

# MEADOWOOD

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[www.meadowoodneighbors.org](http://www.meadowoodneighbors.org)

## President's Message – Krista Ralston

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My husband once said “Don’t Let the Turkeys Get You Down”. That’s good advice for everyone, especially in these stressful times. To keep up our spirits and stay optimistic about the future “let’s get together and feel alright” this Independence Day. Bring your family and friends and join the fun at our **MEADOWOOD JULY 4TH FESTIVITIES**. Here are the details:

Children ages 0-12: Decorate your bike (and yourself) and join the parade! Each 4<sup>th</sup> of July a **Madison Fire Engine** leads our decorated bike parade from the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church parking lot around the neighboring blocks. All participants get yummy treats and cash prizes are awarded for the most imaginative decorations in each category (individuals ages 0-5, 6-8 and 9-12; groups of 2 or more children). The theme this year is **Independence Day Fun**.

10:00 a.m. – Bike parade participants assemble in the Parking Lot behind Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

10:15 a.m. – Judging begins.

10:30 a.m. – Parade begins, followed by awarding of prizes and treats.

### Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) annual Picnic and Board Elections—At the Elver Park shelter next to the splash park

Food service – 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Door prize drawings – after food service is completed

This is our annual membership meeting and picnic. The food is free for MNA member families. Bring your membership card or find your name at the check-in table. Ballots for election of the 2017 MNA Board will be distributed to MNA members at check-in.

### MNA Board Elections:

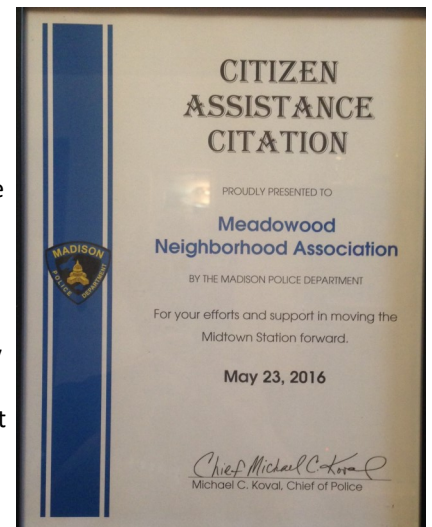
- ♦ MNA Board positions consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 15 Area Representatives and 2 At-Large Reps
- ♦ Board members are elected for one year terms and may be re-elected.
- ♦ Officers and At-Large Representatives are elected by majority vote of the MNA membership.
- ♦ Area Representatives are elected by majority vote of members from each corresponding Area.
- ♦ All MNA members over 18 years of age are eligible to run for any Board position, with priority given to candidates from each Area.
- ♦ For more information about the duties of each Board member check out the MNA Bylaws at [www.meadowoodneighbors.org](http://www.meadowoodneighbors.org).
- ♦ To be included on the ballot, nominations should be submitted to Sally Stix at 271-7609 or [sastix@tds.net](mailto:sastix@tds.net) by **June 20**. The ballots will also have a write-in option for each position at the time of the election.

**WE REALLY WANT TO GET NEW MEMBERS ON THE BOARD, ESPECIALLY FOR AREAS 3, 5, 6, 11, 12, 14, AND 15 WHICH CURRENTLY HAVE NO DECLARED CANDIDATES. PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A CANDIDATE!**

I will be happy to give you whatever information you want about the MNA and its Board of Directors.

FYI, here’s a sampling of some of the MNA’s accomplishments over the past year:

- ♦ We are finally officially a non-profit organization. That means, among other things, that donations to the MNA are now tax deductible, which will make us more competitive in applying for grants for community projects.
- ♦ We received a city grant to help finance our monthly community supper programs.
- ♦ We have been active partners with other local groups and organizations working to ensure the safety and well-being of all Meadowood residents, and to bridge the painful racial and economic divides that continue to plague us.
- ♦ We will sponsor treatment for 2 ash trees in Meadowood Park to save them from being cut down due to the ash borer epidemic.
- ♦ We again sponsored a pizza and mini golf party at Vitense, and our popular annual bingo party at the Knights of Columbus.
- ♦ We were recently awarded a “Citizen Assistance Citation” by Police Chief Koval for our support of a new midtown police station.
- ♦ We’re sponsoring a “Make Music Madison” event in Meadowood Park. See the article on p. 3 of this newsletter.



The Board of Directors meets at 7:00 pm the first Wednesday of every month (no meeting in July) at the Meadowridge Community Room. Meetings are open to the public. <https://www.facebook.com/Meadowood.Neighborhood.Association/>

## Are you ready to vote in 2016?

*League of Women Voters of Dane County*

### Voter ID is now required.

In the election on April 5th, 123 voters in the city of Madison were given provisional ballots because they did not have an acceptable voter photo ID on Election Day. Only 41 of those voters provided a photo ID in time for their votes to be counted. Don't let this happen to you. Be sure you are ready to vote in the upcoming elections on August 9 and November 8, 2016.

**If your address has changed since you last voted, you will need to register to vote at your new address.** You can register at your municipal clerk's office, with a Special Registration Deputy, or, if a Madison resident, at any Madison Public Library. Beginning 20 days prior to an election you can only register at the clerk's office or at the polls on Election Day. Registering early will save time on Election Day. You will need to show proof of residence when you register.

**Voters are now required to show a photo ID when voting.** You can use a US Passport, a Wisconsin driver license (DL), or a Wisconsin state ID card with expiration dates after November 4, 2014. You can also use a Veteran Affairs card that is unexpired or has no expiration date. If there is an address on your photo ID, it does not have to be current. Out-of-state IDs are not acceptable. For a complete list of acceptable photo IDs, go to <http://bringit.wi.gov/do-i-have-right-photo-id>. If you don't have a Wisconsin DL or ID you can get a free ID at the Division of Motor Vehicle offices (4802 Sheboygan Avenue or 2001 Bartillon Drive in Madison). You will need to bring:

- Proof of citizenship, name and date of birth  
*If you don't have all the proof you need, DMV will help verify your information.*
- Proof of Wisconsin residency
- Proof of identity
- Your Social Security number

Note: If you have a driver's license or ID from another state you will have to give it up to obtain a Wisconsin ID. Seniors and people with disabilities who vote by *permanent* absentee ballot are exempt from the voter photo ID requirement. For more information see <http://bringit.wisconsin.gov/are-there-exceptions-new-law>.

Fall elections (Partisan Primary and General Election) are August 9 and November 8, 2016. Talk to your friends and neighbors. Make sure every eligible Wisconsin voter has the documentation needed to vote!

For more information about voting in Madison, go to the clerk's office web site at [www.cityofmadison.com/election](http://www.cityofmadison.com/election). For help in getting a free state ID for voting or for a free ride with Union Cab to the DMV, call the Voter ID hotline: 608-729-7720.

*League of Women Voters of Dane County*  
[www.lwvdanecounty.org](http://www.lwvdanecounty.org)

## Upcoming Meadowood Neighborhood

### Assn. Events:

June 21, 2016 (Tuesday): 3:30-8:15 pm

#### **Make Music Madison**

Meadowood Park

July 4, 2016 (Monday)

#### **Meadowood Independence Day Festivities**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Parking Lot:  
Kid's decorated bike parade, followed by Picnic  
at Elver Park.

Please mark the dates on your calendar! Details on these two events can be found in pages 1 & 3 of the current newsletter and will be posted on the Meadowood Facebook Page and on 'Next Door Meadowood'. Stay in touch!

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: Sally Stix, [sastix@tds.net](mailto:sastix@tds.net)

Area 2: Krista Ralston, [kralston@wisc.edu](mailto:kralston@wisc.edu)

Area 3: VACANT

Area 4: Dottie Loehrer, 271-5994

Areas 5 & 6: VACANT

Area 7: Lisa Schulz, [buttonlady@aol.com](mailto:buttonlady@aol.com)

Area 8: Mark & Janice Bauman, [mjbauman@tds.net](mailto:mjbauman@tds.net)

Area 9: Terry & Marty Evanson, [mtevenson@gmail.com](mailto:mtevenson@gmail.com)

Area 10: Krista Wozniak, [krista.wozniak@gmail.com](mailto:krista.wozniak@gmail.com)

Area 11: Linda Kubly, [alankubly@yahoo.com](mailto:alankubly@yahoo.com)

Area 12: Patsy Ragland, [patsyr0614@gmail.com](mailto:patsyr0614@gmail.com)

Area 13: Sheray Wallace, [sherayw@yahoo.com](mailto:sherayw@yahoo.com)

Areas 14 & 15: VACANT

Members at Large: Kristen Schoepke & Willa Schlecht

You'll notice that several 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: <http://meadowood.readyhosting.com/index.html/473/2827.html>

## MNA Hosts Make Music Madison Concert in Meadowood Park:

### A Tradition in the Making

*Kristen Schoepke, MNA Board Member*

Everyone is connected to our neighborhood in some fashion in this super fun event designed with something for everyone.

Besides the almost 5 hours of awesome music there will be a yummy and unique community supper picnic. It will feature the "Can You Burn?" BBQ Cook Off between two neighborhood leaders with !! Ice Cream !! as dessert. There will be other self directed fun activities for the children as well as fun loving adults.

People should consider bringing their own chairs or blankets for sitting on the grass. Picnic tables will be available for eating or extra seating.

#### Timeline of Events

3:30-4:30 pm: Soulmen (*hip hop & neo soul*)

4:30-5:30 pm: Magnum Mitzvah (*hip hop, rock 'n' roll, eclectic & hilarious*)

5:30 pm: *Begin serving Community BBQ picnic*

5:30-6:00 pm: Maica the Entertainer presents (*a variety of acts focused on and involving children, but fun for everyone*)

6:00-6:15 pm: "Celebrity Judges" announced and seated

6:15-7:00 pm: Ambulatones (*a Capella pop rock*)

7:00-7:15 pm: "Can You Burn" BBQ Cook Off Winner announced

7:15-8:15 pm: Mtrane (*afrobeat and jazz*)

**\*\* All times are approximate and subject to change**

**\*\* No rain date planned**

**Meadowood Park:** from Raymond Road, go 1 block south on Leland at the flashing pedestrian light.

Popcorn, Lemonade, and Water will be available throughout the concert times (3:30-8:15 pm). Picnic tables will be available for a place to eat. The judges will be announced and seated at 6:00 pm and the winner will be declared at 7:00 pm. Be there or be ... missing out

Just what you want at the end of a summers day!

This event is sponsored by the *Meadowood Neighborhood Association, Make Music Madison, Meadowood Suppers, Mellowood Foundation and the Foundation for Madison Public Library.*

*(Remember: the Meadowood is Your Source for Your Neighborhood and Your News!)*

## Meadowood Community Supper Moves to Meadowood Park for Summer Solstice Concert

*Kristen Schoepke, MNA Board Member*

A high stakes BBQ cook off, called "Can You Burn?" is planned for this month's June 21st community picnic. It will be held in Meadowood Park (*from Raymond Rd. go 1 block south on Leland at the flashing pedestrian light*) so that attendees can take advantage of the Make Music Madison Summer Solstice Concert being held there.

Neighborhood leaders Albert Watson and Howard Haynes are squaring off with their very own secret recipes for BBQ Ribs. Their eyes will be on the prize donated by the Mellowood Foundation but the special prize they both *really* covet is your satisfied stomach as they devote their entire day to this growl-worthy goal.

"Celebrity" Judges will determine the winner (taking their time to suss out who has the most savory sauce, I'm sure!).

While the "Can You Burn?" Cook Off will last throughout the day, the ribs, and the rest of the menu will begin service at 5:30 pm. It will consist of:

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| * BBQ Ribs!                | * Chips             |
| * Brats                    | * Watermelon Slices |
| * Mac & Cheese.            | * Ice Cream         |
| * Baked Beans (vegetarian) |                     |

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## Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Dane Co. Volunteer Opportunities & Information

**Community Connections Volunteer Opportunities** – Contact Jan Karst at 441-7891 or [jkarst@rsvpdane.org](mailto:jkarst@rsvpdane.org):

**Madison Police Department Central District** would like volunteers to help in the Burglary Crime Department, making follow up calls to victims to record information. Work in an office with two Detectives. Training provided. Good phone manner and simple computer skills needed.

**Senior Coalitions in Madison, need Home Chore volunteers** to visit elderly folks to help with light chores like taking out the garbage, washing a few dishes, etc. Many older adults stay in their own homes longer with just a little help from a friend!

**Representative Payees** are needed to help older adults manage paying their bills. No money or experience necessary. Training/support provided. Requires only 2-4 hours/month as your schedule permits.


**East Madison/Monona Coalition of Aging (EMMCA)** needs volunteers for their Adult Day Center. Play games, share hobbies, and converse with adults with dementia. Help at their Nutrition Site serving meals, socializing with seniors as they eat, and help clean up.

**Driver Services Volunteer Opportunities** – Contact Mary Schmelzer at 608-310-7280 or [mschmelzer@rsvpdane.org](mailto:mschmelzer@rsvpdane.org):

**RSVP Driver Services** needs drivers for seniors, veterans/vet family members, and meal delivery in communities across Dane County, Mon.-Fri., between 8:00am-4:00pm. Demand for rides is increasing as the senior population is growing.

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## Meadowood Area Neighbors Assist Police in Thwarting Burglaries

Hi everyone! My name is Dave Glomp, one of the two Co-Police Liaisons for the Meadowood Neighborhood. My fellow Police Liaison, Merle Bengston, and I have been reporting on crime incidents throughout Meadowood and nearby neighborhoods on the Nextdoor Meadowood website for over two years. I am very pleased to report that, due in large part to the participation and cooperation of area neighbors and the police, a significant drop in crime has occurred, especially in the category of residential break-in burglaries.

It goes without saying that the police can not be everywhere all the time, so the diligence of neighbors watching their own homes and those of their neighbors and reporting to police any suspicious activities has led police to the successful arrest of many of those criminals who have been plaguing the area. One prime example was the action of one neighbor who heard and then saw a would-be burglar in the act of trying to break in the back door of a neighbor's garage. The residents were not home at the time, but the fact that the helpful neighbor called 911 immediately resulted in the suspect being chased down and arrested.

Police have reported that this particular individual apprehended was also suspected of being connected to at least a dozen or more break-ins in Meadowood and surrounding neighborhoods. Amazingly, with his arrest and a few others in the Greentree Neighborhood, again aided by neighbors who reported the incidents in real time, the number of break-in burglaries has dropped significantly for many weeks! Prior to this time, the number of area break-in burglaries averaged 10 or more per month.

I am not saying all crime incidents have ceased, but the numbers of all crimes, especially property crimes and violent incidents, have dropped since citizens have become the additional eyes and ears for the Madison Police Department (MPD). The diligent efforts of the MPD also deserves a great deal of credit for this turnaround. I would like to state that the Meadowood Neighborhood Association, (MNA), has been very supportive and was a catalyst for the development and growth of the neighborhood's Police Liaison Program, on the Nextdoor Meadowood website. It has allowed Merle and me to share information on what is going on related to crime, as well as how we can all protect ourselves from reported trends in area crimes.

I would encourage all of you, if you haven't already done so, consider signing up online for Nextdoor, by going to: <https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood/meadowooddane--madison--wi/>. It costs nothing to become a part of this very valuable social website which has grown exponentially, I believe, because of the emphasis that has been given to the crime and public safety initiatives on the site.

Merle and I pledge to continue our efforts so long as the MNA continues supporting us doing so! We have on-going access to police representatives and their informational resources which we will continue to share through this newsletter and the Nextdoor site. Thanks to all of you who have assisted us in our efforts. Enjoy the Summer and stay safe out there!

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### **MOST Program Finder Article** **mostmadison.org**

Looking for afterschool and summer programs for your child? MOST (Madison-area Out-of-School Time) is making that easier with a brand new “one-stop-shop” online program finder. No matter what your budget is or where you live in the Madison area, you can find just the right program for your child, from kindergarten through high school, from homework help to karate or art classes.

With just a few clicks, the program finder can help you make the most of your child’s or teen’s time out-of-school. You’ll be able to search for programs by grade, distance from your house or the type of program you’re looking for, as well as about ten other searchable criteria. Start your search at [www.mostmadison.org](http://www.mostmadison.org) and let your child dream, explore and discover their passions.

*MOST is a citywide collaboration between the Madison Metropolitan School District, the City of Madison, Dane Co. and 40 different youth serving organizations to help close Madison’s opportunity gap by ensuring that all Madison’s children have access to comprehensive, high-quality out-of-school time programs that will support positive youth development, educational achievement, and/or career, college, and community readiness.*



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## **Dear Meadowood Neighbors,**

*(from Alder Matt Phair);*

**email:** [district20@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district20@cityofmadison.com); **Ph:** (608) 772-1187

***Apologies from the editor of the ‘Meadowood’ for not having the space to include all of Matt Phair’s letter to ‘Meadowood Neighbors’ in the April issue. The following paragraph from that earlier letter is an important piece of news and especially relevant to our neighborhood...***

**Byrne Grant Initiative:** As some of you probably know, the City received a planning grant from the US Dept. of Justice. The focus of the grant is to provide resources, by way of a full-time project manager and a part time researcher, in order to engage the community in writing a thorough plan, backed by evidence and data that lays out solutions and strategies for making our neighborhoods safer and more vibrant. The planning area is being referred to as the “Raymond Rd. corridor.” The initiative is co-lead by Common Wealth Development and the Madison Police Department. At this stage, the project manager has been hired as has a professional researcher. The first task of the project manager is to engage the community and organize a steering committee of residents. It will be that group, led by the PM, who will have 18 months to write the plan and submit it to the DOJ to compete for a \$1 million implementation grant. I have met with the researcher (Kimberly Hassel, of UW-Milwaukee) and the newly hired project manager (Stephanie Bradley-Wilson). I am impressed with both of them and have encouraged them that the only way this initiative will be successful is if the work is truly done by residents and the end result genuinely reflects the wishes and desires of the neighborhoods involved.

## **Meadowood Community Garden**

For information on the Meadowood Community Garden (including the children’s garden plot), please contact:  
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