

MEADOWWORD

Newsletter of the Meadowood Neighborhood Assn

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President's Message –Krista Ralston

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As the newly elected president of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association my number one priority is to continue to enhance the sense of community fostered by the many wonderful activities currently flourishing in the Meadowood area. This includes the popular MNA-sponsored 4th of July bicycle parade and picnic and other longstanding MNA programs offered throughout the year, as well as the recent summer programs in the Meadowood Park (the free movie nights, the Aug. 10th Festival and the newly installed Little Free Library) made possible by a City of Madison grant and extensive volunteer work by members of our community. It is the goal of the MNA to continue to expand these positive programs rather than dwell unduly on negative publicity too often generated by isolated and sometimes misinformed reports of perceived problems in our area. Our goal should be community building, not community policing. That's the purview of our very able police department.

In furtherance of our community building goal, the MNA has joined with other community organizations and city agencies to facilitate and support many positive projects, including our Community Suppers, our Community Gardens, our neighborhood beautification and safety projects, our summertime weekly "Meet & Eat" evenings, and many activities hosted by the Community Center and the Meadowridge Library. If you haven't heard of or participated in these activities, you're missing out on much that is great about our Meadowood community.

Future plans for the MNA include becoming an IRS-approved non-profit organization in order to increase our eligibility for government grants and personal/business contributions and boost our ability to raise funds for community projects. Maintaining and increasing enthusiasm for making the Meadowood area a model residential community is not an impossible dream. One sign of the good things to come is the impending plan for an expanded Meadowridge Library and Meadowood Community Center in the Meadowood shopping-mall on Raymond Rd. Instead of allowing it to deteriorate into a vacant and unsafe area for negative behavior and criminal activity due to the unfortunate closings of some businesses, the new library and community center plans hopefully will serve as the springboard for a true community gathering place, which in turn will attract new businesses to the area. But we all need to work together to realize these lofty goals. Your active participation in the MNA is the glue that will make our community more cohesive, safe and friendly.

Schools are open—watch for the children!

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Building Strong Children Through Caring

by Ernie Horinek



Adopting a quote from Frederick Douglass, "It is easier to build strong children than fix broken men," Touss Assa of Meadowood and coaches from Elver Park, Allied Drive, Goodman Pool, and Brentwood, established a flag football league called the "Mellowood Foundation." Six teams of 100 children, participated this past summer. Two of the teams, Meadowood Renaissance and Balsam CEO, are coached by Assa.

Coach Assa's goal is to build strong children who CARE, Character, Active, Respect, and Engaged.

This is the first year of the league, which had a 12 game season. The season ended with a playoff game between the two top teams. On August 17, the Elver Park Centennials barely edged the Balsam CEO's, 42—35 in the playoff community bowl.

All six teams are invited to a banquet, scheduled for August 30 at the Good Shepherd Church. In addition, all six teams will participate in Labor Day track and field events at Meadowood Park.

Assa will also be taking his two teams to a movie and a party at Vitense Golf and Country Club. However, such rewards have to be earned based upon promptness at events, sportsmanship, and community participation. These activities develop bonding among the players, which carry over to their personal lives. Coach Assa and his six coaches plan to keep in contact with their players throughout the coming school year.

Neighbors are most impressed with the players' attitude and the high standards that Coach Assa sets. The general

character of the Balsam Leland neighborhood has improved for a number of reasons, and dedicated individuals, such as Coach Assa, deserve our approbation.

Join RSVP... We value your life experience!

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Intergenerational Program Coordinator

RSVP offers personalized volunteer placement services for Dane County individuals aged 55+. Be it driving and escorting older adults to medical appointments, delivering meals to them, Veterans supporting Veterans, tutoring students, creating hand-made items for distribution to nonprofit and social services, there is a volunteer opportunity for you! Let RSVP staff help you "Grow through Volunteering"!

With the new school year here, RSVP of Dane County is seeking caring older adults' age 55+ years interested in tutoring students in grades K-12 attending Madison Area Public Schools. Volunteers must possess the heart and desire to work with children and help them succeed!

Volunteers are matched 1:1 or work with small groups of children, with a focus on literacy and math. With your help, these students will get the individualized attention they need to excel. Tutoring is a great way for you to share your time, stay active, and contribute to the community in a meaningful way - a great win-win!

RSVP is connected with the Madison School District and works closely with on-site School Volunteer Coordinators who support you along the way, providing training and classroom placement.

Benefits to RSVP Members:

- Excess accident and liability insurance while you're at your assignment
- Quarterly newsletter with interesting articles and information about other volunteer opportunities throughout Dane County
- Recognition events

Neighborhood Cat Owners Rules Reminder:

www.publichealthmdc.com/environmental/animal/cat.cfm



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0 - 5 years old category (Judge: Dottie Loherer)
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2nd place Luke Lanham
3rd place Maggie Strong

6 - 8 years old category (Judge: Lisa Veldran)
1st place Kya Harms
2nd place Eric Swartz
3rd place Ali Moll

9 - 12 years old category (Judge: Bob Rabehl)
1st place Emily Thom
2nd place Cameron Moll
3rd place Heather Swartz

Groups (Judge: Dane County Supv. Matt Veldran)
1st place Amy, Max, Sam Knight
2nd place JJ, Caden, Marie, Anna, Chole Sawyer




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Greetings Meadowood Neighbors!

I would like to congratulate the fabulous Ridgewood Swim Team on another All City Swim Championship! I commend all the young swimmers for their hard work and their families' commitment to a great neighborhood program.

As everyone probably knows by now, the construction on Verona Road has started. The bulk of the work is currently to the east of Verona Road expanding new entrance and exit ramps. But soon it will start on Verona Road itself. If you haven't already had the opportunity to sign up, WISDOT has weekly updates on its facebook page dedicated to this project. **VeronaRoadproject.wi.gov** has more information and you can sign up for automatic updates as well as the Verona Road Facebook page.

Other Dane County happenings:

County departments have submitted their budget requests to County Executive Parisi. The state budget did not affect the county as hard as the last one. Dane County came out fairly unscathed in the current budget, particularly after the last budget, when devastating cuts to were implemented for many public employees and public education. The state budget dedicated more funds to road construction and maintenance projects, and to certain areas of human services in terms of mental health and youth protection.

The Dane County Board has introduced an ordinance recommending an employee handbook in response to the state changes enacted by Act 10 as county contracts are set to expire. It is by far one of the fairest manuals assembled in the state. Employees and management worked on it together, thus preserving our dedication to fine public workers.

Locally, there has been concern about the resolution of the driving and shooting incident on Raymond Road earlier this year. I spoke to District Attorney Ozanne and he said that there were a variety of factors involved in prosecuting and closing this matter. Two main factors were—one of the witnesses was never found and one of the suspects was arrested and sentenced on federal charges. The DA said he is willing to address this incident, speak to any specifics he can and talk about general prosecution of cases, particularly involving gun violence. He expressed the same frustrations

that we all feel with the threats to our safety and wants to reduce these types of incidents.

The county has opened its new Clean Sweep facility at the Rodefild landfill on Highway 12, across from Yahara Hills. It is now a year round facility where you can drop off chemicals and electronics for a fee of \$10. There is also a new facility to separate and recycle construction waste, thereby diverting it from the landfill. Dane County is also in the process of expanding the landfill, saving the county tens of millions of dollars by not having to site a new landfill.

Finally as fall begins remember to please keep the falling leaves out of the streets and gutters as they will invariably end up in the sewers and the lakes. Keeping as much phosphorus out of the lakes as possible will reduce algae growth. Dane County is spending millions in a multi-year plan to clean up the lakes at many places in the watershed. This is an easy task for all of us to do!

As always, feel free to contact me either by phone or email.

MNA Thanks the Following Area Businesses for Generous Donations to Our 2013 4th of July Picnic:

Anchor Bank	Michael's Frozen Custard
Babe's Sports Bar	Pancake Café
Bavaria Cheese & Sausage House	
Best Cleaners	Subway Restaurant
Coppertop Restaurant	Ten Pin Alley
Cops Grocery	Thai Basil
Dane County Credit Union	Touch of Class Hair Salon
Gino's Deli	Vintage Brewing
Jung's Garden Center	Vitense Golf
Liquor Towne	Walgreens
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Summer 2013—Our Meadowood



Movie Night: "Rio," in the park

Festival: Artist Marcia Yapp & tile art



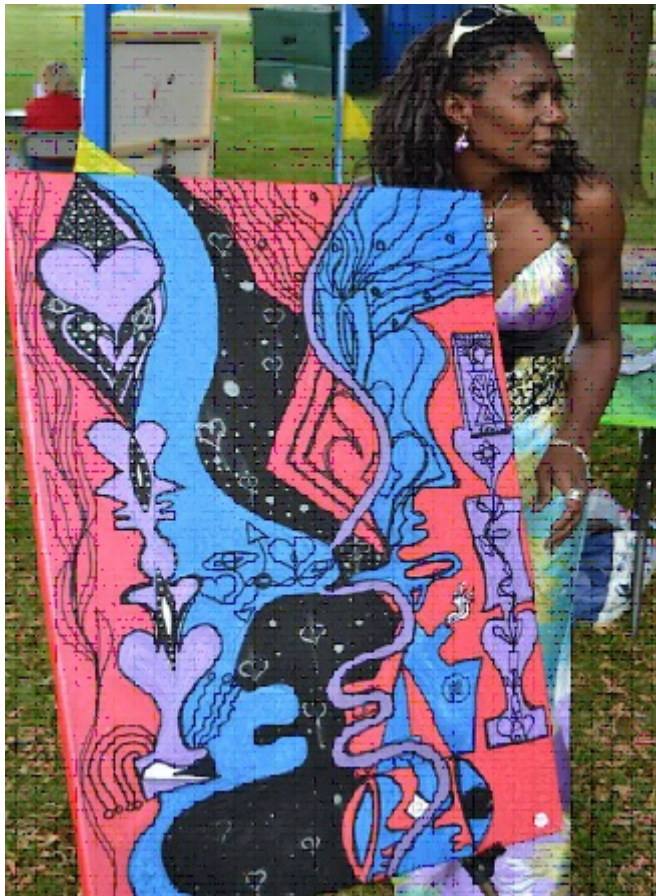
Festival: Capoeira

Neighbors & festival organizers





Festival: Whiskey Dolls
 Face painting by Katerina King & Gabrielle
 Watson & cards by Angie



Tracie Robinson, local artist



“Planting” the Little Free Library

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Contributions to the Our Meadowood project were generously made in money, volunteer labor and gifts by the following (I know I'm forgetting people):

- Families or individuals—R. Balch, F. Johnson, C. Pickhardt, P Roseboom, J. Winnig, J. Prohaska
- Businesses—Dane Co. Credit Union, Interim Health Care, Papa Murphy's Pizza, Stix Law Offices, Arby's, Boston Shoes, Culvers, Gloria Jean, Hallmark, JC Penney, Johannsens, Learning Express, Market Square Theater, McDonalds, Wendy's, St. Maria, Goretti and Good Shepard church
- Volunteers/organizations-Dennis Hoeffle, Chuck Keleny, Linda Mathis Rose, Mellowood Flag Football Team, Beni Taiko Drum Group, Capoeira
- City of Madison
- Bob Queen for his stage and guidance

West District Blotter—Neighborhood Watch Training

A neighborhood watch is a great way to improve safety in your neighborhood. MPD will be offering free watch training on September 10, from 7pm - 9pm. The session will take place at the MPD Training Center, at 5702 Femrite Dr. It will provide a model on how to form a successful watch program, and demonstrate examples of successful programs. Registration is not required.

MNA Board

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

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238-3955, Karen Beck, Director

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UHP is a part-day program which means children can come in the morning or afternoon, not all day.

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT – 9/1/12–8/31/13

INCOME	
Membership	3230.00
Donations – Misc.	207.52
Newsletter Advertising	590.00
Our Meadowood	1733.19
Community Suppers	46.00
TOTAL INCOME	5806.71
BUSINESS EXPENSES	
Newsletter Printing	1068.76
Website	283.25
P O Box	88.00
EVENT & MISC. EXPENSES	
Santa Visit	39.90
Bingo Party	212.00
Pizza/Golf Outing	302.08
Garage Sale	69.95
July 4 th Picnic & Parade	635.61
Donations	500.00
Misc. Exp. & Supplies	52.30
Our Meadowood	1299.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	4550.85

THANK YOU, LORENE!



Many of you may not know the woman in this picture. Her name is **Lorene Wendricks**. Lorene is one of the early members of the precursor to and the MNA. Over the years, she held every MNA office—some more than once. Lorene recently retired as MNA's treasurer. Besides keeping our books updated and reconciled—to the penny, she ran bingo, our elections and kept track of the membership information and database. Lorene, the MNA thanks you for your dedication to the association and your commitment to the neighborhood. Thank you!

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Madison Beltline Study, Notice of Upcoming Public Meetings

WisDOT is holding a series of 5 Public Information Meetings on the Madison Beltline Study over a 3 week period in September. The dates, times, and locations of the meetings are included in flyers located at local libraries and Public Information Meeting locations map.

Because the study area is so large, WisDOT is announcing the meetings through the media and the project website: madisonbeltline.dot.wi.gov.

Information at the meetings will include:

- background and history of the Beltline,
- reasons why the Beltline is being studied,
- the current operation and safety of the Beltline,
- the new Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) study process.

Each meeting location will have the same information, exhibits, and presentations. These public meetings are a great opportunity for the public to provide comments and get their questions answered by WisDOT staff!

If you have any questions, please contact Larry Barta, WisDOT Project Manager, by email or phone (larry.barta@dot.wi.gov ; 608-246-3884), or me.

We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming Beltline Public Meeting!

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Meet & Eat



Our Meadowood Festival

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