



Sunset Village Voice

Your Neighborhood Newsletter

Winter 2018

Sunset Village Community Assoc.
quarterly meeting:
Thursday, February 15, 6:30 p.m.
Bethany Church, 3910 Mineral Pt. Rd

Dear Neighbors —Happy 2018 to you all!

Not much new to report since the last newsletter, given the lack of social events over the winter. It's Day 95 of the Midtown construction, and I can report that everything there is progressing as planned. Still very loud and rumbly much of the time. The Westmorland street re-construction is still planned to start in April (Oh joy, Oh bliss).

The agenda for the next SVCA meeting on February 15th is still being developed—if you have any requests or suggestions, contact me at sereynard@aol.com. We will be confirming the election of officers for second 2 year terms, plus discussing the budget for the year (which reminds me that I forgot to send in my donation last year so better do so soon!). Someone from the City Water department is scheduled to come and give us a brief update on the wells that are used to serve Sunset Village.

As agreed to at the last meeting, I will also formally launch an initiative to review the SVCA bylaws and make them more relevant to today. For example, they currently describe committees that haven't existed for years and include rules that we generally don't follow. I think it will help future presidents and officers understand their responsibilities if there are up-to-date guidelines for them to follow.

The first two meetings of the year will still be at Bethany Methodist church. We hope to be in the new public meeting room at the Midtown Police station by the time of our third meeting in August.

Stay warm! Hope to see you at the February 15th meeting.

Sue Reynard



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Vote for SVCA Officers

SVCA president **Sue Reynard** has graciously accepted nomination for a second term. **Anne Badey Raffa** stepped in as secretary in 2016 and is now running for the position. No other candidates have declared or been nominated. To vote for Sue and Anne, even though they are unopposed, email or call SVCA secretary Anne Badey Raffa, dancinthrulife14@gmail.com, 238-3266, prior to the Annual Meeting on February 15, 2018.



Sunset Village Neighborhood Project Updates

Neighborhood Planning Grants – Applications Due on February 19

Apply by February 19 for a City of Madison Neighborhood Grant to improve the capacity or appearance of your neighborhood. New this year, groups of residents may apply. Check with staff for details. In 2017, grants were awarded for such projects as reviving the Worthington Park Neighborhood Association and starting a Pop-Up Market, creating a gathering place and rest area in Parkwood Hills at Mineral Point Park, and reviving the Secret Places Neighborhood Association with a series of events and activities in green spaces. Check the Neighborhood Grant Webpage for updated information: www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/neighborhood-grants/1576/

Midtown Police Station

To monitor the progress made on the construction of the Midtown Police Station, you can subscribe to or check out this link: www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/midtown-police-station. And take a look at the photos posted on the City of Madison's Flickr website: www.flickr.com/photos/cityofmadison/sets/72157686946287661

Westmorland Road Construction

Road work on Westmorland Blvd. from Hillcrest to Mineral Point Road will begin in April. A public meeting to discuss the reconstruction project was held on October 25, 2017. Meeting topics included sanitary sewer and water service lateral relocations for the properties on the east side of Westmorland Blvd., proposed street and sidewalk work, construction timing, and tree removal. See the presentation at: www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/sunset-village.

N. Blackhawk Ave-Bruce Court-Heather Crest Resurfacing – May through July 2018

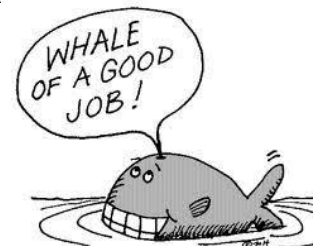
This project includes replacing curb & gutter and pavement, drive aprons, spot repairs of the sidewalk; and utility replacement including sanitary sewer and lateral, water main and services, and storm sewer. The project limits are N. Blackhawk Ave. from University Ave. to Bluff St.; Bruce Court from Lucia Crest to North End; Heather Crest from N. Meadow Lane to N. Owen Dr. A Public Information Meeting was held on January 18 at the Capital City Church (401 N. Blackhawk Ave.), with City staff present to review the project and receive input from residents. Blackhawk Ave. resident, Ulrike Dieterle, is initiating the process for a Neighborhood Traffic Management Program on N. Blackhawk Ave. between University and Bluff, with the aim of installing traffic calming solutions. The project website is www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/n-blackhawk-ave-bruce-ct-heather-crest-resurfacing.

Adopt-A-Rink in Sunset Park, Tim Crum, 1-11-2018 email

A few of us in the neighborhood went yesterday to look at the prototype rink at 701 Meadowlark Drive at the Heritage Heights park. The prototype rink is a NiceRink. They walked us through how the setup went, which only took two hours to set up a rink about three times as large as the one we would be looking to install at Sunset Park. The City has maintenance folks that put water down once a week over the ice. They would look for us to assist in snow removal. The final decision on if this prototype rink will be used city wide for all future rinks will be determined this spring. We hope to know sometime after that if Sunset Park will be one of the selected sites. They would be looking for the neighborhood to help pay for the liner for the NiceRink. The funds we have raised so far would help pay for this.

2018 Sunset Village Community Association Membership Drive

THANKS every one of you who became Sunset Village Community Association members, starting at the 2017 Ice Cream Social, and then responding to the newsletter call to join. You are too many to list here, but please celebrate yourselves on the SVCA website and Facebook page.



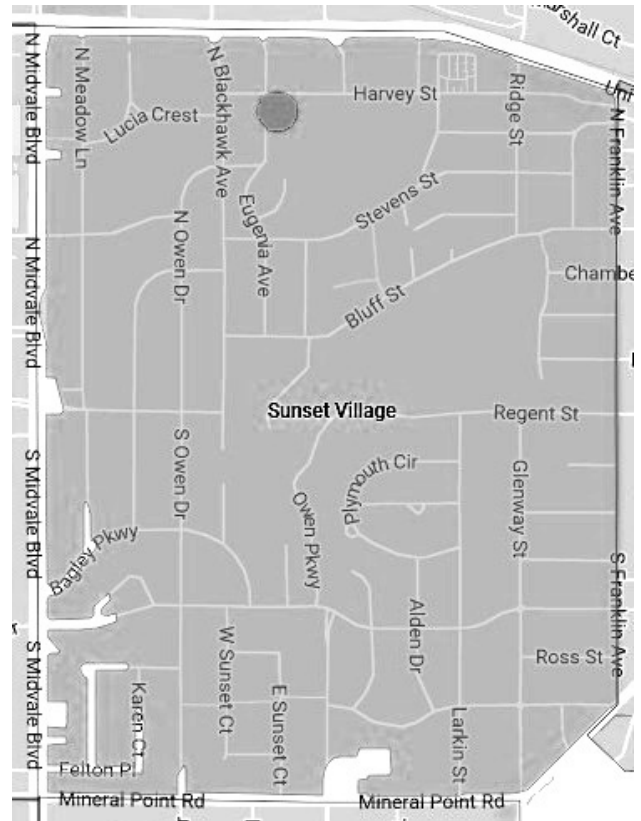
Nextdoor Sunset Village – a Private Social Network

Nextdoor was founded in 2011 in San Francisco as a private social networking service for neighborhoods, and has spread across the United States. Nextdoor is not anonymous—users must provide their real names and addresses. Online sources for background on Nextdoor’s history and mission statement, as well as its online privacy policy, include: https://nextdoor.com/about_us/ and <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nextdoor>

Postings on Nextdoor Sunset Village cover a range of topics: contractor recommendations, cats and dogs on the lam, nanny sharing, snow shoveling, concern for a mangy coyote, traffic issues, tool sharing, crime reports, winter clothing drives, plants to share.

Nextdoor Sunset Village currently has 911 members in 694 households (out of 2033 households). The geographical boundary extends to Franklin Avenue on the east, and does not include Hillcrest and Merlham on the other side of Midvale Blvd. Note that Nextdoor Sunset Village encompasses a larger area than the Sunset Village Community Association; Sunset Village proper has 340 households listed on Nextdoor.

Members can opt to receive postings from 14 nearby neighborhoods: Regent, Hill Farms, Shorewood Hills, Westmorland, Midvale Heights, Campus Drive, Dudgeon Monroe, University Apartments, Nakoma, Spring Harbor, Summit Woods, Glen Oak Hills, Arboretum, and Highland Woods.



Please Shovel Those Sidewalks

a neighborly suggestion from Ulrike Dieterle

It can be very costly, if you do not clear your public sidewalk of snow/ice in a timely fashion. If you need sand, it is available at multiple sites around the city (www.cityofmadison.com/residents/winter/SnowIce/sand.cfm). You can also sign up for alerts giving you notice that snow/ice must be removed from your public sidewalks. And, those of us who do not have public sidewalks might think about lending a neighbor who does a hand.

The City says, “To make public sidewalks safe for pedestrians, the owner or occupant of property immediately adjacent to a public sidewalk is responsible for the removal of any snow or ice that accumulates on the sidewalk. Residents are required to clear snow from their sidewalk by noon of the day after the snow stopped. And remember, snow plows might create a blockage even after your drive has been cleaned. In the event that removal of ice is impossible, the property owner or occupant is required to use sand, salt or other suitable substance to prevent the ice from being dangerous. This should be done by noon of the day after the snow/ice stopped.” Get plenty more info at:

www.cityofmadison.com/residents/winter/snowIce/snowrules.cfm



Friends of Hoyt Park News

submitted by Anne Badey Raffa

Mark your calendars! There will be a **Family Sledding Party** on Sunday, **February 18** from 1:00 to 3:00. There will be a fire in the fireplace of the main shelter, hot cider and potluck dishes.

The colorful Fall Newsletter, prepared and published by Vaughn James, has been sent to all current members and includes a membership card. It details past and future events in the park. Please consider becoming a member. Visit www.hoytpark.org to learn more about the park along with information about membership.

In these cold and snowy days please take time to explore the everlasting beauty that Hoyt Park has to offer. Hike and snowshoe on the trails, watch the birds, sled on the hills, build a snowman. Have fun.



Seeking Sunset Village Yard Sale Coordinator

Amanda Struckmeyer has volunteered her time to co-ordinate the Sunset Village yard sales for several years. Amanda says, "I'm sorry we can't do it anymore... our three year old is taking over our lives :)" [see photo] Thanks, Amanda, and thank YOU for volunteering. Please contact Amanda for your marching orders: amandacross@gmail.com



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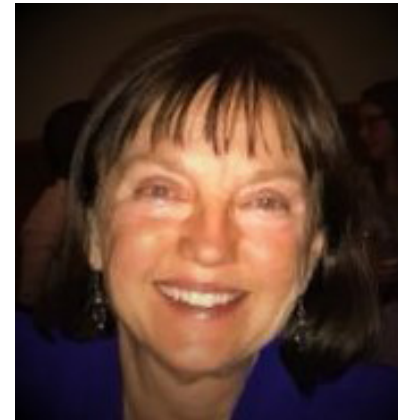
Nancy Bogue, Candidate for Dane County Supervisor

Hello, I am running because: 1. Service: I have been interested in running for this for the past 16 years but waited until now when three of our kids are grown and only our 13 year old is at home. We are 30 year residents of Westmorland. 2. Be part of bipartisan solutions: Instead of being saddened at the lack of working across aisles across America, I'm energized and hope to have that chance. I will be a voice of reason and serve district residents' needs by listening, communicating, listening (repeat cycle) and working effectively with supervisors. I know that cooperative intelligent thinking moves us all forward.

Experience includes: Chaired the first Dane County Environmental Council, Elected Delegate to South Central Federation of Labor, Board - Business and Education Partnership and Historic Madison, Inc., Volunteer Youth Counselor Briarpatch, 7 years volunteering with troubled youth/SPRITE, and other qualifications. Worked for CUNA Mutual/mostly in HR for 17 years (Training, Diversity and Organizational Development) and with teens in various settings for 18 years. Currently work as an AVID tutor for MMSD and attend Madison College to study math, just because I like math.

My primary interest is in water issues: specifically how urban and rural residents can work together for the good of both. Other interests include education rights for homeless children, potential national Dementia Certification for the county and youth issues. Another area of interest is promoting healthy county/small business relationships and bringing our district neighborhoods together. I look for the interface on issues and actively work with those who have different opinions.

Finally, Dane County is doing so much right. Let's make it even better. It would be my privilege to serve in that process. Meet and Greet dates on Face Book- Nancy Bogue District 11 Supervisor/ pwwt@chorus.net



Kelly Danner, Candidate for Dane County Supervisor

My name is Kelly Danner, and I'm running for County Board Supervisor for our district because I want to protect people in crisis, continue Dane County's work on protecting the environment, and engage this very civic-minded district in our county's most pressing issues.

I was raised in New York and graduated from the College of William and Mary with a degree in Women's Studies. I moved to Madison to work in healthcare, and now work with an equine veterinary clinic. After living in Westmorland for a while, we recently bought our first house in Sunset Village, and are thrilled to be making this area our home.

This is my first campaign for public office, but I have been active in serving Madison since I first arrived. My community service spans a range of issues - I help with therapy with kids with physical, emotional, and mental challenges; rescue and foster dogs with behavioral or medical rehabilitation needs; assist students learning English as a second language; chair the Platform and Resolution Committee for the Dane County Democratic Party; and I serve on the Youth Commission for Dane County.

After completing Emerge Wisconsin, a training program for Democratic women planning to run for public office, I spoke with Shiva Bidar-Sielaff and Arvina Martin, alders in our county district, about the need for vigorous representation of our district's progressive values. I'm ready to bring my professional expertise and unique perspective to the board. I will be a collaborative, hard-working, and transparent leader. I am working hard to win your vote for the Dane County Board of Supervisors. Please call me at 608-721-7457, or email me at kellydanner@gmail.com. I hope to meet you out walking the neighborhood so that we can talk about your greatest concerns for Dane County's future.



Al Matano, Candidate for Dane County Supervisor

I am running for County Board because I have served on the body for a number of years, I am proud of my record of achievement, and there is still work to be done.

A long term goal of mine is to bring transit improvements to Dane County. The current vision is for bus rapid transit, which involves buses that run on streets, but operate in some ways like a rail system.

I led the effort to impose environmental liability insurance requirements on the Enbridge Corporation when it came before us seeking to triple the capacity of its tar sands pipeline.

I see three interlocking issues in criminal justice, mental health, and homelessness. Homeless citizens need attention and resources. Short and long term solutions are immediate shelter and permanent housing. Our criminal justice system must be reformed to solve people's problems rather than locking them up. Police should have places to divert individuals to, to avoid "repeat customers." Mental health and substance abuse problems lead to homelessness and interactions with law enforcement. People need to be assisted in living comfortable and productive lives.

While many in Dane County enjoy great prosperity, others are left behind. I use my voice in Dane County government to ensure that we assist people in need. We have taken some positive steps to do so; there is much more to do.

My strengths on the Dane County Board are several:

- Knowledge and understanding of the workings of Dane County government and the issues we decide.
- A willingness to provide clear commitments on issues, along with a rationale for those positions.
- Relationships with many players in County government or who interact with County government.

For these reasons, I ask my constituents to select me for another term on the Dane County Board of Supervisors.



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#NightlyLockup

source: MPD Community Outreach Blotter, 11/15/2017 & 1/5/2018

MPD is following in the footsteps of the Savannah-Chatham Police Department, among others nationwide, which just started a social media campaign called #NightlyLockup to remind people of the importance of LOCKING THEIR DOORS, specifically their car doors. The City of Madison has experienced over 1100 Thefts from Auto so far this year. There have been 26 guns stolen out of autos this year; there were 41 guns stolen out of cars in 2016. Since 2016 there are now 67 guns in criminal hands that DID NOT HAVE TO HAPPEN. The majority of these cases occurred with unlocked cars. We will be sending out a reminder each night on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram to remind people to lock their cars and garages, using the hashtag #NightlyLockup.

Follow Madison Police on social media and share our posts:

Facebook: @madisonpolice

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Instagram: @madisonwipolice

An update: a West District Blotter posting on 1/5/2018 reports "Success with Nightlylockup Campaign"



Many of you know we tried a social media campaign over the holidays to remind people to lock their cars. It was on Twitter under #Nightlylockup and we had billboards throughout the county. As a result, we did experience an increase in social media followers. We also saw 38 fewer thefts from auto during the 2017 holiday season than we did in 2016.

Purse Snatchings on the West Side

posted to Nextdoor by Wendy Reichel, Midvale Heights, 12/27/2017

The Madison Police Department would like you to be alert for a purse snatcher(s) who has been targeting female victims in west side business parking lots recently (two occurred in the Whitney Square Shopping Center on 12/21 at 4:50 p.m. and 12/23 at 11:55 a.m., and a third occurred in the Wal-Mart parking lot on 12/21 at around 4:20 p.m.). The MPD believes these incidents are connected. [Update: Four young males snatched a purse from a 45-year-old female victim at Walgreens on S. Whitney Way on 1/9/2018 at 6:02 p.m.]

To prevent purse thefts MPD urges you to:

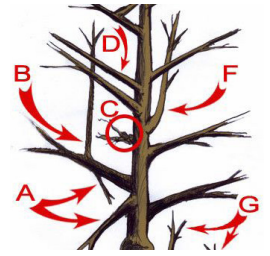
1. Leave your purse at home; carry cash or credit cards in your pocket.
2. Carry very little cash with you.
3. Stay in well-lit, busy areas.
4. Keep your purse tight to your body.
5. Eyeball what is going on around you.
6. Do not leave your purse unattended anywhere--including a shopping cart or car.



Upcoming Neighborhood and Nearby Events (see also back page)

Lucia Crest Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop, submitted by Brian Andersen

Can you believe it has been almost three years since we planted 15 fruit trees in Lucia Crest Park? As of last fall all of the trees were alive and healthy, although it seems the pear trees are showing signs of leaf scab. As the trees mature it is important to properly prune the branches to maintain the shape and health of the trees. The good news is that we have a local expert to help us with our trees! Jeff Epping, Sunset Village resident and Director of Horticulture at Olbrich Gardens, will provide a free workshop on **Saturday, March 17** for neighbors interested in tree pruning techniques. There will be an indoor PowerPoint presentation at Sequoya Library followed by an outdoor hands-on pruning demonstration in the Lucia Crest Orchard. All are welcome and please dress appropriately.

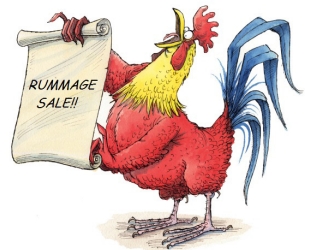


Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. @ Sequoya Library meeting room (PowerPoint Presentation)

11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. @ Lucia Crest Park fruit tree area (west end of park)

Midvale Lincoln Rummage Sale, submitted by Molly McKinley

Mark your calendars: the Midvale-Lincoln rummage sale will be **Saturday, April 14**, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Midvale Elementary School gym on Caromar Drive. Please consider donating your gently used items like furniture, housewares, books, toys, clothing, electronics (we cannot take computer equipment or TVs) and other miscellaneous items to help meet our fundraising goal. You can drop off items **Thursday, April 12**, from 3:30 to 8 p.m. and all day Friday, April 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Your donations will be tax deductible and you may pick up a tax form when dropping off items. After donating please come in and shop on Saturday.



For more information, visit www.midvalelincolnpto.org

Bethany Bus Trips planned for 2018 – Join in the Fun, submitted by Glenn Kramer

I am planning three bus trips this coming year:

1. **Sunday, May 6** to Fireside Dinner Theater for the musical “42nd Street”
2. **Monday, Sept. 3** to Miller Park - Labor Day Holiday - 1:10 p.m., Brewers vs. Chicago Cubs
3. **Sunday, Sept. 30** to Fireside Dinner Theater for the musical “GREASE”

I do hope you will mark these dates on your calendars and start making plans to join in the fun. I encourage you to share with relatives, friends, and neighbors so we can meet the required minimums or even fill the buses.

For a trip flyer with information about each trip, contact Glenn Kramer, gkramer40@gmail.com or 661-0583.

2017 Sunset Park Halloween Parade Photos

photos by Cheri Swenson

A Happy Halloween was had at the annual Halloween parade on Sunday, October 29, in Sunset Park.



NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

SVCA Quarterly Meeting

Feb. 15, 6:30 p.m., Bethany Church

Hoyt Park Full Moon Owl Walk

Tuesday, Jan. 30, 6:00 p.m., Main Shelter

Hoyt Park Family Sledding Party

Sunday, Feb. 18, 1:00 -3:00 p.m., Main Shelter

Lucia Crest Pruning Workshop

Saturday, March 17, 10:00 a.m.

Sequoia Library & Lucia Crest Park

Midvale-Lincoln Rummage Sale

Saturday, Apr. 14, 8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Midvale Elementary School

Unitarian Society Noon Musicales

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

<https://fusmadison.org/music/>

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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.

Babysitting and Mother's Helper

I'm Shane, 14, a very responsible 8th grader who is great with kids. I like to play outdoors, hang out indoors, whatever your child wants. I've taken the Red Cross babysitting class. 338-3360, shanemadden03@gmail.com.

Movin' On

Congratulations Holden Ringle and Halle Andersen for moving on in the working world. Best of luck

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Neighborhood Website: www.sunsetvillagecommunity.org

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

District 11 Alder: Arvina Martin, district11@cityofmadison 238-4547, www.cityofmadison.com/council/district11/blog

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