

Sunset Village Voice

Your Neighborhood Newsletter

Fall 2013

SVCA neighborhood meeting:

Monday, December 2nd at 6:30pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church 401 S. Owen Dr., Faculty Room

Greetings neighbors,

First, a hearty welcome to our newest neighbors, the Madison Police Dept., who plan to have a new district building on Mineral Point Road, at the former site of the Mt. Olive congregation. Madison's Finest should be a nice addition to our community. For those who missed the WSJ article, a description is in http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/ local/crime and courts/city-may-buy-property-for-newmidtown-police-district/article 3087fdf5-b435-5b24-b9cc-57023b9b5459.html. It's since been approved by Common Council, funding is still in the works, and the whole process should take several years. Thanks to alder Chris Schmidt for all his efforts.

Thanks also to Josh Arnold and the organizers of coordinating the second annual Hillside Terrace / N. Owen Block Party. It's great to have an early autumn party becoming a new tradition. Thanks also to all the neighbors and sponsors who helped out.

Don't miss the Sunset Village Halloween Parade and Party, on Sunday, October 27, 2-4 PM at Sunset Park. The parade starts at 2:00 PM, to be followed with treats, crafts, and games. It's always a great time. Let's all hope this beautiful autumn weather continues.

Our next neighborhood meeting will be on Monday, December 2, from 6:30-9:00 PM at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church (at Mineral Point Rd. and 401 S. Owen Dr.), in the Faculty Room.

Best Regards, Ken Raffa

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SVCA Halloween Parade

Sunday, October 27, 2-4 pm, Sunset Park

Find your best costume and join your neighbors for the Annual Halloween Parade in Sunset Park on October 27th. The parade will start at 2pm followed by treats (but no tricks), crafts and games!



photo submitted by Alice Yuroff

Hoyt Park Area Joint Neighborhood Plan NEARING THE END?

The Final Draft version of the Hoyt Park Area Joint Neighborhood Plan is available at www.cityofmadison.com/planning/HoytParkPlan/, under MARCH 13, 2013, DRAFT. The Plan has gone through most City commissions and committees with Recommendations for Approval



accompanied by recommendations that the Plan Commission and Common Council consider staff and neighborhood comments as well as compliance with the Madison Comprehensive Plan. At this time the Hoyt Plan is scheduled for the Plan Commission on November 18 and the Common Council on December 3 for final adoption. Go to www.cityofmadison. com/planning/hoytParkPlan for a link to the approval process.

Bucky Books and Annual SVCA Membership

submitted by Brian Andersen, SVCA Treasurer

Membership drive—it's that time again! SVCA now has a supply of Bucky Books available for sale. Donations of \$35 or more will cover your SVCA annual membership and one free Bucky Book full of great coupons. Support your neighborhood and save hundreds of dollars over the next year on food, drink, bowling, golf and much more! Bucky Book 22 is valid from September 2013 to September 2014.

You can view the complete Bucky Book info at: http://buckybook.com. If you'd like to see a sample copy call Brian Andersen (SVCA Treasurer) at 228-2414, or talk to him at the October 27th Halloween Parade at Sunset Park or the December 2nd SVCA quarterly meeting at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church.

SVCA annual membership (without the Bucky Book) is \$15. Your membership pays for the quarterly newsletter and neighborhood events such as the Halloween Parade, Ice Cream Social and neighborhood garage sale.

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2013 Ice Cream Social Highlights

photos by Liz Vowles and Cheri Swenson

The Sunset Village Ice Cream Social was Saturday, August 4, at Lucia Crest Park, and it was a fine day. The turnout was great; thanks to all of you who made it a fun event! The Great Dane donated beer (a German lager & Imperial IPA), and the Chocolate Shoppe contributed ice cream (Zanzibar Chocolate, Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough, Mint Avalanche, and Lemon/Raspberry Ice). Matt Dumas, Luigis general manager, donated 12 pizzas, one of nearly every kind they make.











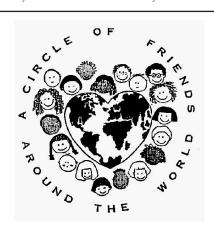






Bluff Street Bike Route Connection

The Kendall Avenue Bike Boulevard has been extended west, as a shared lane roadway, along Bluff Street, to N. Blackhawk Avenue and Regent Street to Midvale. The City painted lines and markings on October 2. Bicycle boulevards are typically low-speed and low (motor vehicle) volume local streets which are frequented by bicyclists. In this particular case these streets are moderately traveled by motor vehicles, but are also a convenient commuter bike route through lower Sunset Village. There is a dedicated bike lane along the east bound lane of Bluff Street; the west bound lane, as well as N. Blackhawk and Regent, are painted with shared



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lane (sharrow) pavement markings. Sharrows encourage motor vehicles to lower their speeds and be attentive to bicyclists and may be used where there is not space for a dedicated bike

lane. Bikes generally ride through the center of the sharrow (to maintain a distance from parked cars) and drivers must give bicyclists space when passing.

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more info on sharrows.

Fall Regent Resale

Submitted by Jane Corkery, PTSO Treasurer

The West High School PTSO will be holding its fall resale on *Saturday, November 23 from 8:00AM-1:00PM in the West High School Cafeteria*. This popular resale will include gently used items contributed by the entire West High community. Items will include clothing, household items, sports equipment, furniture, games and more. West High School is located at 30 Ash Street. Please enter the resale by following the signs on Regent and Van Hise Street. All proceeds will directly benefit West High teachers, students and school.



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Police Station at Mount Olive Site

The future of the former Mt. Olive Lutheran Church site on Mineral Point Road has been a concern to Sunset Village neighbors for the last few years, and a topic of lively

discussion during the Hoyt Park Area Joint Neighborhood Plan process. Past proposals have included senior housing, Madison Preparatory Academy and the Edgewood School of Music.

And now—The City of Madison intends to purchase the property to headquarter a new Midtown police district. The Mayor's proposed 2014 capital budget includes \$1.2 million for the purchase price. The existing church building will be demolished but the police station will not be constructed until funding is available, perhaps 2 or 3 years. The Midtown District will be the Madison Police Department's sixth district, and will relieve pressures on the enormous West District.



Hillcrest Circle Hawk Family

photos and story submitted by Susan Savage

Some of our next-door neighbors are Red-Tailed Hawks and this spring they successfully fledged 2 hawklets. During the early spring, we had seen the nest double in size so we knew they were getting it ready and later we could see an adult sitting in the nest, incubating eggs. When we returned from a trip in mid-June, we were very excited to see the 2 fledglings hopping from branch to branch and learning to fly but staying close to the nest.

At this time, an orphan Red-Tail baby, not yet able to fly well, had been rescued from the road in a rural location in Dane County. It was brought to Four Lakes Wildlife Center, a non-profit rehab facility associated with the Dane County Humane Society, dedicated to helping sick, injured, and orphaned wild animals native to WI for eventual reintroduction back into the wild. I have been a volunteer there for years helping feed, house, medicate, and release everything from Cranes and Eagles to Hummingbirds, Turtles, Foxes, Opossums, Rabbits, Squirrels, Songbirds, Raptors, Ducklings, etc.

Our 1st priority when finding a baby bird is re-nesting it. It is a myth that birds will not accept their offspring that have been touched by humans. No one can take better care of her baby than mom! But, in this orphan's case, that wasn't an option. Because





Red-Tails spend a considerable amount of time with their parents being fed while learning to hunt, it is important for them to be raised by their own kind. At Four Lakes, we knew that "wild fostering" with Red-Tails has been done successfully so we thought bringing the orphan to our Hillcrest nest area might be its best chance.

On June 19th, a fellow volunteer from Four Lakes came out with our orphan, and after climbing to the top of my 20' extension ladder, released the baby onto a branch in my pine tree. The nest tree was very close but the nest was over 100 ft. off the ground. Perched precariously on a branch, Orphan began calling very loudly over and over. Eventually one of the parents flew to a branch nearby and was obviously aware of the "new kid." Then, a little later, Orphan flew across the road to the nearby tree where his two new "siblings" were hanging out. He flew OK but his landings weren't too good as he at first chose branches that couldn't support his weight. On the third try, he got a stronger branch.

The next morning, the baby was sitting in the nest! He had probably followed his two older siblings who, at that stage, still returned to the nest at night. Later, neighbors reported seeing the parent feeding the baby. Now the parents were feeding all 3 youngsters. Staff and volunteers at Four Lakes, my caring and curious neighbors, and I were keeping a close watch. We never witnessed any aggressive behavior from the resident hawks. There was one instance when a parent had presented the baby with a rodent and his big brother came down and snatched it away from him.

When he first arrived, Orphan's appearance was different than the other two; his feathers not as developed but after awhile, it was hard to tell them apart. It is now September and we still occasionally hear the Red-Tail call and see one circling over the neighborhood and hope they are doing well.

I dedicate this story to Brooke Lewis, Director of Four Lakes Wildlife Center who masterminded and monitored this endeavor; to Joe Brady, volunteer extraordinaire who not only climbed the ladder and released this hawk but also stayed for a long time to make sure all was well; and to all my neighbors who kept vigil, especially Ruth Cadoret, observer extraordinaire, and Chuck Miller, a kind and patient man whose tree was the hawks' favorite place and whose yard had many pieces of dropped rodent parts.

Middleton Community Orchestra

The Middleton Community Orchestra (MCO) is a group of amateur musicians dedicated to giving us great classical music that is also accessible and affordable, and a only a few miles west of Sunset Village. Audiences have been enthusiastic and reviews have been warm and complimentary. In the words



of reviewer John Barker, following the Spring 2013 concert, "Occasional stresses or blemishes just did not matter in a

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performance so honest and earnest. I have to say that I thoroughly enjoyed it. And it reminds me that the most polished and efficient ensembles are not the only ones that can give us genuinely satisfying musical experiences." Check out the season at: http://middletoncommunityorchestra.org/

Annual Craft Fair at Bethany United Methodist Church

submitted by Tom Popp

The date is Saturday, November 2. The time is 9 am to 2 pm. The place is Bethany United Methodist Church at 3910 Mineral Point Road.

Do you like to shop? At the Craft Fair there will be many familiar artistic (and crafty!) exhibitors and some new ones as well, so you can get started early on your holiday shopping. You'll find handcrafted and original designs, some of which you won't see anywhere else.

Do you like to eat? The United Methodist Women will host a coffee shop and bake sale, and they'll be selling a delicious lunch from 11 am to 1 pm.

Do you want to support disaster relief in one of the best ways possible? A portion of all Craft Fair sales will be designated for the United Methodist Committee on Relief, where every cent goes directly to the work of aid in times of disaster, anywhere in the world, not for administrative expenses.

Do your kids want to shop for gifts that they can keep secret? There will be a special children's shopping room with gifts priced up to \$2, where wrapping paper and bows will be provided too! Yes, there will be adult supervision, but they get to shop by themselves without you.

Come and shop and eat with your neighbors at Bethany's big annual Craft Fair. Support a good cause and have fun doing it. Mark November 2 on your calendar. See you there.

Midvale/Lincoln School News

submitted by Jane Kelly

The Midvale/Lincoln PTO is proud to welcome back the well over 600 families in our neighborhoods that enroll children at Midvale and Lincoln Elementary. And, our numbers are growing! This year, we will welcome more than 170 new kindergarteners and 70 pre-Kindergarteners and their families to our schools. In addition to welcoming these families, we invite all of our neighbors to visit, volunteer, or support in some other way your neighborhood school.

Collecting Box Tops or Labels For Education is a great way to help the gym and music teachers at Midvale and Lincoln buy much-needed equipment. Find the Box Tops For Education or the Labels For Education label located on many grocery products and cut them out. Drop off the box tops or labels at the offices of Midvale or Lincoln Elementary or in the box in the front lobby of the Sequoya Library.

One other way to support us is to visit the Midvale/Lincoln PTO website (www.midvalelincolnpto.org) before making a purchase at Amazon.com. When you want to buy on Amazon, go to our website first and click on the Amazon button on our home page. Then proceed to Amazon.com to make your It's a journey.

Let's take it together.

Faith is a lifelong journey. You don't have to travel it alone. Let's take the journey together. Come and be part of our worship, our fellowship, our spiritual growth, and our Christian service in the community. Bethany is a safe place to ask questions on the journey. Visit bethanymadison.org

or drop in any time.

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purchases. When you do this, Amazon donates between 4 and 10 percent of your total purchase to the Midvale/Lincoln PTO. Anyone, here in Madison or across the country, can help us raise money for our neighborhood kids by clicking on Midvale/ Lincoln's Amazon link before making their purchase.

We appreciate the great support we get from all the neighborhoods we serve and look forward in upcoming issues to letting you know about some of the exciting things happening at Midvale and Lincoln Elementary.

West District Traffic Complaints

from City of Madison website



Traffic complaints continue to be one of the top concerns of residents living in the

West District. With seemingly more traffic volume every week, the complaints we receive from citizens continue to increase. So what can you do when you notice traffic violations in your neighborhood or in other areas? There are several options:

Report a traffic violation or concern at: www.cityofmadison.com/reportaproblem/trafficenforcement.cfm

Concerns that are reported through this link are routed to the appropriate district and shared with officers routinely. They are also shared with MPD's Traffic Enforcement Safety Team (TEST). Officers in the West District make traffic enforcement a priority in their daily patrols, and citizen complaints help focus our efforts.

Contact the Speeder's Hotline at (608) 266-4624. Specific traffic violations with license plate numbers are followed up on by TEST. Drivers of offending vehicles typically receive warning letters in the mail. General traffic complaints/concerns are communicated to TEST and district officers for enforcement attention.

Request the placement of our speed trailer. Each MPD district has one portable speed trailer, and the West District trailer is used frequently. Citizen complaints help determine where it will be placed each week. The trailer is generally pretty effective in calming speeds, and we encourage you to contact the West District at (608) 243-0500 if you would like to see it in your neighborhood.



Second Annual Hillside/Owen Block Party Success!

article and photos by Josh Arnold

About 50 Sunset Village neighbors gathered at the Island of North Hillside Terrace for the second annual block party on Saturday, September 28. They were treated to an afternoon of beautiful weather, a terrific BBQ, lots of good conversation and a visit from our local fire fighters at Fire Station #9. Thanks to all of the neighbors



Joel and Karen already enjoying their brand new Sunset Village pint glasses!

who attended this year's block party! Guests at the block party drank delicious cold beer graciously sponsored by Tom Schmock at Smoky's Club and Steakhouse (www.smokysclub.com). We especially want to thank Isthmus Environmental LLC (isthmusenv.com) for sponsoring the BBQ and our BBQ Committee, Don Watson (owner of Isthmus Environmental LLC), Joel Gosse and James Fay.









Purchase your very own Sunset Village Pint Glass!

Show your neighborhood spirit by drinking your beverage of choice from your very own Sunset Village Neighborhood pint glass. This limited edition pint glass features the Sunset Village neighborhood logo (similar to the sign outside Fire Station 9) in beautiful royal blue color: a lovely complement to any beverage.

- \$10 for one pint glass, or
- \$8 per glass if you buy two or more

All proceeds benefit the Sunset Village Neighborhood Association!

Contact Josh Arnold 204-9292 or jlarnold360@gmail.com to purchase your pint glass or pick one up at the Halloween Parade on October 27 or the SVCA quarterly meeting on December 2.

If you buy yours at the Halloween Parade, Brian Andersen, SVCA Treasurer, will fill it up with cider or his very own IPA homebrew for free!



That's a fine looking pint glass

University Avenue Transportation Study Update

The Near Westside Neighborhoods and University Avenue Transportation Study continued into the Fall with two Needs and Potential Improvements Workshops, on September 12 at the Shorewood Village Hall and September 23 at Covenant Presbyterian Church. After a short presentation at each meeting attendees were invited to study, and register likes/dislikes, more than 20 map exhibits of potential changes and improvements for the University Avenue intersections at University Bay Drive/Farley Avenue, Shorewood Boulevard/Hill Street, and Midvale Boulevard; one exhibit included signalized crossing at

Blackhawk Avenue. The Shorewood and Blackhawk pedestrian and bike crossings have been of particular concern to Citizens for Safe Corridors (www.facebook.com/citizensforsafecorridors). All the Workshop Exhibits are up on the website and are worthy of closer study and continued commentary.

www.cityofmadison.com/trafficengineering/nearwesttransportationstudy.cfm

Related material from Citizens for Safe Corridors press release:

Citizens for Safe Corridors is a grassroots community coalition promoting a safe environment for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers along the University Avenue corridor and throughout Madison. As [SVCA resident] Ingrid Andersson, a nurse and member of Citizens for Safe Corridors put it, "we want the City of Madison to emphasize its commitment to livable communities by promoting safe, viable alternatives to driving; creating healthy environments that integrate physical activity into daily routines as an alternative to driving." The first intersection improvement throughout this heavily traveled corridor, a large zebra-striped crosswalk, was recently installed across University Avenue at Shorewood Blvd. and Hill Street near Whole Foods. Many users of this crosswalk noticed an immediate improvement, noting that the crossing felt safer due to increased width and visibility, as well as a decrease in the number of vehicles obstructing the crosswalk



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RSVP of Dane County

submitted by Diana Jost

RSVP of Dane County is a non-profit agency which assists volunteers age 55+ with personalized volunteer placement services. RSVP partners with school districts and organizations around Dane County to help meet the needs of the community.



Some of the areas which volunteers can help in the Intergenerational Program are:

- Tutoring and Mentoring in Dane County school districts
- Library, teacher book room, art room and administrative support, etc.
- Computer Buddies: E-mail or blog format pen pal program for elementary students to practice their computer skills while building an intergenerational relationship corresponding with a RSVP volunteer. End of term party allows buddies to meet.
- Special speakers: Volunteers are available to tell their personal story related to events in history or share their expertise on topics.
- Partnership with Junior Achievement to provide short term classroom options
- TAG (talented and gifted students), Youth Apprenticeship Program
- Support summer reading and enrichment programs at area community centers
- Partnership with Madison Senior Center "Catch Healthy Habits"
- Partnership with Henry Vilas Zoo, Madison Children's Museum, Catholic Multicultural Center
- Partnership with YWCA

Intergenerational programs are good for kids, older adults and the community. I am reaching out to the Neighborhood associations hoping to find new volunteers from all areas of Madison to place at these organizations. Please contact Diana Jost, Intergenerational Program Coordinator, djost@rsvpdane.org, 441-1393, website: www.rsvpdane.org/

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

SVCA quarterly meeting

Monday, December 2, 6:30 p.m. Our Lady Oueen of Peace Church 401 S. Owen Dr., Faculty Room

Halloween Parade

Sunday, October 27, 2-4 p.m. Sunset Park

Free Spaghetti Dinners

Nov. 4, Dec. 2 (with carols) First Baptist Church, 6 p.m. 518 N. Franklin, 233-1880

Unitarian Society Noon Musicales

Friday, 12:15-1:00 p.m., October – May www.fusmadison.org/noon-musicales

Hilldale-O-Ween Happenings

October 24-31 www.hilldale.com/sales-and-events

Hilldale Winter Farmers' Market

Mall Atrium, Saturdays 8:30-2:30 November 9 – April 19

Don't forget the SVCA website: www.sunsetvillagecommunity.org Read the SVCA newsletter (in color) and meeting minutes on-line.

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Room for you!

Emma Beachy is a high school senior applying for colleges, and no longer taking new clients. She got a lot of business from the ad and her mom hopes some other enterprising teen will pick up the torch.

Book Club

Meet your neighbors, enjoy great conversation, and discuss a wide range of books. For more information, contact Linda Fahy at lbfahy 27@hotmail.com

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