

# Sunset Village Voice

Your Neighborhood Newsletter

# **SVCA neighborhood meeting:** Thursday, December 17th at 6:30pm Sequoya Library 4340 Tokay Blvd

#### Greetings from President Ken Raffa:

Our last neighborhood meeting covered a number of topics during a wide-ranging and informative discussion led by alder Chris Schmidt. Some of these topics that affect us all include the ongoing street-gutter-sidewalk project, the status of the Midtown Police District in the city budget, and the planned state building redevelopment at University & Segoe.

At our upcoming meeting, we'll have a special presentation on urban foxes and coyotes by UW Prof. David Drake, Dept. of Forest & Wildlife Ecology. Many of you have likely encountered these residents in our community, and would like to learn more about them. Dr. Drake is a lively and knowledgeable speaker, and can answer your questions about all sorts of urban wildlife.

Also at our next meeting, we'll accept nominations for SVCA officers, and discuss the election process. I'm nearing the end of my second term, so this will be my penultimate president's report. I encourage each of you to consider being a neighborhood leader. You couldn't work with a finer group of people.

City Engineer Eric Dundee and his colleagues will soon host another discussion about the street-gutter-sidewalk project, sometime in November. The exact date has not been

> announced, so please check the SVCA list-server and Facebook.

> > I hope you're all enjoying this nice autumn.

Ken Raffa, SVCA President

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## Sunset Village Halloween Parade! Saturday, October 31, 2-4 p.m., 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. – don't be late - followed by treats, crafts and games. Prizes will be given for the best costumes. Creep, crawl, ride, or fly, but be there!





#### 2015 UW Campus Master Plan Meetings—You're Invited!

The UW-Madison campus planning staff will be holding a "2015 Campus Master Plan Update: Initial Alternatives" presentation at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2015, at Union South (check for room location in the "Today in the Union" schedule). The presentation will be approximately 45 minutes with questions and comments to follow. This presentation will be similar to the Public Open House #3 on October 27, but, as a joint neighborhood meeting, it will be more focused on impacts to the west campus neighborhoods. The UW-Madison campus planning staff team will be conducting this presentation and have invited members of the City of Madison Planning Department to participate.

Current presentations and newsletters are on the official Campus Master Plan website: <u>www.masterplan.wisc.edu</u>. Also, try out the new online interactive portal. It has been completely redesigned for a better user experience and no longer requires users to sign-in. Draft Alternatives from Public Open House #3 will be uploaded immediately following the meeting for interested parties to comment directly on the plans.

#### Bike Accident at Ridge and University Avenue

An 11-year-old boy, Matthew Court, was struck and killed July 13 as he started to bicycle across University Avenue at Ridge Street, on his way to morning swim practice at the Shorewood Pool. Matthew was using an intersection that was extensively re-engineered several years ago to include a pedestrian-activated half-signal—i.e. only one direction of University Avenue traffic stops at a time. A danger to those crossing is that it is easy to see the Walk signal at the far side of the street, and traffic stopped there, and just not register that Don't Walk signal and continuing traffic on the near side. As for changes that might improve the safety of this intersection, District 5 Alder, Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, reports, "There are discussions in progress but no decisions yet on any of it. For now the one concrete thing that has been done is making the crossing marks more obvious."



# **Greetings from The Friends of Hoyt Park**

submitted by: Anne Raffa, SVCA representative to the Friends of Hoyt Park

If you are interested in joining Friends of Hoyt Park, and meeting some new people and reconnecting with old friends, consider attending their holiday party. It will be held at Bunky's on Atwood Avenue on Tuesday, December 1 at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person and much of this benefits Hoyt Park. For more information please contact John Elliott, <u>Elliott@edgewood.edu</u>

Wonderful historical news here – Hoyt has significant historical structures. A preservation planner for the city of Madison is exploring the possibility of a grant that would take Hoyt Park from a local historical landmark to the National Registry.

Jessica Bauer, our summer park ranger, was involved in the initial assessment of the fireplaces and digging for the aprons. This work will continue with volunteers and Friends of Hoyt Park board members until all fireplaces are complete. If you are interested in getting involved, visit <u>http://www.hoytpark.org/volunteer.html</u>



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# Yoga to Support Midvale/Lincoln PTO

submitted by: Jane Kelly and Julie Horst, Midvale/Lincoln PTO

Time to unwind, have some fun and support the Midvale/Lincoln Parent Teacher Organization. Join us for Yoga classes in the Midvale Elementary gym. The vinyasa flow class will last one hour and is geared toward beginner and intermediate yogis. A portion of the class fees will support the critical work of the Midvale/Lincoln PTO to foster classroom enrichment opportunities.

The next block of classes meets every Thursday night at 7 p.m., October 29-November 19. The cost is \$32.00. Yogis should bring a mat and a light blanket. The teacher (Lisa) will provide music, blocks and straps. Lisa is a 500 hour Registered Yoga Teacher, certified by Inner Fire Yoga in Madison, WI. She appreciates the mental clarity and sense of peace yoga offers. Her classes incorporate dynamic and static sequences taught in an encouraging,

upbeat manner. Contact Lisa to sign up: lbednarzyk@gmail.com.

# **Bucky Books and Annual SVCA Membership**

It's the 2016 membership drive and SVCA has another supply of Bucky Books to sweeten the deal. Donations of \$35 or more will cover your SVCA annual membership and one



Bucky Book 24, valid thru September 2016. Support your neighborhood and save hundreds of dollars over the next year on food, drink, bowling, golf, and more! You can view the complete Bucky Book info at: <u>www.buckybook.com</u>. To see a sample copy, call Liz Ringle at 819-1176.

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. Please use the enclosed envelope to send your check to:

SVCA, PO Box 5635, Madison, WI 53705

# **Bethany Fall Craft Fair**

#### submitted by: Linda Holthaus

Bethany United Methodist Church, 3910 Mineral Point Rd, Madison, invites you to attend its annual Fall Craft Fair, Bake Sale and Coffee Shop on Saturday, November 7, 2015 from 9AM to 2PM. A Barbecue Lunch will be served from 11AM to 1PM. Original design and hand-crafted items, including Christmas ornaments and decor, etched glassware, felted wool mittens, ceramic tile/trivets and mugs, photographs, note cards, jewelry, hand-sewn items, Madison and Wisconsin design items, rosemaling, Norwegian art, honey, bee's wax, knitted and crocheted items, and more will be available for holiday shopping. Look for special sale items from some vendors during the last hour. Join us for food, fun and shopping!



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# **More Petty Crime Reports**

**Incident #1:** email to listserv 8/22/15, from Andrew (Blackhawk & Harvey): Some neighbors on N. Blackhawk near the Shell Station had a car broken into and had a laptop, a backpack, a bag of shower items, a GPS device, the title to the car, a pair of old sunglasses, some pens stolen. The car was unlocked and all items taken from the car were tossed in a neighbor's yard just a few houses away, which doesn't make any sense and indicates that maybe it was just kids looking for some thrills? Regardless, this is a reminder to lock your car doors.



**Incident #2:** On the weekend of Sept. 19, two Karen Court residents found their cars had been broken into. One car was parked in the driveway and one was on the street in front of their house. Both cars had been left unlocked although one neighbor said she routinely locks her car and that night must have forgotten. Nothing of value was taken other than a coin tray and some loose change. Another example of how important it is to lock your car at all times.

# HAPPY HALLOWEEN FROM YOUR TWO FAVORITE NEWSLETTER EDITORS!

#### Café Hollander now open at Hilldale Mall

photos source: Michelle Stocker, Cap Times

Hurry up and get over to Hilldale Mall while the weather holds out to take advantadge of the neighborhood's newest dining and drinking spot (38 beers on tap) with outdoor seating: <u>Café Hollander</u>. Café Hollander is famous for its Belgian beers emulating a European grand cafe-style of restaurant, serving everything from mussels and frites to waffles and pancakes - coffee, breakfast, brunch, dinner and late night bar snacks. The original Café Hollander was founded on the East Side of Milwaukee in 2006, a second in Wauwatosa and now the third here on Madison's near westside. The Hilldale Café Hollander is part of the new pedestrian walkway between Target and the mall's Macy's entrance, and provides a nice addition and much needed facelift to the backside of the mall. It has a rooftop deck, interior courtyard and large sidewalk patio, retractable walls and sliding glass roof to convert much of the restaurant to winter- or summer-friendly seating.









# MedDrop - The Best Place to Get Rid of Medicines

source: http://www.safercommunity.net/meddrop.php

Leftover and expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines can be found in every household in the county. Last year unintentional poisonings killed more Dane County residents than automobile crashes. Misuse or abuse of prescription, overthe-counter or illicit drugs are the major cause.

#### How to Use MedDrop:

- To dispose of medications in the MedDrop drop boxes, please bring your unused or expired medication and a Ziploc or other resealable bag to the MedDrop police department.
- Empty contents of pill bottles into a Ziploc/storage bag at the police station and recycle your pill bottles, either by taking them home with you, or placing in the container provided at the police station. Block out personal information before recycling.
- Leave liquids, gels or creams in their original containers and place them in a Ziploc/storage bag
- Place sealed Ziploc/storage bags into the MedDrop box

**What you can get rid of at MedDrop:** Prescription Medicine (pills, liquids, creams, powders & patches); Over-the-Counter Medicine (pills, liquids, creams, powders & patches); Medications for Pets; Vitamins; Medication Samples; Nebulizer Solution; Inhalers

**Every Dane County resident is just minutes from a MedDrop Box:** 13 MedDrop box locations are open year-round and available for you to get rid of your unwanted medicines.

See the website for the closest locations: www.safercommunity.net/meddrop.php

# Saturday Playgroup at University Houses Preschool

submitted by: Karen Beck, Co-Director, University Houses Preschool

Come along to play, chat and sing with your little ones. Bring a snack and talk to other families while the kids enjoy the toys and dramatic play area at University Houses Preschool, 6033 Odana Road, Madison.

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#### **Sunset Village Pooch Rock Found!**

Congratulations to Mason Shadle, Rosa Marek, Tamara & Martin Gruber, Paul Klein and Kay Nondorf for successfully finding Sunset Village's Pooch Rock at 211. N. Meadow Lane.



# **Election of Sunset Village Officers**

Ken Raffa is nearing the end of his second term as SVCA President and, according to SVCA bylaws, may not run again. Josh Arnold is eligible to run for a second term as Secretary. Nominations may be made at the last SVCA meeting of the year (December 17) or in writing to the secretary at least one month prior to the Annual Meeting, which is usually in February.

Nominations should preferably be submitted by January 12, so that candidates may be introduced in the Winter newsletter, which will also include voting instructions.



# The History of Lake Mendota in the Palm of Your Hands

submitted by: Don Sanford, near Westside resident and Lake Mendota mariner

Have you ever wondered why someone built a road across Lake Mendota's North Bay? Or perhaps you want to know when a sea serpent was last spotted, or if your friend really did swim across the lake many years ago. The answers to these questions, and many more, can be found in my recently published book, *On Fourth Lake: A Social History of Lake Mendota*. It is the story of the people, places and events that have shaped the shoreline of Lake Mendota, Madison's greatest lake, as we know it today—the story of Native people, settlers, iceboaters, sailors, fishers, hunters, explorers, politicians, entertainers, lifeguards, boat captains, inventors, scientists and Olympians, much of it in their own words.

I spent over a decade preparing this social history of Lake Mendota. My work combines the personal experiences of people who lived, worked and played on the lake with the events that shaped Madison, the Badger State and the nation. The first book of its kind, *On Fourth Lake* takes you on a guided tour around Lake Mendota, looking at the lakeshore from the water. It is richly illustrated with more than 500 maps, newspaper articles and photographs. Many of the images were sourced from private collections and have never before been available to the public.

Visit my website: LakeMendotaHistory.com, or reach me at Don@LakeMendotaHistory.com, (608) 225-7520.



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## Choices You Make This Fall Can Keep Area Waters Clean Next Summer

submitted by: Phil Gaebler, Water Resources Specialist, City of Madison

Red, gold, and orange leaves gently falling from trees: a true symbol that autumn has arrived here in Wisconsin. The choices we make with falling leaves today can impact the health of our land and water next summer. Nutrients released from decaying leaves are a great addition to lawns and gardens, but an unwelcome guest to area lakes and rivers. Leaves and yard debris in the street get washed directly to lakes and streams via storm drains when it rains. Even if the leaves never move, rainwater running over and through them makes a nutrient-rich tea that's carried directly to the storm drains, promoting algae growth. The good news is that together we can take simple actions to keep leaves and nutrients out of our waters.



NO! PLEASE DO NOTPLACE LEAF PILES IN THE STREET!

Mulch - Mulch leaves directly on the lawn. Shredded leaves act as a natural fertilizer

returning nutrients to the lawns. If your lawn mower has a bagger, empty the chopped up leaves on gardens, flowerbeds or around trees and shrubs.

**Compost** - Mix leaves with other compostable items to spread on gardens next spring. It saves money and water, helps your gardens, and benefits the environment. If you don't have the room in your yard, take your leaves to the Dane County compost site (www.countyofdane.com/pwht/recycle/compost\_sites.aspx).

**Rake** - If you rake, pile leaves on the terrace, not in the street. Covering the piles with a tarp is a good idea to prevent them from blowing around and to reduce nutrients that can leach from them during a rain. Check for pick up dates so that your leaves are at the curb for as short a time as possible: <u>www.cityofmadison.com/streets/yardWaste/leaf/</u>

For more information on ways to "Love Your Lakes, Don't Leaf Them" visit: http://myfairlakes.com/fall\_campaign.aspx.

#### Little Free Library on S. Meadow Lane

#### submitted by: Kerri Johanning

It has been a dream of Kerri Johanning's since moving to Madison to have her own Little Free Library in her yard. On Saturday, Oct. 3rd this became a reality. She purchased a kit from the Little Free Library's website. With donations from some neighbors for shingles and trim, her husband Matt put it all together. The two together painted it to match their house. The new library is located in the front yard of 10 S. Meadow Lane. Currently, it features children's, teen and adult books and one puzzle. Please visit the LFL, take a book and leave a book or two. Enjoy!







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# Best Ever 4th Annual Hillside Block Party

article and photos by: Josh Arnold & Christine Einerson

Sunset Village neighbors spent the afternoon together at the 4th Annual Block Party, hosted by the Sunset Village Community Association. About 40 neighbors enjoyed a wonderful barbeque (courtesy of Time2Remodel), plenty of

cold beer (courtesy of Smoky's Club) and all of the fixin's and necessary items to make the bbq go (courtesy of Isthmus Environmental). Neighbors brought a variety of side dishes and desserts to share and enjoy. Special thanks to Christine Einerson for organizing the neighborhood potluck and to Don Watson and Brian Andersen for taking over grilling duties. And many thanks to this year's sponsors—Time2Remodel, Smoky's Club and Isthmus Environmental.











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## Hillcrest Drive and Sunset Court Construction News

status update by: Eric Dundee, Project Manager, on the project website, 10/02/2015

- Hillcrest Drive and Hillcrest Circle 2016 construction has been included in the City budget. City Engineering will begin preliminary layouts for roadway geometrics within the next month. A public information meeting will be held in late October/early November 2015.
- Sunset Court All work on the Sunset Court streets has been delayed for construction until 2017. City Engineering will continuously take neighborhood comment on the project but will not be actively planning the work until summer 2016. The next public information meeting will be in summer 2016.

**Street Tree Preservation During Construction** – Kathy German (Hillcrest Drive) has been in touch with Jim Kringer, Forestry Inspector for the City of Milwaukee, unofficially known as the "Tree Cop." His job is to protect city trees from damage during all phases of street and sidewalk construction, and he has developed a nationally recognized program for working with contractors. Watch a Wisconsin Public Television video of Jim Kringer at work in Milwaukee's urban forest: http://video.wpt.org/video/1901590519/



## Midtown Police Station – Sooner? Later?

SVCA President Ken Raffa reports to the Sunset Village listserv, "A group of neighborhood leaders from the west side has been working to restore funding for the Midtown Police Station. As most of you know, this district building was scheduled for construction next year, but is now being recommended for delay due to budget issues. My own take is that Chief Koval and the MPD have made a compelling case based on population trends for why this new facility and its officers would benefit our district. I applaud them for being proactive about population growth, rather than playing catch-up. I also appreciate how well they've reached out to our neighborhood regarding the aesthetics

and scale of building design, and maintaining the quiet and peaceful nature of Sunset Village."

According to Madison Police Captain Jay Lengfeld, "The midtown station was put into the capital budget by the board of estimates and now will head to Common Council in early

November. We will need 11 Alders to vote for it. The Mayor can veto the whole budget and 14 Alders would be needed to override."

Alder Chris Schmidt says, "It is too early to predict the final outcome but Alder support for it has always been strong; if something passes and the mayor vetoes,

it would be a shock for the council not to override it." See more details from Chris in his blog: <u>www.cityofmadison.</u> <u>com/council/district11</u>

Madison Police Chief Mike Koval makes a strong case for the Midtown Station in his September blog entries: <u>www.</u> <u>cityofmadison.com/police/chief</u>



# NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

**SVCA Quarterly Meeting** Thurs., Dec. 17, 6:30 p.m. Sequoya Library

#### **Halloween Parade in the Sunset Park** Saturday, Oct. 31, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Be there at 2:00 for the Parade!

#### **Bethany Church Fall Craft Fair** Sat., Nov. 7, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 3910 Mineral Point Road

#### UW Campus Master Plan Open House #3

Oct. 27, 7:00-9:00 p.m., 750 Highland Ave Health Sciences Learning Center, Rm 1325

#### West Madison Senior Center Events www.wmseniorcenter.org/programs-services

#### Hilldale Winter Farmers' Markets

Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., South Atrium November 14, 2015 through April 24, 2016

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# NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

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#### Yard Work, Snow Removal, Pet Care, Odd Jobs

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

#### **Babysitting/Petsitting**

I am a responsible 12 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

Alexa Klodd: experienced babysitting and pet sitting; call 238-2859; fabulous neighborhood references available.

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

I'm Ivory Nordeng, 12 years old, with two younger siblings and experience watching other children. I am ready to babysit for you: your home or mine. I took the babysitter's safety course in August. \$5/hr. (608)236-0899 or idnordeng@madison.k12.wi.us

#### **Babysitting and Pet Sitting**

I'm Halle Andersen and would like to 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 <u>halle.andersen@yahoo.com</u>.

#### Seeking childcare for our infant beginning January

Your home or ours. One day a week, Monday or Tuesday, 5-8 hours. Right person has experience with infants and healthy lifestyle. Infant CPR preferred. Contact: Andrew at (608) 658-0060.

#### Your neighborhood info:

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