welcome new members! We will meet at the **Meadowood Neigh. Center** to discuss roles in upcoming events and schedule neighborhood walks to distribute information.

Monday, June 6
Wednesday, June 8
Friday, June 10
Saturday, June 11
Tuesday, June 14
Thursday, June 16

Neighborhood Walk-Meet at Meadow. Neigh Ctr.
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Saturday, June 18

Cookout in the Meadowood Park-Meet/Greet

Week of June 20

Date TBD-Check in Meeting, plan activities for July/Aug

Tuesday, June 28

1st Family Swim @ Goodman VERONA Pool for those supporting our mission. Free transportation provided from the Meadowood Neighborhood Center. Family Swim run weekly for 8 wks.

For more info call: Assad at 556-2847





JUNE 20-AUGUST 31, 2011 MEADOWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

5734 RAYMOND ROAD, MADISON, 608-467-8360. CALL FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION

HOURS:
Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays 9am-6pm
Tuesdays, 9am-8pm

Age Day Date Time Fee Course #

ADULT ENRICHMENT

★ **Hook Up - An Employment Connections Group**

MNC offers assistance with job search, job leads, computer assistance, resume development and other services. Participants receive one on one service for neighbors trying to secure employment. New jobs leads printed out each week. This is a collaborative program with Joining Forces for Families, Urban League, Employment and Training Association and the Meadowridge Library. Also, every other Wednesday, those who receive Food Share benefits and are searching for employment, can speak with a Economic Worker from the Dane County Job Center. Find out if you are eligible for child care assistance or transportation assistance including gas cards, bus tickets and/or mileage reimbursement.

18+ W 6/1-8/31 10-11:30 Free Drop in

★ **Knitting Group**

Come compare patterns, share techniques and trade tips. Meet, mingle and knit with other neighborhood knitters! Anyone wanting to learn to knit welcome too!

18+ W 6/1-8/31 9:30am Free Drop in

★ **Writing Our Life Stories**

Everyone has a life story to tell. Life stories have the power to inform, inspire, and compel. This seminar helps preserve our unique stories.

Waitlist only. Check back for fall session. No class 7/4.

18+ M 6/20-8/8 10-11am Free

ADULT FITNESS

★ **Gentle Yoga**

Breathing, stretching and yoga philosophy for age 50+. Mats provided.

50+ Th 6/23-8/11 9:15-10:15am \$20 31631

★ **Growing Stronger**

Basics of strength training and balance exercise for age 50+.

50+ Tu 6/21-8/9 9:15-10:15am \$20 31586

★ **Hatha Yoga**

Yoga postures (asanas) with deep breathing to promote flexibility, balance, relaxation, and muscle strength. Mats provided.

18+ Tu 6/21-8/9 6-7pm \$36 32781

★ **Open Computer Lab**

Free WiFi and 4 computer stations with internet access. Drop in only.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday mornings 9-11:30am.

Age Day Date Time Fee

YOUTH

Students who are eligible for summer school will not be eligible to participate in summer programs at Meadowood

★ **Lunch Bunch**

Monday-Friday, June 20- August 12, 12 -12:30pm

Free lunch is provided by the Department of Public Instruction and is available for youth ages 2-17. All youth must have a Meadowood Neighborhood Center Registration Form on file. Children under the age of 6 must be supervised. There is no cost to attend.

★ **Elementary Drop In**

Monday-Friday, June 20-August 12, 12:30-2:00pm

Elementary Drop-in is a open to students entering grades 1-6. The daily schedule include a group activity time 12:30-1:15pm, and free time 1:15-1:45pm. Daily activities may include; group games, art projects, gardening, and water games. Activities will take place in the center or the surrounding area, including the Toki athletic field and Meadowood Park. There is no cost to attend.

★ **Middle and High School**

Monday-Friday, June 20-August 12, 2:30-6pm

Middle and High School camp is open to students entering 7-12 grade. Weekly themes and daily schedule will include a group activity time and free time. Group activities may include; group games, art projects, discussions, cooking projects, or other games structured around the weekly theme. Most activities will take place in the center or surrounding area including the Toki athletic field and Meadowood Park. Some activities will require students to travel using Metro buses or cabs to get to local destinations. Students who meet attendance and behavior requirements will go on a weekly field trip. There is no cost to attend.

★ **Meadowood Park Program TENTATIVE WAITING ON FUNDING**

Monday-Friday, August 1-20, 2:30-5:30pm??

This is a drop-in program for those entering grades 1-5. Children check themselves in and out of the program. Activities include group games, art projects, sports and water games. Meet at the shelter at the Meadowood Park (Leland & Balsam). There is no cost to participate. Youth Permission card on file at the MNC is required.

Improving the quality of life in a neighborhood

Lori Chaleki, MPD

Quality of life issues can cause people angst. Sometimes these issues are only a nuisance, sometimes violations of city ordinances, and rarely they fall into the category of criminal acts. We know crimes occur throughout Madison, but it's usually repetitive, on-going issues that irritate us.

Each neighborhood has some control over what it considers acceptable. If someone blasts music late at night which disturbs people and nothing is done, that begins to establish the acceptable tolerance level. When neighbors discuss being bothered by the loud noise with the violators, in a neighborly way, the problem can usually be remedied.

Many neighborhoods have become very anonymous these days. With dual working households, shift work, single homeowners, and other variables, many neighbors have not gotten to know each other. When relationships are established, people may feel less bravado and more accountable for their actions.

There are ways to counter anonymity and improve the quality of life. Consider a block party! It's an opportunity to get to know those around you and gives you the opportunity to apply the "9 House Model" which has been discussed in previous newsletters. (Know the names and phone numbers of the two neighbors on either side of you as well as the three neighbors behind and in front of you)

Other things residents can do are:

- Become Boom Car trained which certifies you to submit information on Boom Cars. We can then send warning letters or citations when all criteria are met.
- Learn to use our Citizen Radar Gun which allows you to monitor traffic speeds and when it occurs so police have a targeted time for enforcement.
- Contact Parking Enforcement to mark cars that appear to be abandoned.
- Contact Building Inspection for properties that may be in violation of building codes.

While you can always call the police, we like to hear that you have first tried to reach out to the neighbors yourself. If that does not work and you decide police are needed to help the situation, you can call and we can re-contact you via phone or in person to take the complaint. You may also choose to remain anonymous whether or not you speak to an officer. Please remember that if we do not have a documented complainant, we typically cannot cite the offender unless the violation is still occurring upon our arrival.

MSCR Art Cart Coming to Meadowood Park!

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Art Cart is a FREE traveling art program that provides creative, outdoor art-making experiences to children ages 3+ and their families. Activities include both group and individual projects with a variety of materials.

Summer Reading Club 2011: One World, Many Stories!

Registration for families and individuals begins June 1 at Meadowridge Library. Teens have a chance to win one of four scholarships. Adults-you are included too! There is a summer reading program just for you! Visit Meadowridge Library for more information or <http://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/kids/about-summer-reading-club>.

Lead Abatement Money Available for Landlords

Common Wealth Development has money available to help landlords wishing to reduce the lead hazards in their rental properties. To qualify, your tenants need to be low income, 80% of Dane Co. median income, or very low income, 50% of same, and your property must be occupied by or suitable for occupancy for families with young children.

For three years after you the work is completed, you will need to continue to rent to low or very low income tenants and market the apartments to households with children under the age of 6 years old.

If your property qualifies and you agree to participate, Common Wealth Development will schedule a Partial Lead Inspection-Risk Assessment. The Department of Health will review the Inspection-Risk Assessment to ensure the scope of work addresses all the lead hazards appropriately. Common Wealth Development staff will discuss with you any available options for how the work is done. When the lead work order is approved and agreed upon, Common Wealth Development will request bids from certified lead abatement contractors and go with the lowest of the qualified bidders. You will be required to pay, in advance, 25% of the cost of the lead work. Once the work is done a clearance test will be done to confirm that all lead hazard work was done properly and the property is lead safe for re-occupancy. The program will re-locate tenants while the work is done.

Landlords have used these funds to get new windows, cabinetry and siding. This is a great opportunity to treat lead hazards at a greatly reduced cost to you.

Interested landlords should contact Diane Eddings at 256-3527 ext. 27.