



# Sunset Village Voice

Your Neighborhood Newsletter

Fall 2017

**Sunset Village Community Assoc.**  
quarterly meeting:  
Thursday, November 16, 6:30 p.m.  
Bethany Church, 3910 Mineral Pt. Rd

## Dear Neighbors

By the time you read this, SVCA's last social event of the year—the annual Halloween parade—should be on the horizon. Attendance at our events so far has been great, with more than 100 people at the Ice Cream Social in August and a record 80 or more people at the Block Party in September. Hope more of you will come out next year.

While your SVCA donations subsidize all of these events, there were also some key donors I'd like to thank. Luigi's Pizza donated half of the pies used at the Ice Cream Social and gave us a substantial discount on the other half; the Chocolate Shoppe lets us buy those huge 5-gallon buckets wholesale; Great Dane Brewery donated 3 five-gallon kegs of beer (and has done so for about 10 years now!). The brats and burgers at the Block Party were provided by Time2Remodel for the sixth year running (and grilled by local resident Don Watson).

Also, I'd like to thank all the residents who make these events happen, especially organizers Brian Andersen (Ice Cream Social), Josh Arnold (Block Party), and Alice Yuroff (Halloween Parade).

The agenda for the next SVCA meeting (Nov 16th @6:30pm) is still being developed—if you have any requests or suggestions, contact me at [sereynard@aol.com](mailto:sereynard@aol.com). Election of SVCA officers will happen at the February 2018 meeting; if you are interested in running or want to nominate someone, please see the article elsewhere in this newsletter.

Sue Reynard



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## Sunset Village Halloween Parade!

*Sunday, October 29, 2 p.m. at Sunset Park*

Find your best costume and join your neighbors for the Annual Halloween Parade in Sunset Park. The parade will start at 2 p.m. followed by treats (but no tricks), crafts and games! Come check out the new Sunset Park play equipment and the fabulous natural play area that was made possible through your generous donations! If you are interested in helping out – making treats, staffing games, helping with the craft table, set-up, clean-up –

**please contact Alice Yuroff at [Alice@Yuroff.com](mailto:Alice@Yuroff.com)**



# Sunset Village Community Association August 17, 2017 Quarterly Meeting

*source: meeting minutes at sunsetvillagecommunity.org/*

## **Neighborhood Liaison police report:**

**Alyssa Souza** is our new neighborhood liaison officer, taking over from Ryan Henderson and working the p.m. shift. Alyssa has been with the Madison Police Department for 2 years. She grew up on the west side and attended Memorial High School. She got her undergraduate degree in Special Education at UW Stevens Point and played 4 years of varsity soccer. She then joined the Peace Corps as an education volunteer, working with preschool teachers for 2 years in Lesotho, Southern Africa. She received a fellowship to Bowling Green University and graduated with a Master of Arts in Cross-Culture and International Education, before teaching for 3 years in the Madison Metropolitan School District as a special educator. You can contact her through the non-emergency number or her email at: [asouza@cityofmadison.com](mailto:asouza@cityofmadison.com).

## **Midtown Police Station construction update by Capt. Jay Lengfeld, Madison Police Department:**

[Much of the Midtown demolition is complete as of this newsletter date.] Prior to demolition there were 6 arrests for vandalism, but none since the chain link fence was installed. Crews should begin working on August 29 to clear out anything in the building that cannot go into the landfill, followed by work to remove the building, trees, and parking lot surface, and regrade the site. The big locust tree will remain; removed trees are mostly mulberry and box elder. Concrete work for the new building will begin in October, steel work in November. Working hours will be 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; there should be no one on the site before or after those hours. The project manager is Ryan Ballweg, who will work out of an on-site trailer. The building is scheduled to be finished and occupied by late August or early September of 2018. Estimated staff will be 65, split among a number of shifts.

## **2017-2018 Street Construction Projects update by Eric Dundee and Andrew Zweig, city engineers:**

[Much of the Sunset Courts project is complete as of this newsletter date.] The huge storm water pipe is designed to connect to one that will be added to the Midtown project to divert stormwater away from Westmorland Blvd. and Sunset Ct. In 2018 Westmorland Blvd. will be repaved. Work will start as soon as possible in the spring (likely April) so it can be done well before the new Midtown station is operational. Missing sidewalks will not be connected. Eric & others held a public meeting with Westmorland Blvd. residents in July. Info on Sunset Village projects is at: [www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/sunset-village](http://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/sunset-village).

## **Treasurer's Report by Sue Reynard using info from Brian Andersen:**

Expenditures are mostly on track with the budget as approved at the February meeting. Slightly more than half of the budgeted funds have been used on the two (out of four) newsletters this year. Current balance is about \$5640, not including an expense of \$500 owed to Westmorland for July 4th or the deposit of \$470 taken in at the Ice Cream Social.

**Friends of Hoyt Park:** Anne Badey Raffa could not attend so another resident pointed out that there are regular volunteer workdays, on the third Saturday of each month through November, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Enjoy the prairie bloom.

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## **6th Annual Hillside Terrace Block Party**

*submitted, with photo, by Sue Reynard*

Looks like everyone who came to the SVCA Block Party on Saturday [9/16] had a great time! Special acknowledgement to Curt and Janean Dimmig of Time 2 Remodel, who donated the brats, burgers, and hot dogs. Paul Watson did a fabulous job with the grilling. Also thanks to everyone who brought a dish to share and to Josh Arnold for organizing it.



# Sunset Village Neighborhood Project Updates

## Midtown Police Station, Sue Reynard, 9-18-2017, Facebook

It is with both relief (that it's finally happening) and trepidation (at how noisy and dusty it's going to be around here for the next few months) that I can report the tear down of the old Mt. Olive building has begun. The excavator operator seems to be a real artiste and is kinda fun to watch, though viewing has to be from the street. Between the street construction and now this building construction, it's been and will continue to be very noisy here on the south side of Sunset Village. I'm sure we're all looking forward to some peace and quiet in a few years time.



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## Sunset Park Playground - check it out!



Natural Play Area



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## Adopt-A-Rink in Sunset Park, Tim and Jackie Crum

The Madison Adopt-A-Rink Program is slowly moving forward and changing direction slightly. For this winter, they have decided to set up one prototype rink to be the setup option for all future adopt-ice rinks. The prototype rink will use the "Nicerink" installation. Staff has used this rink in other cities but they want to test one out in Madison prior to it being fully adopted for park use. Unfortunately, this means they will not be able to approve any new adopt-ice rinks for the 2017/2018 season. They will be shooting for new rinks the following year. Obviously, we are disappointed to hear this news but are still hopeful this will come to fruition the following year—it was indicated that Sunset Park still looks promising for one of the rinks next year. In the meantime, a group of us that will be maintaining the future Sunset park rink will be making a visit to the prototype rink this winter for better understanding of assembly and to see it in action.



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# Friends of Hoyt Park News

submitted by Anne Badey Raffa

Mark your calendars for 2018!

The **Full Moon Owl Walk** will be Tuesday, January 30 at 6:00. Please meet at the Main Shelter. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served along with a warming fire in the shelter fireplace. Lots of fun for everyone!

The **Family Winter Sledding Party** will be Sunday, February 18 from 1:00 to 3:00. Please meet at the Main Shelter. Bring your own sled and a potluck dish to share. There will be hot apple cider and a fire warming us from the fireplace.

Sam and Luke Lynch each presented an Eagle Scout Project involving Hoyt Park. They are currently sophomores at West High School and began scouts in the first grade at Queen of Peace. Sam's project was the building of a bat house. This would be beneficial for Hoyt Park since bats consume half their weight in mosquitoes and flying bugs each night. This house would also help bats survive white nose syndrome. There was also discussion on securing equipment to gather data on this project. Sam received our voice support but will need approval from the City Parks Department. Luke's project was to build a landing at the bottom of the Overlook Stairs to compensate for the steep drop there due to erosion. Since the stairs are a historical landmark, Amy Scanlon, with the historic preservation committee, would have to approve this, as well as the City Parks Department. An alternative idea was to build a rain garden near the Roy's Shelter side of the service road to cut down on erosion.

The final workday for this season will be Saturday, November 18, weather permitting. Meet at the Main Shelter at 10:00 a.m. if you are interested in helping.

Come and explore Hoyt park and create new experiences and memories to last a lifetime!



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# Madison Senior Center Activities Come to Sunset Village

submitted by Ulrike Dieterle

The West Madison Senior Center on Sawyer Terrace has closed. After much discussion, the West Madison Senior Coalition (WMSC) decided to take the programming into the community, partnering with other non-profits, local churches, libraries, and neighborhood centers to create a “senior center without walls” concept. Programming will continue at various locations throughout the west side. Many activities are now scheduled for the Capital City Church at 401 N. Blackhawk Avenue. Activities offered at the Capital City Church include:

- oil painting Mondays 1:00-3:45 p.m.
- watercolor Tuesdays 1:00-3:45 p.m.
- exercise classes Mondays 8:30-9:30 a.m.; chair-based exercise Mondays 9:45-10:45 a.m.
- foot clinics—2nd Wed/mo, 1-3:30 p.m.; 3rd Thurs/mo, 9-11:30 a.m.; 4th Wed/mo, 9-11:30 a.m. (starts Oct. 25)

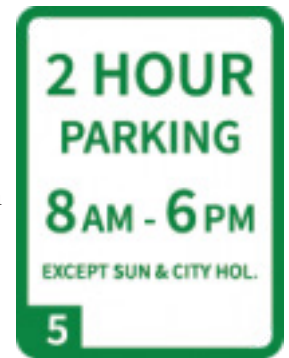
More details can be found in the latest WMSC newsletter on the website: [wmseniorcenter.org/](http://wmseniorcenter.org/)

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## Residential Parking Permits

Some Sunset Village residents have small garages and driveways, and limited parking options on streets that have two-hour parking (which is usually implemented by request from neighbors to curtail all-day commuter parking). Residential Parking Permits for September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018 are available to purchase for \$28. The permit application can be completed on-line, by visiting the City of Madison Licenses & Permits portal, or in-person at the Madison Transportation Office, 30 W. Mifflin St., Suite 900, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. weekdays. For more information about Residential Parking Permit eligibility requirements: call Parking Utility, 608-266-4761, or visit [cityofmadison.com/parkingutility/permits/residential.cfm](http://cityofmadison.com/parkingutility/permits/residential.cfm).



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## Bethany Fall Craft Fair - Join us for food, fun and shopping!

*submitted by Linda Holthaus*

Bethany United Methodist Church, 3910 Mineral Point Rd, Madison, will hold its annual fall craft fair on Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Original design and hand-crafted items will be available for your holiday shopping. Items for sale at past craft fairs and likely to be available this year include: Christmas ornaments, crafts and decor, honey, etched glassware, screen printed cards, shirts, ceramic tile/trivets, mugs, photos, Madison and Wisconsin design items, fiber arts, knitted, crocheted and embroidered items, necklaces, wind chimes, stained glass, fused glass, hand crafted soap, scrubbies, dog blankets, photography, stuffed animals, pot holders, placemats, aprons, children's bibs, sun catchers, English toffee and more! Look for special sale items from some vendors during the last hour!



The United Methodist Women will sponsor a coffee shop and bake sale (9 a.m. – 2 p.m.) and a barbecue lunch served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join us for food, fun and shopping!

## Election of 2018 Sunset Village Officers

Sue Reynard is nearing the end of her first two-year term as SVCA President and is eligible for a second term. She is considering a run for re-election but would like to encourage anyone who is interested to volunteer/run either as a standalone candidate or as a potential co-president with her. Anne Badey Raffa stepped in as Secretary when Josh Arnold resigned in 2016 and will now run for the position. Nominations may be made at the last SVCA meeting of the year on November 16, or in writing to the secretary at least one month prior to the Annual Meeting on February 15, 2018. Nominations should preferably be submitted by January 12, 2018 so that candidates may be introduced in the Winter newsletter, which will also include voting instructions.





# Sunset Village Community Association

2017-2018 Membership Form

## Where Your Donation Goes

### Quarterly Newsletter



### Social Events



Ice Cream Social



SVCA Block Party

### Neighborhood Improvement Projects

Planting fruit trees at Lucia Crest



Halloween Parade



July 4th Celebration

### Playground Upgrades



Pollinator Garden at Fire Station #9



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# Nine Things to Do to Get Your Home Ready for Winter

*from: Madison Gas and Electric*

## Inside

**Check the batteries in your programmable thermostat.** Don't come home to a cold house! Check the batteries before the winter weather gets here.

**Check smoke detectors.** Test smoke detectors to make sure they are working and change the battery if needed.

**Install a carbon monoxide (CO) detector.** CO is a silent killer! If you have a furnace, fireplace, water heater or other appliance that is fueled by fossil fuel, the chances of CO poisoning from malfunctioning appliances increases substantially as houses are closed up for the winter. Exhaust fumes from an attached garage can also leak into living areas. CO detectors are inexpensive—just plug in, and they could save your life.

**Change your furnace filter.** Before the heating season starts, change your furnace filter. If you haven't had your furnace serviced for more than two years, now's a good time to do that also.

**Clean and inspect the fireplace.** Wood-burning fireplaces can get a buildup of creosote in the chimney. Have the chimney checked and cleaned if necessary. Close the damper when not in use.



## Outside

**Check weatherstripping.** Check the weatherstripping around doors and windows and replace as needed. Leaks around windows and doors not only create drafts but also waste heat.

**Check and clean gutters.** Blocked gutters and downspouts can cause water backup. Clean your gutters of leaves and other tree debris. Check all connections.

**Check and clean dryer venting system.** Replace white plastic vent hose with metallic vent pipe.

**Turn off outdoor faucets.** Disconnect and drain hoses. Install freeze-proof faucet covers as needed.

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## School-Based Mental Health Crisis Teams

*submitted by County Executive Joe Parisi*

As we kick off the start to a new school year, Dane County is stepping up and increasing our commitment to address mental health challenges and get help to those in need. The Mental Health Crisis Teams program was created in my 2014 budget as my most significant policy initiative. The school-based teams help if a mental health crisis occurs and identify students struggling with mental illness before it becomes a crisis. Our teams were able to serve 75 kids from 52 different Dane County schools during the second quarter of 2017.

After hearing from school districts, teachers, and parents on the success of the program, I increased this year's County investment in Mental Health Crisis Teams. This has allowed us to provide a team for all four Madison high school attendance areas, along with four new teams for Waunakee, Oregon, Mount Horeb, and Stoughton. Due to these expansions, our teams will now work with 10 Dane County school districts and have established slots to serve at least 260 four-year-old kindergarten through eighth grade students and their families.

We must continue to work with our schools and families to get kids the help they need and allow teachers to focus on teaching. Our schools cannot do it all. The county, the non-profit sector, and families must all help make sure our next generation of young minds is being given the opportunity to succeed. I am proud to help further Dane County's commitment to the next generation.





## 2017 Ice Cream Social in Lucia Crest Park

Thanks to everyone who came to the August 5 SVCA ice cream social in Lucia Crest Park. This is a free annual event, thanks to generous contributions from our neighborhood sponsors. The **Chocolate Shoppe** contributed (at cost) This \*%\*\$# Just Got Serious, Zanzibar Chocolate, Raspberry Lemon Italian Ice, Espresso Oreo Soy, Blueberry Cheesecake; **Luigi's** donated a dozen pizzas at 1 p.m. and more at 3:00 p.m.—they went very quickly; **Great Dane** donated 3 kegs of beer—Peck's Pilsner, Scotch Ale, Imperial IPA. Please support these local businesses and thank them during your next visit. The Sunset Village information/membership table was manned by Linda Fahy and Sue Reynard. The fire engine from Station #9 was there as usual. See the SVCA Facebook page for MANY more photos (in color).





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October 28th & 29th, November 4th & 5th, and November 11th & 12th

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# Meet Your Neighbors: Mary Moebius and Ed Janus

*submitted by Marshall Cook*

Before settling down in Madison to teach middle school, Mary traveled the world. Ed was born and grew up in Washington D.C. but moved to the Midwest to go to college outside of Chicago. He came to Madison in 1971, where he opened a natural foods store on State Street. In Madison Ed had the dream of founding an award-winning brewery. First he helped create a restaurant and a professional baseball team.

They are Mary Moebius and Ed Janus, and they have stories to tell.

The youngest of four children, Mary grew up in Milwaukee but soon became a citizen of the world. Her parents took her to Europe when she was just 10, and she went to Iran as a teen. She also traveled to Africa and the Galapagos Islands and served as an Earthwatch volunteer helping leatherback turtles return to the sea. In the course of her travels, a real-life Dervish kissed her hand. That's just one of those stories.

Her family includes a winner of the Medal of Honor for his bravery at the Battle of Gettysburg and the owners of Moebius Printing, once the largest printer in the state. She graduated from Lawrence University and earned her Masters from the UW-Madison. For 33 years she taught language arts and social studies for Verona Middle School and Savanna Oaks and "loved every minute of it," she says. She even taught middle schoolers to appreciate poetry. They take to it, she says, "when they see that you're interested," in the poems and in them.

She is, in the words of partner Ed, "one of the most eloquent speakers about kids and schools I've known"— and he's interviewed more than 150 educators.

Ed graduated from Lake Forest College, writing his honors thesis on the staging and theatrics of political demonstrations. He worked as a community organizer for the Southern Christian Leadership Council ("Martin Luther King signed my paychecks," he notes), was a court reporter, and a CTA bus driver in Evanston, IL, "the second best job I ever had."

He became a member of the Phoenix Fellowship and moved with them to Wisconsin. "I got mud, manure, and milk on my boots," he says, working on the fellowship's 30-cow dairy farm in Crawford County. He calls that experience the best job he ever had. He moved back to Madison with the dream of creating the best craft brewery in America, but first he was a part of the Phoenix Fellowship team that founded The Ovens of Brittany and Bakers Rooms restaurants. From there he was instrumental in bringing the first professional baseball team to Madison in more than 40 years, the Madison Muskies, a Class A affiliate of the Oakland Athletics. Under his tenure as general manager in charge of sales, Warner Park became a favorite venue for thousands of folks on game nights. He figured the ballpark was a perfect place to sell his beer. If only he had a brewery. So he left the Muskies to help raise \$1.5 million in seed money to build that dream of his, which became the award-winning Capital Brewery in Middleton.

The mud, manure, and milk he got on his boots on the dairy farm had also made a permanent impression on his heart. With the brewery thriving, he embarked on a fourth career as an audio journalist and writer, creating radio programs on agriculture, health, outdoor living, and education, including The People Remember Project: farm oral histories. His book, *Creating Dairyland*, was published in 2010 by the Wisconsin Historical Society Press. He also created the audio book *You're Not Alone: Conversations with Breast Cancer Survivors and Those Who Love Them*.

Mary and Ed have made their home in our village for three decades and filled that home with books, pictures, and a couple of happy cats. Ed still has projects brewing, and Mary writes poetry and songs and plays three musical instruments. They love the village and the nice people who live in it. "I can't imagine not being here," Mary says.

Life got even better when son Caleb moved to Madison in August with his wife, Oriana Eversol, and their son Eli.



# Madison Police Department West District Safety Meeting

source: meeting highlights by SVCA President Sue Reynard

Representatives from west side neighborhood associations were invited to a presentation at the MPD West District on July 31, 2017. Sue Reynard attended for SVCA. Chief Koval and representatives from all the units at the West District were present; each unit made a presentation about what it handles and how it works. Here are a few highlights.

## **28,000 calls were made to West District from January to July, 2017—average of 5.5 calls per hour**

- The police want citizens to report anything suspicious so they can look for patterns, but obviously the MPD needs to filter crimes based on seriousness and solvability (clues, witnesses, evidence) to determine what gets assigned for further investigation. Only about 200 of the West District calls have been assigned to detectives.
- When to report? Use your knowledge of your own neighborhood. If in doubt, you can call the **non-emergency** dispatch number (255-2345) rather than 911. Or self-report via the “citizen self-reporting system” at 245-3662 or [cityofmadison.com/police/selfreport/selfReport.cfm](http://cityofmadison.com/police/selfreport/selfReport.cfm)
- Theft from vehicles is still a big issue district-wide, though down in Sunset Village. Almost all occur to unlocked cars.

## **Notes on gun and gang violence in the West District and city wide:**

- There were 9 incidents of shots fired into or at occupied buildings or cars in the West District.
- The 60% increase in shots fired city wide is largely a home-grown matter. These are not outside gang members from Milwaukee or Chicago coming here to cause trouble; they are long term residents. In fact, most shots fired are not directly related to gangs (although some people involved are gang members)—but are personal issues, such as money, relationships, drugs.
- There are an estimated 6,000 gang members in Madison, from 55 different gangs. If you see gang graffiti, report it to Officer Emily House at [ehouse@cityofmadison.com](mailto:ehouse@cityofmadison.com).

## **Overall, the MPD seemed very open to working with neighborhoods to reduce and prevent crime. MPD has several presentations they will make to neighborhood groups upon request.**

- **CPTED:** Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design—led by Sunset Village resident Rodney Wilson
- **Good Neighbor Project:** The project evolved out of Neighborhood Watch programs, but is more low-key and focused more on neighbors getting to know neighbors. Training and contact through a GNP listserv is available.
- **Fireside 5-0:** An officer can come to your house and meet informally with a small group of people.

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## **A Look at the Seamy Side of Life**

Here are three ways to get some idea of the level and types of crime in Madison, and in our neighborhoods.

- **Police Incident Reports**—daily updates: [www.cityofmadison.com/police/newsroom/incidentreports/index.cfm](http://www.cityofmadison.com/police/newsroom/incidentreports/index.cfm)
- **SpotCrime**—for daily emails listing crime reports within a chosen radius: <https://spotcrime.com/about.php>
- **Chief Koval’s blog** (now daily): [www.cityofmadison.com/police/chief/blog/](http://www.cityofmadison.com/police/chief/blog/). Chief Koval says, “I decided to provide our policy makers (Mayor and Alders) an overnight synopsis of calls which I deemed significant. These calls were significant insofar as they were incidents which involve crimes that were noteworthy or labor/time intensive and/or serve as a barometer of trends that our officers are dealing with. For example: a serious traffic crash involving personal injuries, a substantial battery, heroin overdoses, mental illness subjects who are being helped with an episodic break of some sort, etc. I felt it was important for our elected officials to have a deeper understanding and insight relative to the challenges our officers are dealing with on a daily basis. Additionally, I thought it was important to point out how often MPD is forced to go to ‘priority calls only’— those instances when the seriousness/volume of calls for service exceed our capacity. This is particularly worrisome to me as I continue to field complaints from constituents who are unhappy that we cannot always send officers to their calls for service.”

## NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

### SVCA Quarterly Meeting

Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m., Bethany Church

### Bethany Church Fall Craft Fair

Saturday, Oct. 28, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

3910 Mineral Point Rd.

### Halloween Parade in Sunset Park

Sunday, Oct. 29, 2:00 p.m. sharp!

### Unitarian Society Noon Musicales

Fridays, 12:15-1:00 p.m., **October-May**

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

### Hilldale Winter Farmers' Market

*alas, no space for a market this year*

### Friends of Hoyt Park Events

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

### West Madison Senior Center Events

[www.wmseniorcenter.org/programs-services](http://www.wmseniorcenter.org/programs-services)

### Visit the SVCA website and facebook page

Read your newsletter (in color) and see the many photos that didn't fit in the newsletter



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from your newsletter editors

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## NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

### **Yard Work, Pet Sitting, Snow Shoveling, Odd Jobs**

16 year old boy, six years of neighborhood experience and references. Has own tools and mower. If unavailable will coordinate substitutes among other experienced neighbors. Holden Ringle, 819-1176.

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Help teach the Laursen kids where money comes from: WORK. Lawn mowing, leaf and snow removal, cat sitting, dog walking, odd jobs. Contact their dad, Tobin at 608-790-0970 or [Tobin@charter.net](mailto:Tobin@charter.net).

### **Babysitting/Petsitting**

I am a responsible 14 year old who would love to work with your children or pets -or be a mother's helper. I have taken the American Red Cross babysitting course. Contact Neva, 608-231-2902.

### **Pet Sitting, Babysitting**

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### **Babysitting and Mother's Helper**

I'm Ivory Nordeng, 14, w/two younger sibs, experience w/other children. I will babysit for you: your home or mine. I have taken the babysitter's safety course. \$5/hr. 608-236-0899 or [ivrythecool@gmail.com](mailto:ivrythecool@gmail.com)

### **Babysitting and Pet Sitting**

I'm Halle Andersen, 16, and I babysit or pet-sit. I am a good student, very responsible, and have taken the Red Cross babysitting course. Call 608-334-6150 or email [halle.andersen@yahoo.com](mailto:halle.andersen@yahoo.com).

### **Babysitting and Pet Sitting**

Hi, I'm Sutton Andersen, 14 y/o. I'm experienced at both babysitting and pet sitting. You can contact me at (608) 960-1111, or email me at [sutton.andersen@yahoo.com](mailto:sutton.andersen@yahoo.com).

### **Babysitting and Mother's Helper**

I'm Shane, 13, great with kids and very responsible. I like legos, puzzles, playing outdoors and reading to kids. I've taken the Red Cross babysitting class. 608-338-3360, [shanemadden03@gmail.com](mailto:shanemadden03@gmail.com)

### **Book Club**

Meet your neighbors, enjoy great conversation, and discuss a wide range of books. Contact Linda Fahy, [lbfahy\\_27@hotmail.com](mailto:lbfahy_27@hotmail.com)

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Online Message Board: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sunsetvillagecommunityassociation>

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