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- Santa Visit
- Blood Donation Reminder
- Blackhawk Traffic Calming Proposal

Blackhawk Traffic Calming

The T intersection at Blackhawk and Bluff will soon receive its third stop sign, on the Westbound approach from Bluff. A lighted advisory sign will accompany the new stop sign for a few weeks, alerting drivers to the intersection's new control.

The City Traffic office is also considering the addition of traffic calming islands on Blackhawk, both North and South of Bluff Street. For details on the islands and their effects on parking, come to the Tuesday, November 13 meeting, or check the Village website after that meeting.

Bucky Books On Sale

Sunset Village is once more offering Bucky Books with neighborhood membership donations of as little as \$35. Support your neighborhood and save hundreds of dollars over the next year on food, drink, auto care, home care, karate, chiropractics, bowling, golf and much more! Contact any SVCA officer, or send a check to the Sunset Village Community Association, P.O. Box 5635, Madison, WI 53705-5635.



Sunset Village Annual Halloween Parade

Sunday, October 27

2:00 PM at Sunset Park

Join us for Treats (no Tricks)

Thank you to our neighborhood partner:





6 S. Blackhawk, 1948

*“world famous
musicians like Paul
Badura- Skoda and
Gunnar Johansen
congregated in the
home for rehearsals
and other musical
gatherings..”*



Rudolf and Lorna Kolisch

HISTORIC SUNSET VILLAGE - A CONTINUING SERIES

RUDOLF and LORNA KOLISCH by John Ottinger

Sunset Village has had its share of noteworthy residents, but in its early days perhaps none were better known internationally, nor had a more modest home, than violinists Rudolph Kolisch and his wife Lorna, who were the first residents of a post WW II bungalow at 6 S. Blackhawk Ave., where my wife Peggy and I have lived since 1988.

Born in Austria in 1896, Rudolf received his early musical training in Vienna, and as a young man came under the guiding influence of Arnold Schoenberg (1874-1951), creator of the 12-tone system, and one of the major composers of the 20th century. By 1922 Kolisch had formed a string quartet there, primarily to showcase Schoenberg's difficult works. Their relationship was all the closer since Schoenberg had married Kolisch's sister Gertrud in 1924. Other composers such as Bela Bartok also wrote music for the quartet, which toured Europe during the 1920s and 1930s.

Both Schoenberg and Kolisch left Europe before the outbreak of World War II, but the group broke up, and Kolisch landed in New York teaching at the New School, and co-founding a chamber orchestra with Otto Klemperer. Meanwhile, another European string quartet, the Pro Arte, emigrated here as well, and wound up being artists-in-residence at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. When an opening for lead violinist occurred here in 1944, Kolisch got the job, and came here with his wife Lorna. He was also granted a professorship.

By 1948 much of what is now Sunset Village had been settled. Pockets of undeveloped land remained, however, among them an area which had been an old quarry at the south end of Blackhawk Ave. Three small houses were built, and Rudolf and Lorna moved into number 6. By 1953 the block would fill up with eight homes.

Despite its small size--less than 900 square feet--and lack of amenities (as far as we know there has never been a garage) world famous musicians like Paul Badura- Skoda and Gunnar Johansen congregated in the home for rehearsals and other musical gatherings. Kolisch was a perfectionist, and preferred that everyone play from memory. Kolisch was also one of the very few professional violinists who played left handed, due to a childhood hand injury. This required that his violins be re-strung to accommodate him, but he played brilliantly nonetheless.

In 1968 Kolisch, then 72, retired from UW and was invited to become head of the chamber music department at the New England Conservatory in Boston. He also taught a summer seminar on Schoenberg in the latter's home town of Modling, in Austria, until his death in 1982. The house has remained largely unchanged.

Anyone having additional information on the Kolisches, or any Sunset Village resident with a story of historical interest, is invited to contact me: John Ottinger, 238-1940

Emergency Request for O-Negative

For the past week, we have had a great need for O Negative blood and the level is continuing to decrease. As of today, we have a critical need for O Negative donors as we are at less than a one-day supply. Please encourage any one able to donate O Negative to give blood sometime this week at either an area blood drive or at one of the fixed sites, including the Badger Chapter on Sheboygan. When you donate, be sure to mention the Sunset Village One-a-Week Club. Your help in getting this urgent message out to donors (and first-time donors) is greatly appreciated!



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Saturday: 8am-12pm



In each issue we'll show the fun side of Sunset Village you may have just missed. Answer to where you may have passed this bit of the neighborhood on page 4.

Who: Pattie, Mike and Mallory Peters and Tractor and Princess
 Where: The Six Hundred Block of North Meadow
 How Long: Since November 2, 2005
 Favorite Thing About Sunset Village: Friendly neighbors and lots of kids!
 Favorite Place to Eat: Flat Top Grille, taste great and is a nice walk.
 Favorite Place to Vacation: Winchester, Wisconsin
 Mike is a pilot and Pattie can often be seen out and about walking Tractor and Princess (two big sweet labs) around the neighborhood. Mallory is new to the neighborhood as of September. Great neighbors, great neighborhood!

Neighborhood Partners

Metcalfe's Sentry at Hilldale has been a great partner with neighborhood schools, Sequoya Library, numerous fundraisers, and of course, our own neighborhood celebrations. Once again Sentry will be donating apples and cider for our Halloween Parade.

Jim Meier, store director, shared some updates on changes you may have seen and changes that are in store. In addition to 9000 new square feet, there is now a new coffee bar and floral department, bigger deli and bakery, and more locally grown produce just to name a few updates. Soon there will be butcher counter that will serve their own grass fed organic meats.

The changes are in response to changes in the market in the area. One thing that isn't changing; Metcalfe's Sentry at Hilldale's commitment to being a good neighborhood partner.

Some upcoming events at you may want to watch for include the annual stuff the semi event for Second Harvest Food Bank, the Food and Wine Show, Women's Expo and the first weekend in December, the store's Holiday Open House.

Babysitting Partners

If you are interested in being included in the community babysitting list; please send the following information to Kathryn Sanchez at ksanchez2@wisc.edu:

Your name

Age

Experience or age preferences

Usual availability

Own transportation (yes / no)

Rate per hour

Best way to contact you

Any other information (allergies, etc.)

Likewise, if you have small children and would like to receive the community babysitting list, please send your e-mail to Kathryn Sanchez at ksanchez2@wisc.edu.

Upcoming Author Event at Sequoya Library

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, November 15 to join author David Maraniss Sequoya Library at 7:00 p.m. for a special event to benefit Sequoya Library. There will be a preview of the design for the new library and refreshments will be served.

Watch for more author events after the New Year and be part of our progress toward our \$975,000 goal at the branch or outside of Macy's at Hilldale.

For more information, visit <http://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/> or contact Jean MacCubbin, co-chair, Sequoya Library Expansion Capital Campaign, 238-4863; citizenjean@tds.net.

Back page Books, Bucks, Beats, and Dates

Books:

Meet your neighbors, enjoy great conversation, and discuss a wide range of books. The next Sunset Village Book Club Meeting is Tuesday, November 27 at 7:30 p.m. and we will be discussing Angle of Repose by William Stegner. A Pulitzer Prize winning novel about a retired historian who writes about his pioneer grandparents. For more information, contact Linda Fahy at lbahy_27@hotmail.com.

Bucks:

The Common Council will be debating, amending, and voting on the budget for the City of Madison the week of November 12, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, November 13-15. As with all Common Council meetings, the public is able to testify.

Beats:

Officer Greg Kamoske would like to remind everyone to observe school zone speed limits and to be extra vigilant about driving safety around playgrounds and ball fields where children are playing.

Dates:

October 27 – Sunset Village Annual Halloween Parade – Sunset Park – 2:00 pm
 November 13 - Sunset Village Meeting – Capital City Church – 6:30 pm
 November 15 – Sequoya Library Meet the Author – 7:00 pm
 November 27 – Sunset Village Book Club – 7:30 pm
 December 3 – Santa Visits Sunset Village – Lucia Crest Park – 1:00 pm
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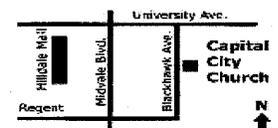
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