

MEADOWWORD

Newsletter of the Meadowood Neighborhood Assn

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President's Message – Lisa Veldran

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Whew! I blinked and the holidays rushed right by me. I am eagerly looking forward to 2012 and the opportunities it brings to the Meadowood Neighborhood. Please plan on taking some time to visit your neighbors at any of the upcoming events this winter: the Community Supper, Bingo Party, the Golfland Event at Vitense or any of the activities/classes at the Meadowood Neighborhood Center.

If you are receiving this newsletter – **THANK YOU** for paying your \$5 membership dues! If your neighbor says they haven't received their newsletter remind them that they need to pay their dues in order to have their newsletter delivered (and if they say they paid, have them contact Lorene Wendricks at 271-5054).

Reminder: "Like" the Meadowood Neighborhood Association Facebook page to receive the most up-to-date news in the neighborhood!

MADISON'S RECYCLING PROGRAM EXPANDS IN 2012

The City of Madison expanded the materials it will accept in its curbside recycling program on January 1. The changes are possible because of a new recycling processing contract with Pellitteri Waste Systems of Madison.

You may now add the following to your recycling carts:

- All plastic containers with the numbers #1 through #7. This includes dairy tubs, deli containers and clear plastic clamshell packages and the lids to these containers.
- Plastic bags - Plastic bags must be placed inside a plastic bag with that bag being tied shut. Plastic bags that can be recycled include retail store bags, produce bags, and newspaper bags. You can also recycle clean plastic film. No dark green or black plastic bags or film.
- Empty steel paint cans and their lids.
- Metal pots and pans
- Small metal appliances such as toasters or blender bases, and metal power tools.
- Metal faucets and pipe less than 18" in length

It is estimated the changes will mean an additional 500-700 tons of recyclables; saving \$20-25,000 in annual landfill fees and generating \$60,000 in revenue from sale of the material.

MNA's ADULT WINTER BINGO PARTY

Saturday, January 21, 2012, 7:00 pm

The MNA is sponsoring its annual Bingo Party on Saturday, January 21st at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located on Anton Dr. next to Chalet Ski Shop. There will be snacks and a cash bar. This event is for ADULTS ONLY who are current MNA members. If you are not a member, you can join that night for \$5.00. The building is handicap accessible. For more information call 271-5054.

Directions: Take Whitney Way south to Williamsburg Way & turn left to Anton Drive. Turn right on Anton Drive (M & I Bank is on the corner) and the KC Building is on the left next to the Chalet Ski Shop.

Join Us at the Annual Golfland Gala Saturday, March 3, 2012

Come join us at Vitense Golfland (Whitney Way at the Beltline) from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, for a great family evening. There will be free pizza and soda, and one free round of mini-golf for children 12 and under. Mini-golf per-game costs are \$7.50 for children over 12 and adults, and \$6.00 for seniors over 55 (and if your child 12 and under wants to play additional games). You must be a current member of MNA, and adults must accompany children at this event. Bring your MNA membership card. **RSVP to Lisa Veldran**. We look forward to seeing you and your family at the party!

Snow Removal Resources

Here are a few contactors. Prices will vary. Most companies will come and give you a free fee estimate. (Also see p. 4.)

Action Professional Window & Gutter Cleaning - 277-7740
American Lawn Company - 222-6533
Barnes Inc.- 845-3230
Boley Tree & Landscaping Care - 513-8580
Coldwell Banker Concierge Service - 276-3161
Hooks Landscaping - 212-4126
Maple Leaf, Inc. - 845-2203

Quick Links to Community Information

City Parks Newsletters

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/newsletters.htm>

West Police District Information & Newsletters

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/Police/west>

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Save Money & Our Lakes! Use Less Salt This Winter

Salt and sand contribute greatly to lake and stream pollution. Once it's spread on parking lots, streets, sidewalks and driveways, it's on its way to the nearest lake or stream and cannot be recovered. Fifty pounds of salt (one large bag) can pollute 10,000 gallons of water—which is equivalent to one teaspoon in a five-gallon bucket of water. Municipalities are working to cut salt use while still keeping streets safe. So, let's all save money this winter with these helpful tips and help the lakes and streams at the same time.

Always use a shovel first, especially if the pavement temperature is 32°F or more—don't waste money on deicers.

Reserve deicers for ice. Shovel as soon as possible so that wet, heavy snow doesn't have the opportunity to turn to ice.

All salt is not created equal. Various types of deicers perform differently at different temperature ranges. The most common and cheapest is sodium chloride ("rock salt"), but doesn't work when the pavement is colder than 15°F. Magnesium chloride and calcium chloride cost more, but you'll use less and it works in colder temps.

Consider getting a pavement thermometer (~\$30) to help determine pavement temperatures, which can vary widely depending on how much sun shines on your driveway.

Measure your sidewalk and driveway so you know how much you need. A general guideline is to use 1-3 cups of salt per 1,000 square feet. Save money by using only what is needed.

Apply liquid salt to the pavement before the storm and shovel a little while it's snowing. After the storm, shovel before using any salt. Most times, you won't need any. Use deicers on ice, don't waste it on snow. You can use 30% less deicer if you wet your salt with some water before applying it.

While salt is sometimes mixed with sand to keep the sand from freezing into a solid block, it's not a good idea to use both at the same time on your sidewalk. The salt will melt the ice, but when it refreezes, the sand will be frozen below the surface where it can't do any good. Choose one or the other. Try removing the ice by hand first before using either sand or salt.

If you have an area that tends to ice up, consider making it a priority to remedy next summer so you won't need to deice in the future.

Supervisor Veldran's Column

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Happy New Year Meadowood neighbors! The county board is finishing a short break between December and January.



So here are some of the board's accomplishments during this past term.

- We found ways to save money by streamlining bookings at the jail, closing one floor of the Huber Center and starting a day-reporting center. This will provide a real service by not incarcerating them when they are neither a danger to the community or themselves. This change will eventually lead to the permanent closing of the Huber Center which will save Dane County money that will be used for other vital programs to further prevention of crimes. This may also translate to improving county services for the southwest side of Madison, by allocating additional resources for JFF and the City-County Health Department's work with families

- There is a study looking at expanding the barn area at the Alliant Energy Center (AEC); with the closing of the Huber Center, it could lead to an overall expansion of AEC. The World Dairy Expo, one of Dane County's largest events, is encouraged by our commitment to its long term success in Wisconsin and may expand its event held here!

- We created a mental health drop-in center so folks can get critical support when they need it – particularly right now, as the state cut funding for these services. Mental health care also keeps costs down by diverting ill people out of the jail and into more efficient and necessary treatment.

- We saved the county over a million dollars by renegotiating our health insurance provider. This was agreed to in the newest union contracts with our workers.

- We expanded the use of alternative fuel sources for county vehicles. Dane County purchased a compressed natural gas (CNG) filling station that will be used by an expanding fleet of vehicles used in a number of departments. By converting natural gas from the Dane County landfill, the county's fuel bills have been significantly cut. Our cost of fuel is about \$1.10/gallon equivalent.

- Investment in cleaning up and improving the lake quality in Dane County and continue to expand both our commitment to our park system and bike path connections.

These are just some of the county board's highlights of the past year. They were done even in a difficult budget year where state cuts and limits were severe. The quality of life in Dane Co. is unique and one of which we all can be proud!

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Free Power Tomorrow Workshop

High heating bills? Ice dams? Drafty rooms?

Talk to the energy experts from MGE. Learn about the Green Madison program and how you can get a Focus on Energy home energy evaluation to identify the causes of these problems.

Wednesday, February 22, 2012, 6:30 p.m.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, 401 South Owen Dr.

Free refreshments • Free-energy saving gift • Door prizes

Please register in advance:

- Online at mge.com/workshops, or
- By phone, leave a message at 252-5671.



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Elections 2012

Want to know more about the ID needed? Visit the City Clerk's website for everything you need to know:

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/clerk/PhotoIDDetails.cfm>

Are you new to Meadowood or Madison and need to know how to register or where your polling place is located?

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/election/voter/>

CITY ELECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2012 - Polling Places

open at 7am and close at 8 pm

Spring Primary Election - Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Spring Election - Tuesday, April 3, 2012

Fall Primary Election - Tuesday, August, 14, 2012

General Election - Tuesday, November 6, 2012

The MNA Needs Your Help!

The following areas are without an Area Representative. Please contact Lisa Veldran if you can help out in any way or if you have questions:

AREA 14: The Orchard Village Apartments & apartments & duplexes on the 5800- 6000 blocks of Raymond Rd.

AREA 15: Apartments & duplexes on Cameron (1500-1600 blocks), Russett Rd., & Raymond Rd. between Prairie Rd. & Whitney Way, on the 5700-6000 blocks, including the apartment building on Whitney Way & Russet Rd., across from Orchard Ridge School.

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Registration for Meadowood Community Gardens!



It's that time of the year again.
Registration will be held at:

Meadowood Community Center
April 14, 2012 10am-Noon

New Gardeners welcome! Returning Gardeners must register to secure their plot.

Committee Participation Mandatory! (Committees: Children's Garden Helper, Compost Maintenance, Grounds Maintenance, Excess Produce Delivery and more!)

Cannot make the registration or have additional questions? Please e-mail: meadowoodcompost@yahoo.com or call (608) 442-8624

Don't Start the New Year with Whooping Cough

Pertussis is Heading Our Way and We Need to be Prepared

Public Health - Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) issued an advisory on December 27th to health care providers in Dane County regarding measures to minimize the spread of pertussis (whooping cough). In the advisory, PHMDC urges clinicians to consider testing any patient with pertussis symptoms and begin treatment immediately. Of particular importance is the recommendation that anyone with these symptoms should isolate themselves until they've completed five days of treatment. The advisory can be found at <http://www.publichealthmdc.com/disease/documents/advisoryPertussis20111227.pdf>

There were 7 cases of pertussis reported in the county in November, and 12 new cases reported since the beginning of December. All of these newly reported cases are age 14 and under. Higher numbers are being reported in nearby communities. These numbers are only a little higher than what is expected at this time of year; it is of concern since pertussis is very contagious and can be life-threatening to infants.

The early symptoms of whooping cough are like those of the common cold, with runny nose or congestion, sneezing and maybe a mild cough or fever. After 1-2 weeks rapid violent coughing begins which empties the lungs, forcing the child to inhale with a loud "whooping" sound.

The best strategy to combat this disease is prevention, which means getting vaccinated. Since infants under 6 weeks of age cannot be vaccinated, their best protection comes from making sure that all those in contact with the baby have been vaccinated. Infants are not fully protected until they have received 3 vaccine doses and are 6-12 months of age.

In light of these current conditions, Public Health recommends that parents and health care professionals make a sustained effort to make sure that children are immunized.

In Dane County, only 79 percent of all children turning 2 years old in 2010 had completed all four of their DTaP shots. This is not adequate to provide good community immunity. You can help prevent this disease by making sure that you and your family members are immunized. If you or your child do show symptoms of this disease, the best thing you can do is to contact your primary health care provider and stay home staying away from other people.

For more detailed information on pertussis and where to get free immunizations, see the following links: <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/Pertussis> and <http://www.publichealthmdc.com/disease/immunizations/clinics.cfm>

The Tobacco Free Columbia-Dane County Coalition needs your help!

In Wisconsin, the Tobacco Industry is spending \$274 million per year promoting a new line of smokeless and spitless tobacco products. An example of Big Tobacco's newest products include toothpick-like products that dissolve in your mouth and deliver nicotine in a dose equivalent to 3 cigarettes, and mini-cigars which appear like cigarettes and appeal to new audiences through fruity flavors such as peach and strawberry.

What's obvious is that these products are being packaged to look and smell like popular gums, mints, and candy. Many of these tobacco products are strategically placed next to the candy/gum isles in gas stations and convenience stores. The tobacco industry is using candy-flavored smokeless tobacco products to attract new, younger users while keeping all of the addictive and harmful substances in order to continue to line their pockets. Just as shocking is how other tobacco products cost considerably less than cigarettes. Cigarette tax is \$2.52 for a pack of 20 cigarettes compared to the tobacco tax of around \$0.78 for 20 little cigars.

Community members play a key role in increasing awareness and supporting efforts for a healthier community. The Tobacco Free Columbia Dane County Coalition is actively searching for community members to become involved and help address these issues. Education to school boards, parent-teacher associations, and other community leaders is critical. If you have an interest in public health and tobacco prevention, being a part of the Coalition is a great opportunity to make a difference and lasting impact in your local community! Please contact Ryan Sheahan, Coordinator for the Tobacco Free Columbia-Dane County Coalition at 242-6297 or rsheahan@publichealthmdc.com

From Orchard Ridge email list: For several years Henry Engol, an underemployed man with kids has done our walk and drive. He's not a professional landscaper, just a guy who wants to work. (608) 662-2264