

MEADOWOOD

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

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COMMUNITY. Being part of a community brings us a sense of comfort and belonging. As the community supports us, we, in turn, help support our community. With few exceptions, people want to be acknowledged and included. We solidify our connections when we engage with our neighbors and friends. Helping shovel a neighbor's sidewalk, attending a community supper, volunteering in your neighborhood can be richly rewarded with new insight and a sense of connection. Feeling included and forming social connections help reduce anxiety and increases our happiness.

Other ways you can participate in your community are by voting and completing the 2020 census. You will have several opportunities to exercise your right as a citizen to vote in 2020. The first is in the upcoming Spring Primary on February 18. Please verify your voter registration status before that date (see the article on how to do this elsewhere in this issue). The 2020 United States Census is beginning this spring. The census form will be sent by email to homes as early as March. Make sure you and your family members are counted.

As the Meadowood Neighborhood Association enters our 62nd year, we are grateful for all our Board members whose work ensures the continuation of our neighborhood association. This year, Tony Smick (Area 4) and Arik Grundahl (Area 12) joined our board. We are searching for a representative for Area 11 (Mayhill Dr, Malabar Ln and the 2100 – 2200 blocks of Jonquil & Prairie Rd). Please contact me (MNABoard1@gmail.com) to volunteer.

For those of you who shop with Amazon, you can help Meadowood Neighborhood Association, Inc. (or your favorite charity) by shopping on smile.amazon.com. This is the regular Amazon site except that Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchases to the charity of your choice for products purchased there. It's a great way to make you smile!

Our annual MNA Bingo party, with lots of excellent prizes, will be held Saturday, March 21, 7 p.m. at Ten Pin Alley. The Bingo party is for all MNA members 18 years and older. Not a member? Come and join that evening.



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:

- Area 1: Elizabeth Schroeder, **Webmaster**, eliz.k.schroeder@gmail.com
- Area 2: Miguel Benson & Sammy Clevenger, miguel.a.benson@gmail.com
- Area 3: Mike Edmonds, **Vice President**, m.edmonds@sbcglobal.net
- Area 4: Tony Smick, skyumahwi@aol.com
- Area 5: Tyler Rehm & Sara Wagner, tylerrehm@gmail.com
- Area 6: Lisa Veldran, lveldran@yahoo.com
- Area 7: Lisa Schulz, **Board Treasurer**, buttonldy@aol.com
- Area 8: Mark & Janice Bauman, **'Meadowood' Editor (MB), Board Secretary (JB)**, msbauman57@gmail.com
- Area 9: Terry Evanson, **Board President**, mtevanon@gmail.com
- Area 10: Diane Berry & Gene Masters, dianexberry@gmail.com
- Area 11: VACANT
- 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

Opportunities to Meet Neighbors

Submission from Lisa Veldran, MNA Area 6 Representative

Wishing to know your neighbors more? Simple opportunities like walking around your neighborhood and stopping along the way to say hello, borrowing that cup of sugar from your nextdoor neighbor or asking for help moving that old couch out of your living room are some great ways to get to know your neighbors.

In September my neighbors, Gary and Sara, hosted a coffee and doughnuts get-together for our block. Simple notes with the date, time and location were dropped off at neighbors houses. It was a great time to meet new neighbors and catch up with neighbors who have lived on the block for years.

Get-togethers can be as involved as a block party or as simple as coffee and doughnuts. It only takes one person on your block to get the ball rolling - maybe you are that person!



Clerk's Office Encourages Voters to Verify Registration

In response to the recent court ruling regarding the inactivation of voter registrations, the Madison City Clerk's Office strongly encourages voters to verify their registration status.

Voters with online access may verify their registration by visiting <https://MyVote.wi.gov>. Toward the top of the webpage, they may select "Search by Name" or "My Voter Info" to search for their voter registration. The website will prompt the voter to enter their name and date of birth.

Once the voter's registration information appears on the screen, the voter should look for a status of "You are Registered to Vote!" and should verify that the current address listed is accurate. If the voter sees a green button that says, "Click Here to Confirm Your Address," that means the voter was included in the mailing the Elections Commission recently sent to all voters it believed may have moved. It is imperative that these voters click the green button to confirm their address, if accurate, or click the gray "Update Address" button to update their voter registration online.

Voters without access to the internet are encouraged to contact the City Clerk's Office to verify their voter registration status.

Contact: Maribeth Witzel-Behl 608-266-4601
clerk@cityofmadison.com

Notice of Public Hearing

On November 20, 2019, an application was filed with the City of Madison Department of Planning & Community & Economic Development for approval of a **Conditional Use at 5802 Raymond Road**, to construct a three-story mixed-use building with 2,400 sq. ft. of commercial space and 11 apartments. The application will be reviewed by:

Plan Commission
January 13, 2020, 5:45 p.m.
Room 201, City-County Building
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

The purpose of this public hearing is to hear all interested parties. The City has made an effort to notify all the immediate neighbors of this proposal. To help ensure as many as possible know about the hearing, please share this with your neighbors and tenants. City meeting agendas are available online at: <http://madison.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Note: Public hearing items may be called at any time after the beginning of the hearing at the time noted above. The Plan Commission uses a **consent agenda**, which means an item may be approved at the beginning of the hearing if no one is registered to speak in opposition. Those wishing to speak on an item must register with City staff at the entrance to the meeting room before the item is called.

2019 Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) Events:

Saturday, March 21, 7 pm: Bingo Party at Ten Pin Alley, 6285 Nesbitt Rd., Fitchburg

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:

- * Wednesday, February 26
- * Sunday, June 21 (at Meadowood Park)
- * Wednesday, July 29
- * Wednesday, October 28
- * Wednesday, December 16

Ice Dams can be Costly

Submission from: Madison Gas and Electric

A few inches of snow, freezing temperatures and warm air leaking into your attic are a perfect combination for ice dams. What's an ice dam, and why should you be concerned if you have icicles hanging from your gutters?

Ice dams form when heat in the attic melts the snow on the roof and water runs down to the overhang and then refreezes. The ice starts to build up, holding water which can then flow back up the roof under the shingles. This often results in serious water damage to the ceiling and walls inside the home. Often, the damage can't be seen until it's too late, and repairs can be expensive.


Warm air leaking into your cold attic through attic bypasses (the small holes and paths by which heated air flows into the attic) is usually the culprit. Some sources include electrical boxes, exhaust fans, lighting fixtures including recessed lights and wiring penetrations and attic hatches/entrances. These warm air bypasses have to be fixed first to eliminate the problem. A lack of ventilation and/or not enough insulation can add to the trouble.

If you think you have a problem, your best bet is to have a home energy audit performed. An energy professional can do a blower door test to find the leaks and seal them. He also can tell you if you need more attic insulation or ventilation. Remember, this problem is not going to just go away. It will continue to happen year after year when conditions are right.

Contact the Focus on Energy Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® program at 1-800-762-7077 or visit focusonenergy.com to request an energy audit. (Focus on Energy also has a separate program for the income-qualified.)



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MGE is planning a new Shared Solar installation at Morey Field in Middleton. Join the program to get locally generated solar energy for your home or business. It's easy, affordable, and it helps grow renewable energy in our community.

Shared Solar—Make it your energy.

Visit energy2030together.com/SharedSolar to learn how to participate.



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Meadowood Here & Now

We are starting a new feature in our newsletter, a post called **“Meadowood Here & Now”** to highlight an individual or family in the Meadowood as another way for us to learn about the diversity of people that live here. This issue starts with neighbors who live in Area 6 in Meadowood being interviewed by their representative, Lisa Veldran. This is the 1st of two families featured in this issue.

Names: Allison and Jesse Lynch, Kroncke Drive, Area 6

Occupation: Allison works as a Research Administrator at Research & Sponsored Programs at UW-Madison and Jesse is the Department Administrator at Design to Product at UW-Madison.

Children: Two adorable children - Cora, 3 years old and Aiden, 8 months old

Hometowns: Both Allison and Jesse are from Madison. Allison went to Huegel, Toki and Madison Memorial High School. Jesse went to Thoreau, Cherokee and West High School

Moved to Meadowood: April 2016. They actually walked around the Meadowood neighborhood willing people to move!

What do you like about the Meadowood neighborhood? Allison grew up in Prairie Hills and wanted to live in an established neighborhood and raise their children close to family. They enjoy the quiet streets, the trees and the very friendly people who live in Meadowood.

Piece of neighborly advice? They noted they tend to receive helpful neighborly advice but want new people to Meadowood not be afraid to introduce themselves to their neighbors. The Lynch's feel welcomed and safe because everyone watches out for each other in the neighborhood. They appreciate neighbors caring about one another!



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CREDIT UNION

Welcome to a New Decade!

I hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday season as we start 2020. The beginning of the new year brings the county board's further commitment supporting community mental health care, homeless services, lake resources to prevent flooding, jail diversion programs, and continued expansion of our trail system.

Continued Commitment to Support Community Mental Health Services and Homeless Services

Along with the County Executive, the County Board has committed to expand mental health services in two specific areas. Helping people where they live by starting community-based mental health services for non-Medicaid seniors as a pilot program at community centers and kids and families including the Meadowood Community Center. We have just formed a sub-committee to create the process of awarding mental health grants through the CJ Tubbs fund and implementing recommendations from the Dane County Behavioral Health Needs Assessment completed in late 2019.

Our commitment to homelessness services continues through additional funding for the Beacon, the "Off the Square Club", making funds available for the new housing coordinator to address emergencies of eviction prevention beyond JFF, along with additional discretionary funding for JFF offices. We are helping the Salvation Army begin its capital campaign investing \$1.5 million.

Continue Commitment to Improving the Lake Flooding and the Environment

We have created a Flood Risk Reduction fund to remove sediment out of our lakes and another program which has started is "Suck the Muck" project. Lowering lake levels, keeping nutrients out of the lakes and increasing wetlands, increasing aquatic plant cutting all contribute to our commitment to clean lakes.

We are expanding the bicycle trail system both north Lake Mendota and the final connection from McFarland to Stoughton. One program I am excited for is the "Get Outside" program to help kids aged 7-14 to access our park system. Finally, an area I haven't talked about for a while is our improvement to energy renewables. Our new east district Public Works facility adds more conversion of methane gas from the landfill to renewable natural gas that can be used to heat our own facilities and to sell back to the grid. We have added 16 new electric charging stations around the County.

Finally, we are committed to expanding our jail diversion programs through a pilot program for a drug court and a further investment in our community diversion programs working with the district attorney's office.

I have filed my campaign documents to run for reelection to represent you on the Dane County Board. I take great pride in your continued support to serve you!

If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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

Triad Programs (January - March, 2020)

West Madison: Programs held at RSVP Office, 6501 Watts Rd. 250, Madison

January 22, 10:00 am: **Burglary Prevention Program**
- Speaker to be determined

February 26, 10:00 am: **Aging in Place** - Mike Thomsen, Stark Company Realtors, Orchard Ridge Neighborhood Association, West Madison Triad

March 25, 10:00 am: **Safety Tips and Resources for those Living with Dementia** - Heidi Musombawa, Sales Manager, Brookdale Senior Living Solutions



Fruit & Nut Bearing Tree Project Targets Southwest Madison!

Are you interested in getting some free fruit or nut-bearing trees to plant? Well, who isn't—assuming you've got a little land that gets a reasonable amount of sunlight! Read on...

The Neighborhood Planting Project (NPP) provides free fruit and nut producing plants for public and private use to anyone interested. The first year of plant distribution (2019) provided hundreds of plants for residents of the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood. In 2020, the NPP is expanding distribution to southwest Madison. 2600 perennials have been secured this year to support projects in the Madison area, including a proposed community orchard at Elver Park, occupying about 2 acres on the eastern edge of the park. Fruit species include pears, peaches, plums, apples, persimmon, pawpaw, cornelian cherry, currants and more! The project also includes free distribution of many varieties of these fruit trees / shrubs to area residents.

Funding for last year's planting project in the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood was provided by a neighborhood grant, plant donations from individuals, and donations of starts from farms including Troy Farms and Badger Organics.

According to Dispersion Farms, which is coordinating this effort, the promotion of perennial, low maintenance fruit trees and shrubs is a very effective, low cost response to address issues of good nutritious food, curbing biodiversity loss, reducing phosphorus runoff, cutting carbon emissions, and so much more.

Planting Project Timeline:

- Plant Adoption Sign up—now through March 31st at www.dispersionfarms.com
- Tree and Shrub (and Mulch) Planting and Pickup—early to mid-April. Dispersion Farms can help with planting/consulting.
- Vegetable Seed Planting (and Mulch) and Pick up—mid to late May. Dispersion Farms can help with planting.

For more information, visit the Dispersion Farms website: www.dispersionfarms.com.

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