

# MEADOWWORD

Newsletter of the Meadowood Neighborhood Assn, Inc.  
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## President's Message –Krista Ralston

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### 2015 Membership Drive Is On!

Welcome to all new and renewed MNA members! With this issue of the *Meadowood*, which is being distributed free to all Meadowood households, we are kicking off our annual Meadowood Neighborhood Association, Inc. membership drive. Here are some reasons why you should join:

Membership is only \$5 per household per year. The mission of the MNA is to work for community betterment and promote fellowship. Your membership dues help fund the various activities we sponsor and/or support in furtherance of our mission. Your membership will run from January 1–December 31, 2015, although you will be able to use your new card immediately. Your current membership card will be valid until December 31, 2014.

MNA members receive a free copy of the Neighborhood Directory and the *Meadowood*, our neighborhood newsletter published five times per year. You may choose to receive the newsletter in hard copy or electronically (or both).

MNA members get free admission to Association events, including annual bingo night and the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic and bike parade. The picnic serves as the annual membership meeting at which voting-aged members elect the MNA board of directors for the next year.

MNA members eligible to vote are also eligible to run for election to the Board of Directors, serve as block captains and committee chairs.

If you haven't already joined or renewed your MNA membership for next year, you can do so by contacting your Area Representative or mailing a \$5 check made out to the Meadowood Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 45528, Madison, WI 53744-5528. Be sure to note that the check is for 2015 membership dues and include your name, address, telephone # and email (optional for electronic communications). Also note whether you want any part of your personal information kept confidential. Only names, addresses and telephone numbers are published in the Directory.

### Meadowood Festival Community Supper Thanks

Thanks to the following establishments for donating, sponsoring or providing discounts for the Meadowood Neighborhood Festival: HyVee (smoked chicken sandwiches), Robert Pierce, SW Framers market (sweet corn & watermelon) and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for sponsoring the supper.

### MEADOWRIDGE LIBRARY CLOSURES.....REOPENS!!!

Meadowridge Library Closed August 30, to relocate to its new space at 5726 Raymond Road.

The library will remain closed for two weeks while its collection, staff and services move, several doors down from the current location in the Meadowood Shopping Center. The new library will reopen at 10 am on Monday, September 15. The new library will be open Monday-Friday 10 am – 8 pm and Saturday 9 am – 5 pm, and the phone number will remain 608-288-6160.

Customers are encouraged to contact library staff before August 30 for assistance in transferring their holds to another location during the closure or inactivating their holds until the new Meadowridge Library opens. All items still on the hold shelf at the library on August 30 will be transferred to the Sequoya Library at 4340 Tokay Blvd. Items checked out at the Meadowridge Library will not be due while it is closed. The book drop at the old library will close and the new one will open on August 30 at 5 pm. Library items may also be returned to any other Madison Public Library location.

The library's move is the first of a three-part renovation that, when complete, will house a new library, a new neighborhood center, and a shared meeting room and community kitchen space between the two. The expansion of the Meadowridge Library and Meadowood Neighborhood Center offers both the opportunity to increase their own spaces and provide shared spaces for community programs, events, and meetings. The expansion and co-location will allow the library and the neighborhood center the opportunity to develop collaborative programs that will benefit both organizations and better serve neighborhood residents.

Updates about and photos of the project can be viewed at [www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/meadowridge](http://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/meadowridge)

### Meals for Westside Seniors

Nutritious and affordable meals for Seniors (60 and older) are served 5 days a week at two W. Side locations: W. Madison Senior Center, 602 Sawyer Terr., and the Lussier Community Education Center, 55 S. Gammon Rd. There are special dinners with entertainment on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at the West Madison Senior Center. The meals are sponsored by the W. Madison Senior Coalition and the Dane Co. Area Agency on Aging.

A suggested minimum donation for those seniors is \$4.00 per meal, but pay only what you can afford. The cost to anyone under 60 is \$7.50. Bus transportation is available for daytime meals for \$1.00 round trip. More information-238-7368.

## Community Garden Blooms by Aislynn Miller



Founded in 2008 by Meadowood resident Sheri Rembert and the Community Action Coalition, the Meadowood Community Garden has seen its ups and downs. With the

CAC moving from creating and assisting community gardens to assisting food pantry gardens, the Meadowood Community Garden has relied entirely on volunteer assistance. This summer the garden received an essential addition and much needed makeover!

Last spring, Boy Scout Troop 102, led by Meadowood Eagle Scout Max Veldran, constructed and installed a 3-tier compost bin. Max researched, wrote and received a grant for supplies, met with professionals, organized volunteers AND labored!

This summer brought another wonderful surprise. Landlord, Ernie Horinek offered to lead a group of high school missionaries from the Congregational Church of Needham, Massachusetts in projects aimed at refreshing the garden. With his friendly demeanor and diligence, he completed an impressive task list. Fencing supplies were purchased and donated by other landlords from the Meadowood area; paint and stain was donated by Mautz painting; and labor was provided by 5 hardworking students, 2 adult chaperones and Ernie. For 5 days these industrious workers stained and installed a new fence on the west side of the garden, mowed unkept areas, tilled 2 full plots to be planted as food pantry gardens, weeded, cleaned up the kids garden, hauled away excess debris, installed a ramp for the shed AND mulched the paths—all during the hottest week of the summer! Not only did the garden receive a much needed make over, the students learned to “work smarter not harder” a quote from their ambitious leader, Ernie. For many of the students, it was their first time using power and hand tools.

The Meadowood Community Garden and gardeners are EXTREMELY grateful for all of the hard work and time invested by these community stewards and volunteers. The garden has never looked better! We encourage anyone to visit it. If you do, please stay on the marked paths to keep the plants safe. The individual plots are leased by families who labor to produce edible vegetables and herbs for their own consumption.

For those neighbors who do not know where the Community Garden is—take a pleasant walk to Meadowood Park and look at the west corner on Thrush Lane.

For more information on how to participate as a gardener or

volunteer your time please contact Aislynn Miller at [meadowoodcompost@yahoo.com](mailto:meadowoodcompost@yahoo.com)



**University Houses Preschool**  
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**Fall 2014/Spring 2015**  
Ages 2 – 6

**Morning Class: 8:45-11:45am**  
5 days(MTWRF), 3 days(MWF), or 2 days(TR)

**Optional Lunch Bunch: 11:45 – 12:45pm**

**Afternoon Class with MMSD 4K: 12:45 – 3:45pm**  
5 days(MTWRF), 3 days(MWF), or 2 days(TR)

- Parent cooperative preschool with member and nonmember options.
- MMSD 4K openings in our 3-6 year old afternoon class
- Morning openings for children 2-6 years old
- Part-day program, morning or afternoon – optional lunch bunch to extend am or pm
- Mixed ages classroom
- Dynamic and gentle learning community with strong home/school partnership
- International population
- Play-based learning in a stimulating environment
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238-3955, Karen Beck, Director

[kmbeck@uhparentcooperative.org](mailto:kmbeck@uhparentcooperative.org)  
<http://uhparentcooperative.org>

**Free Children's Story Times**

10:30 Saturday Mornings

September 13, October 11, November 8,

December 13 and January 10

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

**Meet your Neighbor—Katie Swenson** by Krista Ralston  
**Friendly and talented neighborhood barber/stylist**

Katie owns and operates the Barber Shop in the Meadowood Shopping Mall. She has been a barber and hair stylist for over 10 years and welcomes men, women and children with all types of hair to her salon for cutting, dying or styling.

Katie has lived in Meadowood her whole life. She and her husband are the proud parents of two children, with a third one on the way. But this will not deter her from continuing to fulfill her life-long ambition of owning and operating her own barber shop. I recently got a hair cut from her and was very satisfied with the professional job she did and the reasonable price she charged. If you're looking for a new barber or hair stylist, why not support your local business owner and give Katie Swenson a try.

**Community Meeting with Madison Police Department**

Wednesday, September 10, 7:00 p.m.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - Peterson Hall  
 5701 Raymond Road

- Police presentation on recent break-ins / burglaries and their current strategies to address incidents
- Time period to ask questions of police
- Learn best practices to prevent property crimes

- Discussion on working with police and neighbors to communicate and prevent further crimes

Questions? Feel free to contact Krista Ralston, President, MNA



**July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade Gathering**

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### Results of July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade

Bob Rabehl was the Grand Marshal of the Parade.

Ages 0-5--Judge Richard Ralston-- 1st place--Tianna Phillip;  
2nd place--Lucie Wing; 3rd place--Becca Ferkey.

Ages 6-8--Judge Rachel Howard--1st place--Keevon Swenson;  
2nd place--Izzy Jackson-Marsden; 3rd place--Callum Mutch

Ages 9-12--Judge Dottie Loehrer--1st place--Ali Moll; 2nd  
place--Cam Moll; 3rd place--Ally Mutch.

Group--Judge Bob Rabehl--1st place--J & J & Sawyer Ackerman;  
2nd place--Maria & Anna & Caden Martin.

### Nextdoor Meadowood by Rachel Howard

Many Meadowood residents have already joined Nextdoor Meadowood, a private online network. The site is free and has already been used as a resource for everything from updating neighbors about upcoming events to sharing tips on combating crime to getting and giving recommendations on finding a handyman.

According to Ryan Wisniewski, Meadowood resident and founder of the Nextdoor Meadowood site, "We're as much a community, as we are an extended family. While our proximity initially binds us, our common goals and ideas and a shared vision of what Meadowood's future can look like keeps us together - talking, sharing, and laughing. Nextdoor serves as the perfect conduit for all of those things; the modern bulletin board, always a mouse click away." If you haven't yet joined, please consider doing so. Visit <https://meadowooddane.nextdoor.com>.

### An excerpt from Nextdoor Meadowood:

#### Meadowood Neighborhood Festival

I just wanted to take a belated minute to say THANK YOU to everyone who put together the festival last Saturday. I was happy to make it back into town in time to see the last of Annabel Lee's set and to see Null Device.

I am exceptionally grateful for the open mic time slot that was planned. Out of the clear blue sky, our niece decided that she was going to sing a song from "Frozen". While this may seem like something every five year old girl is doing these days, Andy's performance was special. Andy has autism and has made great strides with intensive therapy. The festival made her feel welcome and comfortable enough to sing to a park full of people she didn't know. I've never been more proud of her or our neighborhood than at that moment. Heck, one of the middle-school aged boys playing football even gave Andy a dollar as congratulations for doing a good job, so it was technically her first paying gig. So, THANK YOU again for making such a fun afternoon possible.

### From MPD on the Meadowood Neighborhood festival:

West District officers stopped out to talk to residents and be part of the festival. The event included live music and a community picnic, and the dunk tank was a big hit. Officer Kraig Knutson volunteered to be the dunker:



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## Recycle your old refrigerator or freezer

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### Thanks to the Following Area Businesses for Their Generous Donations for Meadowood's July 4 Picnic:

Bavaria Sausage & Cheese Haus	Gino's
Touch of Class Hair Salon	Coppertop Restaurant
Best Cleaners'	Ten Pin Bowling Alley
Dane County Credit Union	Vintage Brewery
Mc Sports	Wisconsin Bank and Trust
Babe's Sports Bar	Vitense Golfan
Anchor Bank	Thai Basil
Michael's Frozen Custard	Walgreens
Cops	



## ORCHARD RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (ORE)

### DOLPHIN UPDATE

### PRINCIPAL WELCOME



Hello Orchard Ridge Families and Community Members~

I hope you are enjoying your summer! It has been a busy summer at Orchard Ridge with summer school and staff meeting to prepare for this upcoming school year. I am truly excited to be your Principal. As a staff we will be extremely focused this year on providing a safe, caring and supportive learning environment through establishing clear behavior expectations, teaching the expectations and acknowledging students in their positive behavior. Our work will be based upon our data with clear action plans. We will continue to deepen our understanding of the Common Core State Standards in English language arts and math as well as our Social Emotional Learning Standards. We strive to educate the whole child.

I believe in building strong positive relationships, therefore I have been meeting with students attending summer school, working with staff members in preparation for next year, talking with family members and getting to know community members that support Orchard Ridge Elementary. I look forward to meeting each of you and collaboratively partnering to support our student's success both academically and social emotionally. Our children are our future and we want to nurture them so they are prepared for whatever dreams they plan to achieve in life, whether continuing academic work in college, preparing to join the work force in a career of their choosing and actively participating in the community with which they choose to live.

Together We Can!

Becky Kundert

### FUNDRAISING

#### ORE PTO SCRIP Program

**WHAT** is SCRIP? Scrip is an old term meaning: "Certificates to exchange for goods and services only at the location listed on the document." Modern-day terms used are "Gift Certificates" or "Gift Cards".

**WHO** BENEFITS? EVERYONE!

**HOW** DOES IT WORK? When you order gift cards through the ORE PTO, The PTO makes money by handling bulk orders, and depending on the gift card chosen, Great Lake Scrip (parent company) gives the ORE PTO a percentage of profits for doing all the work! Ex. Purchase a \$25 Shopko SCRIP. You get the ENTIRE \$25 to use at Shopko and ORE PTO receives 3% of profit. It's a WIN WIN!

**WHERE** CAN I GET SCRIP? 1) **monthly take-home forms** from any ORE student 2) Download a form [www.orepto.com](http://www.orepto.com) 3) visit website [www.orepto.com/scrip-gift-card-program.html](http://www.orepto.com/scrip-gift-card-program.html) 4) join OREPTO Facebook page 5) e-mail ORE "Scrip Guy" Scott Thom [scottrok@charter.net](mailto:scottrok@charter.net) for more info

**WHEN** CAN I GET SCRIP? Once a month, throughout the school year. visit [www.orepto.com/scrip-gift-card-program.html](http://www.orepto.com/scrip-gift-card-program.html) for schedule or e-mail Scrip Guy!

**WHY** SCRIP? During the 2012-13 school year, we earned over \$3,000 in free donations from Great Lakes Scrip! **TIPS FROM SCRIP USERS:** "BULK ORDER!" This is especially handy before Winter Break Teacher Appreciation, and course summer break! Check your calendar for Birthdays and Special Occasions! Frequent any retail, restaurants or Grocery stores? USE SCRIP! **Bonus!** ORE PTO keeps extra Woodman's and Willy St. Co-Op gift cards on hand throughout the year! Try it! You'll LOVE it!

### EVENTS CALENDAR

ORE Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meetings

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month 6-7:30pm

September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15  
child care provided

Ice Cream Social

Friday September 12, 2014

6pm-7:30pm

ORE Cafeteria

Jump 'n Jive

Friday November 7, 2014

6pm-8pm

ORE Cafeteria

Look for more exciting updates at ORE in future newsletters

**Reality's Song**

by Tamara Y. Jackson (the spoken word ending the Meadowood Neighborhood Festival)

Precisions decisions making quick decisions cutting up on the mic like a doctor makes incisions its against my religion,  
To let petty folks get to me they try to judge and don't even know me but you reap what you sew bee,  
Like a cardiac arrest you stressing me like grammar school you testing me mocking how I struggle and I will until the right  
folks invest in me,  
You hated debated you shouldn't have waited and because you hesitated your future is underrated,  
And speaking of Future you sneakin n geekin on Twitter you tweekin n on Facebook you seekin secretly reportin n deletin,  
But it's just a face shot not face value now take a look in the mirror and ask yourself what is your value?  
Are you worth all the trouble you keep causing or are you worth supporting a good cause and,  
Maybe try to help one another and stop the killing and hating on others,  
God said to do unto others as you want done you although you started the madness I've got the victory I won,  
Losers be mad and haters never prosper I can no longer let you take me out of my element no matter how much you  
gossip,  
Cause you're just talking loud and saying nothing I believe that's just what it is you're mad because you ain't on nothing,  
But today is supposed to be about enjoyment in the neighborhood so let's get it turned up if we could I'm not ashamed I  
take my wig off for Meadowood and it's all good,  
We got the Meadowood community center full of all types of fun and exciting adventures,  
They provide lunches, job search and more they give us a break from our kids what more can we ask for?  
On Thursdays you can pull up a seat and grab a bite to eat and maybe make a new friend over at the meet and eat,  
We got The Good Shepherd church to go to when you hurt and I don't really swear to God but "Merch"  
I just wanna take time to focus on our babes our cubs for the girls Ms. Von got the princess club,  
And for you boys that wanna let your talents show you can holla at the coach director of SWMCO,  
It's so nice to see togetherness in the community sharing love and unity you don't know what that do to me in fact its front  
page news to me,  
Lights camera action you only getting part of me a fraction and for those of you who wants to take action,  
Go talk to Ms. Sally over yonder at the rally and Ms. Sheray thanks for reminding of the valley,  
Of when I was in Phoenix and like me its hot and you fiend this yeah you want me back don't be ashamed cause you need  
this,  
I'm not bragging or boasting but on this mic I am hosting,  
A rotisserie show but the time has come so I gotta go I gotta go,  
It's getting hotter in here so I'm about to burn up enjoy the rest of your day Meadowood and this is how you turn up, (Turn  
down fa what)?