

# MEADOWWORD

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

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Dear Neighbors,

The New Year is a time to regroup, re-envision and consider future goals. At the Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) board retreat in October, the board met to consider goals for the next several years and to set specific goals for 2017. These goals reflect the vision we have for Meadowood; a short summary is below.

We invite you to be an active participant in helping shape our neighborhood. Please volunteer to help with a neighborhood event and contribute your own ideas for our neighborhood by attending a board meeting or by contacting your area representative.

The Board's goals:

- Increase diversity at neighborhood events and on the MNA board to reflect our neighborhood. Regardless of elementary school area, profession, age, homeowner or renter, our neighborhood is strongest when all perspectives are included.
- Encourage more community involvement.
- Increase MNA membership and fill all MNA Board seats.
- Strengthen communication between the board and the neighborhood. Re-envision the MNA website and determine the best ways to communicate neighborhood activities to our members.
- Lay the groundwork to sponsor a specific project in Meadowood or a neighboring school.
- Promote our neighborhood. Support local businesses; consider options for providing the neighborhood directory to members; determine the priorities of the MNA neighborhood.
- Utilize Meadowood Park for neighborhood events.
- Find a physical location to house an MNA office.

Specific actions we hope to implement this year include:

- Provide an annual calendar (you'll find that in this newsletter).
- Post all events well in advance on the MNA Facebook page and website.
- Develop a welcome packet for new neighbors.
- Encourage block parties so neighbors meet one another.
- Research grant opportunities and develop a fund raising event in 2017.
- Conduct a neighborhood survey later this year – we want to know how we can better communicate with you and your ideas for the neighborhood.

A great deal of work is being done by various organizations to strengthen and support Meadowood and the southwest side of Madison. We have amazing resources in our neighborhood and the most important resource is you. In 2017, let's work together to help Meadowood be a place where all our residents can enjoy a vibrant, safe, and welcoming neighborhood.

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:

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Areas 14 and 15: VACANT

Members at Large: Kristen Schoepke & Maureen Murphy

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:  
<http://meadowood.readyhosting.com/index.html/473/2827.html>

## Update on the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Project

*Stephanie Bradley Wilson, Common Wealth Development*

The Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) project is for the Southwest Madison neighborhoods that includes the Meadowood, Prairie Hills, Greentree and Park Edge/Park Place/Waterleaf Apartment area. The project is an 18 month planning grant, obtained by the Madison Police Department in 2015 from the federal Department of Justice (DOJ). The purpose of the grant is to facilitate resident developed strategies that address deep drivers of crime for the area.

### Community Breakfast Meeting

Over the past several months residents and stakeholders from the Raymond Road corridor have been meeting to identify strategies to address issues around safety and well-being in our southwest community for the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Grant. Information gathered from the sessions will be reviewed during a breakfast meeting hosted by Good Shepherd Church, 5701 Raymond Rd, on Saturday, January 21, from 8:30 AM until 11:30 AM.

The next phase of the planning process is to apply for an \$850,000 implementation grant from the Department of Justice in February 2017.

For questions email Stephanie at [Stephanie@CWD.org](mailto:Stephanie@CWD.org)

## Upcoming Meadowood Neighborhood Association Events:

March 11, 2017, 6 - 8 pm: Bingo Party at Ten Pin Alley, 6285 Nesbitt Rd., Fitchburg

June 21, 2017: Make Music Madison, Round 2!  
Details will follow...

July 29, 2017: MNA Summer Picnic

August 26, 2017: West Fest

## Ice Dams Can Be Costly

*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](http://focusonenergy.com) to request an energy audit. (Focus on Energy also has a separate program for the income-qualified.)



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## Senior Meals at Meadowood in 2017!

**Where?** Meadowood Shared Space, 5740 Raymond Rd.

**When?** Every Tuesday and Thursday at noon.

**Cost?** A donation for 60+ (suggested is \$4.00).  
\$7.50 for under 60.

**Transportation?** Door-to-door in the westside service area. Transportation cost is a suggested donation of \$1.00. Newsletters with menus are available at the Meadowridge Library and Meadowood Neighborhood Center.

Beginning in January, Cheryl Zeegers will be teaching "Exercise from a Chair" before lunch on Tuesdays. Join us from 11:15 to 11:45 am for some light exercise with weights and bands. It's completely free, so please come and try it out! This is a trial so if this is something you want to see continue, please come.

### New Nutrition Site Manager

Hi everyone! My name is Maddie Squier and as some of you know, Mary Malischke retired last month and we wish her all the best! I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Nutrition Site Manager! I am a recent graduate of the University of Wisconsin, and I'm so excited to be on board. Please come stop in and say "hello"! I look forward to meeting and getting to know all of you soon!



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## Happy New Year!

Hello fellow Meadowood neighbors. We're wrapping up our holiday time and ready to head into the new year with hopeful expectations! I am particularly hopeful that with the new administration in Washington, we will still be able to maintain our high quality of life for all Dane County citizens.

We will be starting our new legislative year shortly and will likely be starting on a road to expand the public safety facilities, including much-needed mental health beds for people arrested while in Sheriff Mahoney's custody. This will be our focus during this year.

As all property owners know, they received their tax bills last month and Dane County continues to be the best investment for all our citizens. The small increase in county taxes allow us to maintain all basic services, continue working on keeping the lakes and rivers in the Dane County as clean as possible, and expanding our county parks and recreational trails.

Other priorities will be to prepare for the implementation of Family Care. The state's plan to serve our most vulnerable citizens who do not have enough financial resources to pay for many of their day-to-day needs. This will be a huge transition and we are still not sure exactly how it will be implemented in Dane County. We must wait for the governor's budget and then the legislature to assess exactly how the whole system will change next year. The homeless day shelter is moving along with construction and is scheduled to open in the late summer / early fall.

If you have any questions, concerns or ideas don't hesitate to contact me.

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*Matt Veldran, Dane County Board of Supervisors, District 7*

## Hello Meadowood Neighbors,

Happy New Year! I hope 2017 is a great one for you and yours. It has been too long since you heard from me, I apologize for that. Before I look ahead, let me update you with how the City Council ended the year. We spent the fall working on the 2017 budget which we passed in mid-November. After several nights of hearings, deliberations and thoughtful (sometimes tense) discussion, I believe we produced a fiscally responsible budget that balances basic services and innovative priority area investments. The


Council committed, again, to funding a new police station and district that will take the load off our over-worked West District, in turn helping our officers do their jobs better. The Mayor has committed to making sure the construction does not get delayed like it did last year and we will hold him to his word. I am especially proud that the 2017 budget includes significant funding of a new and innovative violence prevention initiative, commonly known as the "15-point plan," that I worked very hard to get in place. It is the beginning of a truly collaborative process in which the City is partnering with community stakeholders to get at root causes of violence, especially among our young people.

The 2017 new year will see the continuation of the City's Racial Equity and Social Justice Initiative (RESJI); I will work with my colleagues to strengthen the commitment we have made to understand and break down historical barriers people of color face to gain opportunity and success in our city. As for our neighborhood in 2017, we will continue to align resources so that all families are safe, empowered and set up with opportunities to be successful. The areas that I will focus on in 2017 will be housing quality and affordability, access to employment and educational opportunities and youth violence prevention. There are a lot of resources already in place; with strategic alignment and a genuine commitment to community based solutions, we will continue to improve the conditions for all our neighbors!

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