

MEADOWOOD

Newsletter of the Meadowood Neighborhood Assn

www.meadowoodneighbors.org

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President's Message – Lisa Veldran

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This is my final column as president of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association. It's hard to believe I have hit the five year mark; the neighborhood association's term limit for officer positions. I was first elected to president in 2007 and during that time the neighborhood association has been instrumental in developing or supporting the following Meadowood initiatives:

Community & Kids Gardens Project
Park Playground Upgrades
Community Suppers
Front Yard Gardens

(now Gardens for Empowerment & branching out beyond Meadowood!)

Meadowridge Library Expansion/Reconstruction
Meadowood Neighborhood Center Programs/Expansion
Southwest & Meadowood Community Farmers Markets
Southwest Madison Community Organizers initiatives
Freshmobile in Meadowood
Project Meadowood Walks & Flag Football Team
Annual events: Bingo Party, Garage Sale, Family Golf Event and 4th of July Bike Parade/Picnic
Our Meadowood-the summer 2013 grant project for Meadowood Park (**See special supplement inside!**)

Looking over the list above; food, gardens and community gathering events and places figure predominately in what the neighborhood association supports. I believe it is a reflection of the nature of our neighborhood, one where we welcome new residents and encourage them to share their talents, time and gifts, whatever those may be....bringing a dish to pass at a community supper, buying some Meadowood Morning Blend coffee from the ORE PTO, sharing musical talents at the Meadowood Festival, signing up for a garden plot at the Community Garden, reading a book to a child at the library or neighborhood center, supporting our neighborhood youth programs, shoveling a neighbor's sidewalk, chatting with people during evening walks....these are the things I think of when I think of Meadowood and how we create community.

Thank you to all who me during my tenure - neighbors, business owners, church organizations and congregations, city and county staff, elected officials, neighborhood center staff, members of the media and, especially, the officers and area representatives of the MNA Board- by stepping up and stepping out in the neighborhood in too many ways to count – you know who you are and there are MANY of you! I could not have done this "tour of duty" without you! Thank YOU!

SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT OUR MEADOWOOD INSIDE

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.**
www.facebook.com/Meadowood.Neighborhood.Association

Annual July 4th Parade and Picnic

Don't miss this year's Independence Day neighborhood events on Thursday, July 4th! Come out and enjoy the fun with your family and neighbors at the children's parade in the morning and at the picnic in the afternoon.

10:00 a.m. – Bike Parade at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

This year's bike parade theme is "HIP, HIP HOORAY!" There will be prizes for the best-decorated bikes, wagons and children in the parade in the following categories:

- Individual ages: 0-5 years, 6-8 years and 9-12 years
- Groups: 2 or more children
- There will be treats for all parade participants.

Assemble for the parade at Good Shepherd Church (church at the corner of Whitney Way and Raymond Rd):

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

12:30 p.m. – Neighborhood Picnic/Election of MNA Board at Elver Park

As in the past, our annual picnic will be held at the Elver Park shelter and food will be served from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The picnic is free to MNA members but you must bring your membership card for check-in. Guests accompanied by MNA members are welcome for just \$1 per person

Representatives/Call for Nominations

The nominees listed in this newsletter will appear on the ballot at the picnic. If you wish to also run for an officer position or as an area representative contact Lisa Veldran by Friday, June 14, 2013 so your name will appear on the ballot. The ballot will also have a write-in option for each position. Nominees must be members in good standing of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association.

Check neighborhood boundaries on the insert in this newsletter issue. For more information on the duties of an officer or area representative check out the MNA Bylaws online at www.meadowoodneighbors.org

Candidates for Officers

President	Krista Ralston
Vice President	Mark & Janice Bauman
Secretary	Joyce Dingman
Treasurer	Lorene Wendricks

Candidates for Area Representatives

Area	Candidate
1	Sally Stix
2	Krista Ralston
3	Bob Rabehl
4	Dorothy Loehrer
5	Sheri Rembert

- 6 Lisa Veldran
- 7 Lisa Schulz
- 8 Mark & Janice Bauman
- 9 Tanya Kirtz
- 10 OPEN SEAT
- 11 Linda Kubly
- 12 Patsy Ragland
- 13 Sheray Wallace
- 14 OPEN SEAT
- 15 OPEN SEAT

University Houses Preschool



Parent Cooperative Preschool since 1968--

45 years...the neighborhood preschool for Madison Families!

Now Registering for our NEW location at 6033 Odana Road for Fall 2013/Spring 2014
Ages 2 – 6

Morning Class: 8:45-11:45am

5 days (MTWRF), 3 days (MWF), or 2 days (TR)

Optional Lunch Bunch: 11:45 – 12:45pm

Afternoon Class with MMSD 4K:

12:45 – 3:45pm, Monday-Friday

Parent cooperative preschool w/ member & nonmember options.

MMSD 4K openings in our 3-6 year old afternoon class

Morning openings for children 2-6 years old

Part-day program, morning or afternoon – optional lunch bunch to extend am or pm

Mixed ages classroom

Dynamic and gentle learning community with strong home/school partnership

International population

Play-based learning in a stimulating environment

Qualified, dedicated teachers with decades of experience

Convenient west side location at the intersection of

Odana Road and Research Park

238-3955, Karen Beck, Director

kmbeck@uhpparentcooperative.org

http://uhpparentcooperative.org

HyVee Invests in SW Madison

by Rachel Howard

Have you shopped at the new HyVee grocery store at Whitney Way and Odana Road? Did you know the store hired 39 applicants from the SW side? The store has shown a commitment to our community. Our community can show its appreciation by shopping there. (And no, I am not being paid to endorse HyVee!)

Special thanks go to MNA President Lisa Veldran, who first contacted HyVee on behalf of the Meadowood Neighborhood about a hiring event in our area. Kudos as well to Ruth Rohlich and John Wroten. Ruth is the business development specialist for Madison and is part of the Meadowood Economic Development Workgroup. John is the SW Madison housing coordinator and runs job search sessions on

Wednesdays at the Meadowood Neighborhood Center. Ruth connected John with HyVee, and John set up some special job events in our neighborhood specifically dedicated to helping people submit applications to HyVee. Congratulations to all for taking advantage of this new employment source in our community!

2013 Elver Park Fireworks – Tuesday, July 2

The Elver Park fireworks are presented by Woodman's Food Markets & Madison Parks. There is no rain date and will not be rescheduled. If the weather makes it necessary, the final call will be made by 8 pm and announced on **Z104**, the city website, facebook page, and twitter. Questions? Email Anne Whisner awhisner@cityofmadison.com

Consider A Family Picnic

Bring a picnic and enjoy Elver Park beginning at 7pm. Please clean up after your picnic and party. Limited food will be served at the park.

Details

Bathrooms: The new park shelter's bathrooms will be open. There will be portable toilets located on the basketball courts in the front of the park near the playground and along McKenna Road.

There will be food vendors located at the old shelter.

The Disc Golf course and tennis courts will close at noon the day of the event and will not reopen until the next day.

The fireworks will conclude about 10 pm.

Parking

You can park in the two parking lots until they are full. A parking attendant will be there to let cars in. Handicapped parking is available in the front lot near the new shelter. **Note:** Cars will not be allowed to leave the lots until 30 minutes after the fireworks end to ensure that the guests walking home are safe as they exit the park.

Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer, email parksvolunteer@cityofmadison.com Day of volunteers from 9 pm-10:45 pm to assist with set up, crowd management, and parking.

Vendors

Any vendor wishing to sell merchandise, food or drinks during the event must register and pay a \$50 special event vending fee. Participation is subject to organizer approval.

Kids!

MSCR Art Cart Coming to Meadowood Park!

Tuesday, July 16, 2013 from 1 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.

Make Music Madison – Solstice Friday, June 21

A one-day citywide, free, outdoor musical experience held on the Summer Solstice, the longest day in the year. Music lovers around the city will generate a continuous wall of music to be enjoyed by everyone. **Anywhere can be a venue as long as it is outside, anyone can be a performer as long as they love music, and of course everyone can enjoy this unique day of musical celebration.**

For more information: <http://www.makemusicmadison.org/>

The following venues in Meadowood have open spots so if you want to just show up and play – feel free!

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – parking lot area

4:15 – 5:15 p.m. Whisky Doll (Blues, Folk, Rock)

Meadowood Park – Shelter

5:00 p.m. Stompin Radishes Old Time String Band (tentative)

6:30 p.m. Fresco Opera Theatre (tentative)

Meadowridge Library – outside of the library

No scheduled performances at this time. Check with Alice Oakey to schedule call 288-6160 or email

aokey@scls.lib.wi.us

Summer Reading Club 2013: Dig Into Reading!



From June 1 to August 31, kids who participate in the Summer Reading Club read books & win prizes. Not only is it fun and a great excuse to visit the library, but participation in Summer Reading Club keeps kids reading - and

learning - all summer long. Register ONLINE or at your local Madison library. There's plenty to keep your readers busy this summer at our nine libraries, including the Meadowridge Library in the Meadowood Shopping Center.

Kids can:

- go to a concert & picnic at Olbrich Botanical Gardens (not provided by the library)
- join a baby, toddler, or preschool storytime
- find more books to read
- explore their artistic side, learn about dinosaurs, and more!

Teens have their own online Summer Reading Club, as well as fun events, and book reviewing and volunteer opportunities. Your sixth grader can choose to participate in the children's or teen summer reading club

www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/kids/summer-reading-club

Adults, the family fun doesn't stop at age 18. Model good reading habits for your children and enter to win prizes of your own by participating in the first library-wide Adult Summer Reading Program

Meadowridge Library & Meadowood Neighborhood Center Expansion

Public Input Sought for Meadowridge Library and Meadowood Neighborhood Center. Join staff from Meadowridge Library, the Meadowood Neighborhood Center and architects from Engberg Anderson for two remaining public meetings about the planning and design of future Meadowridge Library and Community Center. Meetings are at the Meadowood Shopping Center.

Public Meeting 2: Options Evaluation

Thursday, June 6, 6:30-8:30 pm

Public Meeting 3: Preferred Option Review

Thursday, June 20, 6:30-8:30 pm

The expansion of the Meadowridge Library and Meadowood Neighborhood Center offers both agencies the opportunity to increase their own spaces and provide a shared space for community programs, meetings, and computer lab. The expansion and co-location will allow the library and the neighborhood center the opportunity to develop collaborative programs that will benefit both organizations and better serve neighborhood residents.

For more information visit:

<http://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/new/meadowridge-library-expansion>

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Save money this summer with tips from MGE

- Set the thermostat at 78°F or higher. Turn the air conditioner off when no one is home.
- Use ceiling fans instead of air-conditioning. Use exhaust fans to remove heat and moisture from cooking and showering.
- Close drapes during the day to keep the sun and heat out.
- Cook outside or use your microwave. Using your oven adds heat to your kitchen.
- Turn off lights and TVs when you are not using them.

Call the Home Energy Line at 252-7117 or visit mge.com.



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Meadowood Community Farmers Market
Thursday 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.
NEW location: lot next to the Meadowood
Shopping Center

Start your evening early and shop the Farmers Market before and during the Meet & Eat Events! We will have space for five vendors and one space open for neighborhood residents only to vend hand-crafted items. For more information contact Nina Rembert, Market Manager at nmrembert@gmail.com or 608-332-7443.

2nd Annual Meadowood-Madison Meet & Eats
Thursdays 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Dates: June 20, 27-July 11, 18, 25-August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Location: lot next to Meadowood Shopping Center

Meet and Eat is unique event that brings a collective of Madison's food cart vendors right to the Meadowood neighborhood and encourages the community to connect and enjoy a fun night out. Attendees have the opportunity to purchase and enjoy delicious and diverse menu items while enjoying the company of friends and neighbors.

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Alder Matt Phair (298-7602) district20@cityofmadison.com

I hope you are all doing well and enjoying the nice weather; now that it's finally here! I would first like to thank you for electing me to a second term as your alder on the City Council. It is quite an honor to represent so many people in southwest Madison, but extra special to be the advocate for Meadowood, the place that I live and where my family and continue to meet so many wonderful people all the time.

A quick note on brush collection: please try to be as patient as you can. Due to the bad storm last winter and the late spring the City has already picked up 70% more brush than it did at this time last year. The extra work means that it will take a little longer for some neighborhoods to get picked up. The Streets department is just beginning to add some temporary staff to speed the process up. Again, if you'd like more information on this I'd encourage you to visit the City's website at Streets/yard waste.

Lastly, as spring turns into summer and with history as our guide it is likely we'll see more criminal activity take place. As always, take care of your block watching over your neighbors property if they are away on vacation, keep a front light on at night and do not hesitate to call the police if you think you're witnessing suspicious behavior. It takes all of us to keep our neighborhood safe. Most importantly, enjoy the summer, get outside and stay active!

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SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT

“OUR MEADOWOOD” SUMMER 2013 IN THE PARK

Exciting things are happening as organizing is beginning for “*Our Meadowood*” Summer 2013 in the Park, Meadowood Park. With a grant the Meadowood Neighborhood Association received from the City, committees are forming, meetings are being scheduled; neighbors are voicing their opinions about what they want to see and have in the different events, and we are networking with others who have had successful similar neighborhood projects throughout Madison.

Our Meadowood is a forward looking plan of what can be rather than passing another summer with what is. We’ve heard or voiced complaints about violence in our neighborhood, unattended noisy kids, teens with too much time on their hands and not enough to do and the “f” word: fear. The goal of *Our Meadowood* is not only to combat fear, but to bring neighbors together to meet one another, break down stereotypes and build ties in order to create safer, friendlier spaces. We are not naive enough to believe we will solve all our neighborhood problems—that is a larger issue. However, we are optimistic enough to believe that when the majority of us who care about where we live pull together through community—our diverse community of races, nationalities and economic classes— we can increase stability and have FUN!

Our Meadowood 2013 includes building a Little Free Library, showing movies at night in the Park and, on August 10, having an all-day neighborhood festival with music, local talent, food, the fall community supper, vendors, games for the kids and more. **BUT**, all this takes time and effort and \$\$\$\$\$. (See other side).

What can you do for your community?

The Little Free Library will be installed in the park. We are in need of volunteers to assist in building the library as well as book donations. The coordinator is Krista Ralston, kralston@wisc.edu or 274-2210. What’s a LFL? <http://www.littlefreelibrary.org/>

Plans for the Movie Nights are underway—watch for flyers in the library and community center! The Movie Night planning group can use volunteers for set-up and clean-up. The coordinator is Rachel Howard, mymeadowood@gmail.com or 320-6432.

The neighborhood festival will be the highlight of *Our Meadowood*. Planning is already underway, and the organizing group needs additional volunteers. Know anyone with a musical or dance talent who might be interested in performing? Want to vend your art or craft items? The coordinator is Sally Stix, sastix@tds.net or 271-7609.

What you can do for “*Our Meadowood*” and your community

Not all people can commit their time to organizing summer neighborhood events or a meeting here or there. Some can and some can't. Some don't want to. That's OK. However, one thing you can do for your community, if you have the means, is to contribute money to the *Our Meadowood* Summer 2013 projects.

While “*Our Meadowood*” received a welcome grant from the City, it only covers approximately 25% of our estimated costs. We need a great deal of money and volunteer labor support from residents, businesses and local groups to make “*Our Meadowood*” a success.

If you can make a donation, anonymously or acknowledged at an event or in the fall *Meadowood*, please write a check to the MNA with “*Our Meadowood*” on the memo line. Names only, if approved, will be made public.

We know we have attorneys, IT workers, professors, professionals and others who can spare \$10 or \$100 living in Meadowood. We need your help. If you work for an employer which may be willing to underwrite a portion of “*Our Meadowood*” please let Krista, Rachel or Sally know. Donations will be appropriately acknowledged in our advertising and during our events.

Your donation will help strengthen a community.

Donations may be sent to:
Meadowood Neighborhood Assn.
PO Box 45528
Madison WI 53744-5528

Return with donation

Name	Street address	City/State	Zip Code
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Email address	Phone number
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Check choice(s):

- I wish to remain anonymous
- Feel free to use my name
- I am not able to donate money but am able to volunteer some time