



Sunset Village Voice

Your Neighborhood Newsletter

Fall 2016

SVCA neighborhood meeting:
Thurs., November 17 at 6:30pm
Bethany Church, 3910 Mineral Pt. Rd.

Greetings from President Sue Reynard

Dear Neighbors—I hope many of you have had a chance to join in on the fun activities that SVCA has sponsored recently, including the ice cream social in August and the more recent SVCA block party. The membership dues we collect help subsidize these and other events throughout the year so we can keep them free to the whole neighborhood. We have a suggestion donation of \$15 per family, so please consider joining soon (see membership form in this newsletter).

In other news, the road construction for Sunset Court is going ahead as planned for next year. In a public meeting on October 6th, residents had a chance to provide input to the city engineering department. Construction should start between April and June of next year and last 3 to 4 months. Hopefully, the disruption to the rest of Sunset Village will be minimal. If you have questions about the Sunset Court project, you can contact Jim Wolfe, city engineer, at jwolfe@cityofmadison.com or 266-4099. In addition, Eric Dundee of the engineering department will be at the November 17th meeting to provide an overview of both 2017 and 2018 street construction projects.

I haven't heard anything definitive about the Midtown police station recently. As you may know, the Common Council and various city departments have almost unanimously supported the effort to begin tear down of the old church this winter and start construction next spring. However, the Mayor's budget delays these moves. The issue will come before the Common Council again in November, so watch our Facebook page or listserv for updates at that time.

Please contact me at sereynard@aol.com if you have any request for agenda items for the November quarterly meeting.

Happy Fall to everyone, Sue



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Sunset Village Halloween Parade!

Saturday, October 29, 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, and prizes for the best costumes.



SVCA August 2016 Quarterly Meeting & Neighborhood Affairs

source: notes by Anne Badey Raffa, at <http://sunsetvillagecommunity.org/>

Nearly 20 people attended the August 18, 2016 quarterly SVCA meeting. Ryan Henderson, our current liaison police officer, attended the meeting, as he does when possible. He is assigned to our neighborhood and works from 3:00 to 11:00. He thanked us for our support. He suggested that we keep our cars and homes locked at all times and keep electronics out of view in our cars to prevent crime.

Guest Speaker: Michael Vickerman, MadiSUN

Michael discussed putting solar energy on house rooftops, as the most affordable way to reduce emissions by 50%. He circulated informative packets. An installer would screen a home to determine if it is indeed good for solar power. Summit Credit Union would help secure a solar energy loan that would include tax incentives. For more information go to <https://madisunsolar.com/> or phone 608 255 4055.

Guest Speaker: Joe Parisi, Dane County Executive

One half of the Dane County budget is for human services. Among these services are:

- Aging Disability Resource Center (ADRC), a one-stop place where you can get connected to any programs or benefits that you or a loved one might need. You can call or come in person. They also can help with assisted living conditions.
- County Veterans Service Office—another one-stop service agency.
- Mental Health Teams: Dane County created 4 teams to work in our middle schools. They are available to deescalate student situations and work with teachers. The schools need this resource because many students are bringing challenges into the classroom.



Environmental Protection is one of Dane County's 30 departments.

- Dane County has one of the most environmentally innovative landfills in the nation. Methane from the landfill will be burned to generate electricity for use by Madison homeowners through MG&E, and this will have a positive impact on climate change. The county's new fleet of snowplows is fueled by renewable compressed natural gas. The county is also fitting highway garages with solar panels for electricity.
- Lake improvement is a major area of emphasis, especially phosphorus pollution. There are now several partnerships addressing phosphorous runoff (agriculture, sewage, residential). Emphasis is on the North Mendota watershed, non-point runoff. They have invested in two manure digesters to keep manure out of the lakes. The county has also created a matching grant for manure storage on community farms.

See <http://sunsetvillagecommunity.org/> for full meeting minutes and topics of discussion.

Hilldale Winter Farmers' Market

The Hilldale Winter Farmers' Market will be held inside the vacant store space next to Sundance Cinemas theater, Saturday's from 9:00 to 2:00, November 12 through April 29. There will be no farmers market December 24 or 31. We will have herbs and winter produce, cheeses, meats, bakery, honey, wool and fibers art materials, eggs, honey, bath and body products, BBQ sauce, handmade tortillas, olives and olive oil.

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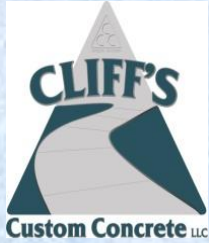
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Alder Gruber's District 11 October Newsletter

excerpted: Alder Gruber's October blog, www.cityofmadison.com/council/district11/blog/?Id=11716

Vote: Election day is Tuesday, November 8. Early voting, poll locations, and voting information can be found on the City Clerk's web site: www.cityofmadison.com/clerk. Don't forget to look on the back of the ballot, where there is a referendum question for the Madison Metropolitan School District.

Early voting hours at the Sequoya Library are:

9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday - Friday, September 26 - November 4

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturdays, October 1 - October 29

1 to 4:30 p.m., Sundays, October 2 - October 30



City of Madison Budget: This is the time of year when the city prepares its capital and operating budgets for the next year. The Mayor submits his executive budgets and the Board of Estimates and the Common Council make amendments to his proposal. Of interest to District 11, the Mayor's 2017 Capital Budget proposal had no funding for construction of the Madison Police Department Midtown District Station; the funding was delayed until 2018, which would have meant a 3 to 4 month delay beyond the timeline that was established for construction drawings and construction. The Board of Estimates approved an amendment sponsored by me and several other Alders that put funding for Midtown construction in the 2017 budget. Construction is expected to start in August 2017 and be completed in July 2018.

Fall Leaf Collection: The City of Madison began the annual Fall leaf collection on October 3rd. The Streets Division will continue to collect leaves as long as the weather permits through late November and early December. Streets Division crews follow a collection rotation. Crews begin by collecting leaves from residences within the Monday refuse district. Then they move on to the Tuesday district, and so on, through the Friday refuse district. Then crews begin the cycle again in the Monday district, continuing as long as the weather allows.

Leaves and yard waste are generally considered to be leafy plant material, and also small twigs less than 18 inches in length. Crews will also collect other yard waste and garden debris during the fall leaf collection period. This material includes pumpkins, corn stalks, pine cones, and so on. **Brush collection has finished for this year.** You can bring brush to 1501 W. Badger Rd. on the southwest side and 4602 Sycamore Ave. on the east side. The sites will be open seven days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, until December 4, 2016.

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Open Seat for District 11 Alder: As I promised during the selection process that led to me being appointed to fill the vacancy of District 11 Alder, I will not be running for election next year. An open seat means a good opportunity for someone to run for office, as it is easier to win an election for an open seat than it is to run against an incumbent. Running for Alder is a possibility for anyone, unlike higher offices that require huge amounts of fundraising. With a small amount of fundraising and door-to-door campaigning, anyone can potentially win an election.

Elections for City of Madison Alders are in April 2017. Although it is too early to begin campaigning, it is not too early to start thinking about it and planning. First steps include deciding if you have the interest, time and energy to serve as Alder, and discussing the possibility with your family and getting their support. I am willing to talk with anyone interested in running for Alder, either on the phone or in person.

Alder Gruber Urges You to Drive Safely

source: www.cityofmadison.com/council/district11/blog/?Id=10546

Yield to Pedestrians: We are all pedestrians. Even if you drive, you are a pedestrian when you walk to or from your car. We appreciate it when drivers stop for us when we are crossing the street. Pedestrians can be young or old, walking or in a wheel chair, walking a bike or being pushed in a stroller. Drivers are required by state law to stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk, whether the crosswalk is marked or not.

When driving, please stop for pedestrians. I'm asking nicely, but next time you might get a ticket. Police recently issued tickets to drivers for failing to yield to pedestrians at Whitney Way and South Hill Drive, at the request of a Hill Farms resident. If you would like to request enforcement at a certain intersection, you can email me at district11@cityofmadison.com or call the Madison Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Safety Team at 261-9687. My hope is that District 11 residents will be leaders in safe driving and yielding to pedestrians. Not only is it State Law to yield to pedestrians, but it is a matter of safety for pedestrians, a courtesy and a way to show kindness to others.

Slow Down and Stop on Red: I have received complaints about unsafe driving, including speeding and red light running. One suggestion was cameras that would record drivers running red lights so that they could be ticketed. A change in State Law would be necessary before we can do that. In the meantime, I would like to focus on what we have direct control over, our own behavior as drivers.

I am amazed at how routinely we drive above the speed limit and run red lights. We probably think, "it's OK, it is just a little over the speed limit," or "the light just turned red right before I went through it." But would we think that way in other situations, for example just stealing a little bit of money from an employer or cheating on just a few of the questions on an exam? I don't think so. We might also think, "everyone does it" (drives faster than the speed limit). But just because many people speed, does that make it the right thing to do? Does speeding make our roads safer or less safe? I think we all know the answers to these questions. But I would like us all to think about what we can do to drive safely.

If you are driving in the city, speeding will save you very little time. It would be better to just leave your house five minutes early, and enjoy an unhurried drive to your destination. You might save a few minutes by speeding if you are on the highway traveling a long distance (although I don't recommend speeding on the highway either). In the city, you likely aren't traveling a long distance and you have to stop for red lights. Many times I have seen a driver pass me at a fast speed, only to catch up to them at the next red light. I drive within the speed limit, which means on Midvale Blvd. I drive 30 mph or less. If you are one of those drivers who like to tailgate me, back off. Please. I drive a grey Honda Element with bumper stickers for politicians and "I Stop for Pedestrians."

Madison Police Department West District Captain Vic Wahl writes, "Almost every motor vehicle collision is preventable, and we spend a lot of time responding to and investigating accidents. Last year, patrol officers responded to almost 9,000 accidents in the City, and spent almost 11,000 hours investigating them." The Speeding Hotline is 266-4624.

Driving within the speed limit and stopping for red lights make driving safer for everyone, for you, for your passengers, for other drivers, and for pedestrians. Please drive within the speed limit and stop for red lights. Please do not text and drive. And whatever you do, please, please, do not under any circumstance play Pokemon Go while driving!



Hillcrest Drive Tree Milling

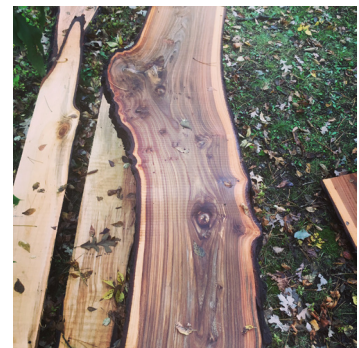
source: postings from Hillcrest resident James Ream

As you know, the Hillcrest Drive construction project forced the city to take down 7 quality maple, oak, and ash trees, one being over 200 years old. In order to turn these trees into something other than firewood, I had the contractors drop the timbers and trunks in my yard. Since then, I've had the challenge of determining the best uses for this wood, and finding someone to mill the wood.

I've decided to work with Jeff's Portable Sawmill Company to mill the lumber. The first demonstration milling took place on September 25th. If you're interested in custom lumber, I can have the lumber milled to your specifications (flooring, beams, slabs, etc.); Jeff uses a portable band saw so the possibilities are endless. The prices will be the same or cheaper than you would find online or at the local retailers. Lumber will be roughly half price if folks choose to dry the lumber themselves; expect the oak to take a year to dry for each inch of thickness. If folks don't want to dry the lumber themselves, I will dry it for them. Or if you'd like to build something for the community, I'd be happy to donate lumber. We have already donated some of the larger logs to the Midvale Elementary School natural playground area.

Call or email (262.332.0500, jamesgream@gmail.com) or just stop by 4322 Hillcrest Dr. if you'd like to have a look.

See Jeff's website: www.facebook.com/jeffsportablesawmill/. [Jeff is also a Sunset Village resident.]



Bethany Fall Craft Fair

submitted by Linda Holthaus



Bethany United Methodist Church, 3910 Mineral Point Rd., will hold its annual Fall Craft Fair, Coffee Shop and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (a Barbecue Lunch will be served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.). Original design and hand-crafted items available for your holiday shopping include: Christmas ornaments, crafts and decor; honey; etched glassware; Norwegian art and rosemaling; screen printed cards and shirts; ceramic tiles and trivets; mugs; Madison and Wisconsin design items; fiber arts including knitted, crocheted and embroidered items; necklaces; wind chimes; stained and fused glass; hand crafted soap; dog blankets; photography; stuffed animals; pot holders, place mats, and aprons; children's bibs; sun catchers; English toffee and more. Look for special sale items from some vendors during the last hour. Join us for food, fun and shopping!

Get Your New SVCA Pint Glasses

They're here! The new full-color pint glasses with the SVCA logo are available for purchase. All proceeds go into the SVCA general fund, so you'll be supporting our neighborhood with your purchase. Hurry while supplies last!

The price is \$10 for a single glass, \$8 each for two or more glasses.

Contact Sue Reynard at sereynard@charter.net or 238-0745.



What are Those Signs?



Question from Michael and Kristyn Hare to the SVCA listserv: "Anyone have information on the recent 'To University Avenue' signs at lucia/meadow and meadow/heather?"

And the answer, from Alder Gruber: "The signs, 'To University Ave,' have been put up as a result of an inquiry from a constituent that I forwarded to Traffic Engineering staff. The constituent lives on N. Meadow and reported that drivers travel northbound on Meadow, then when they get to University Ave and realize they can't make a left turn onto University Ave, do a u-turn and head back southbound on Meadow. Traffic Engineering staff investigated and confirmed that drivers are doing this. The signs are way-finding signs to direct drivers to University Ave. The intent is to direct drivers to University Ave, and to create less traffic on our neighborhood streets, not more traffic."

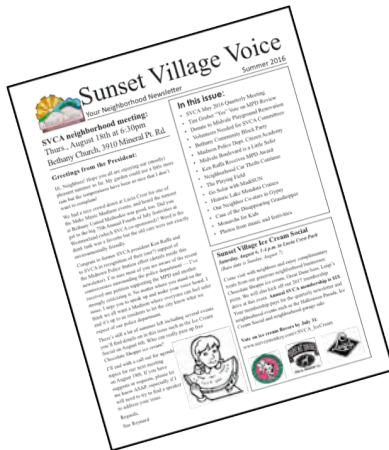


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Ash Trees Find a New Purpose

source: Alder Tim Gruber's blog, www.cityofmadison.com/council/district11/blog/?Id=11636

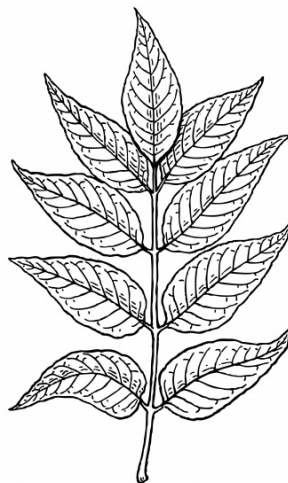
In 2016, nearly 1,000 ash trees are slated for removal from Madison parks. A new partnership between the City of Madison Parks Division and Wisconsin Urban Wood will allow local residents and others to purchase lumber or handcrafted products from local trees. Wisconsin Urban Wood is a Madison-based, statewide 501c3, nonprofit organization that networks local, independent businesses under the Wisconsin Urban Wood brand to create the most sustainable wood supply possible for their areas.

“Local wood is what Wisconsin Urban Wood is all about,” says Twink Jan-McMahon, executive director of Wisconsin Urban Wood. “We connect condemned trees with local processors and woodworkers so the trees can be used for their highest and best uses in lumber, flooring, furniture, art, architecture, and a variety of goods made from wood.” The arrangement works as a cost neutral trade between Parks and Wisconsin Urban Wood partners. Parks provides the logs and Wisconsin Urban Wood sawyers produce lumber for park benches, maintenance materials, and over time, finished conference tables. “Knowing the trees will live on makes us feel a lot better about having to take them down,” says Charlie Romines, Assistant Superintendent for Parks Operations. “Cutting the trees to preserve the log actually reduces fatigue and boosts morale for our crews.”



“The adaptive reuse of urban wood allows us to be sure that EAB won’t have the last word when it comes to our ash trees. We think Madison residents will share our appreciation for this silver lining to the loss of ash and other park trees,” says Eric Knepp, Parks Superintendent. The beetle kills the tree, but the wood is left intact.

The remainder of the wood from Madison’s trees will be kiln dried and available through local businesses, including Habitat for Humanity Dane County ReStore, The Wood Cycle, Baraboo Woodworks, and Blue Terra Design. “Wood, like food, is most sustainable when it is sourced, processed, and purchased locally,” says Jan-McMahon. The success of this arrangement will ultimately be in the hands of the residents. When residents buy local wood, they reduce transportation emissions, reduce waste, and make it possible for local businesses to stay involved in salvaging the wood from these trees. More information can be found on WisconsinUrbanWood.org.



5th Annual Hillside Terrace Block Party

Hi everyone—just wanted to say thanks for making the 5th annual block party another success! The weather was great, the food was delicious and neighbors got to spend time together and catch up. We also introduced the new SVCA pint glasses. Thanks again to our sponsors: Time2Remodel, Smoky's and Isthmus Environmental. Special thanks to Christine & Ron for organizing the potluck and distributing flyers, Susann for connecting us with Smoky's, Don for being the grill master on the first round and Brian for being grill master for the second round.

Happy to be your neighbor, Josh

[who for the 5th year organized and advertised the event, worked with sponsors, coordinated set up, took photos]



Sunset Village Families Facebook Group

submitted by Hannah Gaines

Are you a family living in Sunset Village? Are you interested in connecting with other families in the neighborhood? Join the new “Sunset Village Families” Facebook group! The goal of this group is to facilitate community building by connecting neighborhood families. Plan or attend social events, coordinate child care/kid swaps, and provide community support for new families. Find us on Facebook! Questions? Contact Hannah at hgaines@gmail.com.

When You're at the Polls, Don't Forget the Back of the Ballot

There's an important referendum question on it that asks taxpayers for approval to raise the school district's revenue limit authority by \$26 million over four years. It would mean a \$3/month increase in property taxes for the average homeowner.

Frequently Asked Questions about the Referendum

source: <https://www.madison.k12.wi.us/why-referendum>

How will it impact my property taxes?

The proposal keeps future tax levy increases under four percent per year, with strong tax base growth to diffuse the impact on existing taxpayers. The maximum tax impact for an average-value Madison home would be a \$35.76 increase per year for four years before leveling off in 2020.

What is revenue authority?

Through the state budget process, the legislature establishes a limit, or control, on the revenue a school district is entitled to receive each year from property taxes and state aid. Over the past six years, these controls have become increasingly restrictive. Today, Wisconsin public schools operate with less revenue authority per pupil than in 2008. However, school districts are allowed a local option to increase revenues through a voter-approved referendum. The referendum asks voters for revenue authority. Through the budget process, the Board of Education decides how much revenue authority to use.

Don't states fund public education?

In Wisconsin, public schools are funded by a combination of state dollars and local property taxes. This proposal asks voters to give the local school board authority to exceed the revenue limit authority provided by the state legislature.

I still have questions. How can I learn more?

There will be opportunities to ask your questions in person at the referendum informational sessions in October. See below for remaining session.

Thursday, October 27, 6:30 p.m., Memorial High School (201 South Gammon Rd.), Library and Media Center

Superintendent Cheatham will present at 6:30 p.m., followed by a panel discussion Q&A featuring Superintendent Cheatham, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Michael Barry, a Board of Education member and others. We will be live-streaming the meeting on: facebook.com/MadisonWISchools. You are also welcome to send your questions or feedback by emailing: referendum@madison.k12.wi.us.



Dangerous Intersection at Glenway and Mineral Point

postings to Nextdoor Sunset Village by Sunset Court resident Carla Cornette

Just wanted to let my neighbors know that my son was hit by a car yesterday (Friday morning, Sept. 9, 8 a.m.) at the corner of Glenway and Mineral Point. He was on his bicycle on the way to school and was knocked into the air by the car. Fortunately, he came out of it with only a broken arm and some scratches and bruises but it could have been much more serious. I would advise those of you with children to let them know that, just because they are in a white crosswalk, whether on foot or on a bike, the car will not necessarily stop. When I called the police department to get a copy of the accident report, they told me that there have been lots of accidents at this intersection.

I have written to the city to complain that there is no cross-walk signal at Glenway and Mineral Point and that also the traffic light itself is difficult to see for a pedestrian or bicyclist (it is at a 45 degree angle and is several feet from the corner). I asked for someone to call me back but no one ever did. There are lots of children that traffic this area (it is on the way to West High School) and many cars speed and run lights in the morning on the way to work. I am really concerned about my son's and other children's safety at this intersection.

[In this accident, as in the fatal accident on University Avenue last summer, the driver had the green light. - Editor]

Coyote Sightings in the Neighborhood

sources: SVCA listserv, Nextdoor Sunset Village, UW Urban Canid Project

Nora Edie from Sunset Village, April 29, 2016

Hi Neighbors, I wanted to give you a heads up that we had a big coyote in our backyard yesterday. Our house backs up to Hoyt Park. It came within a few feet of our house! While it was beautiful and very cool it was also a little creepy! Please be careful with outside cats and little dogs!

Sarah VilaCruz, posting to UW Urban Canid Project Facebook page, June 20, 2016

We live right next to Sunset Park and I heard a piercing squabble going on right outside my window at about 4:45 a.m. a few nights ago. I thought perhaps it was a coyote-on-dog fight, so I went outside to investigate. Within moments a very large coyote (it almost looked like a Coywolf) appeared 10 feet in front of me and, without even looking my way, veered in the opposite direction and slowly sauntered off. I saw no other animal in the vicinity, so I am thinking it was sparring with another coyote or fox. It did not appear afraid of me, but clearly also wanted no contact, a good sign.

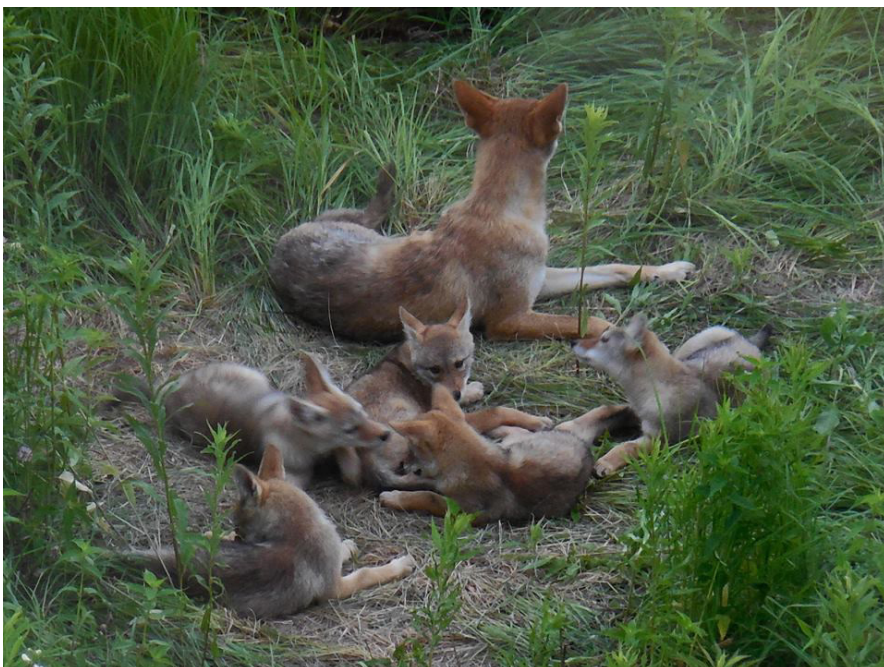
Kathy Jackson on Blackhawk, posting to Nextdoor, July 30, 2016

Coyote spotted again on Blackhawk. This time by my husband at 10:15 p.m. Shortly after he heard a cat being attacked. Please let neighbors know, especially those with outdoor cats and chickens. [Blackhawk and Stevens]

UW Urban Canid Project - Facebook postings August 24, 2016 and September 2, 2016

Do you want to know where coyotes and red foxes have been seen in your neighborhood? Check out our iNaturalist page (www.inaturalist.org/projects/uw-urban-canid-project) to see recent sightings of these urban canids in Madison or upload your own. On this page, you'll find an interactive map where you can see individual reports of fox and coyote sightings in your neck of the woods. We use these reports to monitor encounters with coyotes and foxes and to identify areas with higher activity. Proactive monitoring like this is a critical component to urban canid management.

As summer comes to an end, coyote pups are getting older and may start to disperse from the areas they were born. As a result, people may begin to see these young and potentially naive coyotes exploring new areas, including residential ones. This brings with it the potential for interactions between coyotes and pets. You can manage these interactions by making sure there is no available food in your yard, being vigilant while your pets are outdoors and actively hazing coyotes when



seen. Most of these young and curious coyotes will be actively seeking out new territories and food resources; addressing the resources that attract coyotes in the first place is the first step to managing these interactions. Hazing helps to make your yard an unwelcome place for coyotes and helps shape their behavior. Take the steps shown in this video (www.youtube.com/watch?v=JIC8KTDiIRs) if you see a coyote in your yard and, as always, report any sightings via iNaturalist to help others know where coyotes are seen as well!

photo by Jeff Zutz, West Madison



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In-Person Absentee Voting at Madison Public Libraries - How it Works

source: City Clerk's Office, October 10, 2016

Over 8,000 Madison residents have cast their ballots at an In-Person Absentee Voting (IPAV) location over the past two weeks. Absentee voting is much more accessible now that it is available at all Madison Public Library locations and Streets East, in addition to the City Clerk's Office. Sequoya Library, for example, issues up to 250 absentee ballots daily.

Half an hour before each library closes, someone from the Clerk's Office picks up all the ballots cast that day and seals them in a courier bag with a tamper-evident seal. The courier documents the number of absentee ballots collected from the library and the serial number of the seal used on the bag. The courier signs an oath, and library personnel sign as witnesses. The Clerk's Office verifies that nobody has tampered with the seal, and that they have received the correct number of absentee ballots from each library. Clerk's Office personnel process each absentee envelope in the state's voter registration system, and secure the absentee envelopes in its office vault. All absentee ballots are taken to the polls on Election Day to be counted.

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Sunset Courts 2017 Road & Water Main Construction

City of Madison Engineers held a public information meeting on October 6 to present the proposed 2017 Sunset Courts road, water main and sewer reconstruction. Work will start in mid-April 2017 and last 3-4 months.

Project scope:

- Replace asphalt pavement and base
- Install curb and gutter, replace driveways; no sidewalks planned
- Replace sanitary sewer and laterals; sewer main dates from 1941
- Replace water mains, which date from 1938-1940
- Install new storm sewer
- Restore the drainage channel through Sunset Park



Street details: The construction will replace the asphalt pavement and install curb, which is not a popular option with residents, but the City's position is that curbs protect pavement, limit erosion, and protect trees (from parked vehicles). Options for street width are 24 feet, with parking on one side only, and an estimated removal of 20 trees; and 28 feet, with parking on both sides, and an estimated removal of 55 trees. The City recommends the 24 foot option, and residents agreed with a strong show of hands. The curb will be modified from the standard, at a 4 inch rolled curb head (as opposed to the 6 inch Hillcrest Drive curbs).

Storm sewer details: New storm sewer will be installed to collect storm water along the streets, especially at intersections. The drainage channel along N. Sunset will be rebuilt, with field stones, to address side slope erosion and flooding concerns. Some of the storm sewer system will discharge into the drainage channel, and the remaining storm water will tie into the system on Hillcrest Drive.

Tree Removal: Approximately 20 trees will be removed, mostly pre-emptive ash removals. Ash trees are at 232, 236, 313, 314 W. Sunset Court; and 225, 228, 302, 317, 318, 321, 329, 330 E. Sunset Court. Hickory trees are at 211 W. Sunset Court and 4122 and 4134 N. Sunset Court. Maple trees are at 237 and 311 W. Sunset Court, 4126 N. Sunset Court, and 337 E. Sunset Court.

Jim Wolfe is the project manager, JWolfe@cityofmadison.com.

The project website is www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/sunset-village



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Alder Gruber's District 11 October Newsletter

excerpted: Alder Gruber's October blog, www.cityofmadison.com/council/district11/blog/?Id=11716

Vote: Election day is Tuesday, November 8. Early voting, poll locations, and voting information can be found on the City Clerk's web site: www.cityofmadison.com/clerk. Don't forget to look on the back of the ballot, where there is a referendum question for the Madison Metropolitan School District.

Early voting hours at the Sequoya Library are:

9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday - Friday, September 26 - November 4

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturdays, October 1 - October 29

1 to 4:30 p.m., Sundays, October 2 - October 30



City of Madison Budget: This is the time of year when the city prepares its capital and operating budgets for the next year. The Mayor submits his executive budgets and the Board of Estimates and the Common Council make amendments to his proposal. Of interest to District 11, the Mayor's 2017 Capital Budget proposal had no funding for construction of the Madison Police Department Midtown District Station; the funding was delayed until 2018, which would have meant a 3 to 4 month delay beyond the timeline that was established for construction drawings and construction. The Board of Estimates approved an amendment sponsored by me and several other Alders that put funding for Midtown construction in the 2017 budget. Construction is expected to start in August 2017 and be completed in July 2018.

Fall Leaf Collection: The City of Madison began the annual Fall leaf collection on October 3rd. The Streets Division will continue to collect leaves as long as the weather permits through late November and early December. Streets Division crews follow a collection rotation. Crews begin by collecting leaves from residences within the Monday refuse district. Then they move on to the Tuesday district, and so on, through the Friday refuse district. Then crews begin the cycle again in the Monday district, continuing as long as the weather allows.

Leaves and yard waste are generally considered to be leafy plant material, and also small twigs less than 18 inches in length. Crews will also collect other yard waste and garden debris during the fall leaf collection period. This material includes pumpkins, corn stalks, pine cones, and so on. **Brush collection has finished for this year.** You can bring brush to 1501 W. Badger Rd. on the southwest side and 4602 Sycamore Ave. on the east side. The sites will be open seven days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, until December 4, 2016.

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Open Seat for District 11 Alder: As I promised during the selection process that led to me being appointed to fill the vacancy of District 11 Alder, I will not be running for election next year. An open seat means a good opportunity for someone to run for office, as it is easier to win an election for an open seat than it is to run against an incumbent. Running for Alder is a possibility for anyone, unlike higher offices that require huge amounts of fundraising. With a small amount of fundraising and door-to-door campaigning, anyone can potentially win an election.

Elections for City of Madison Alders are in April 2017. Although it is too early to begin campaigning, it is not too early to start thinking about it and planning. First steps include deciding if you have the interest, time and energy to serve as Alder, and discussing the possibility with your family and getting their support. I am willing to talk with anyone interested in running for Alder, either on the phone or in person.

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Hoyt Park in the News!

submitted by Anne Badey Raffa

The Friends of Hoyt Park is sponsoring its final volunteer workday for the season on Saturday, November 19. Those interested should meet by the Overlook at 10:00 AM for seed scattering. This work lasts from 10:00 AM until Noon, weather permitting. The contact person for this event is Tim Kessenich at kesset@tds.net.

Start the holiday season by coming to the Hoyt Holiday Party. This will take place on Thursday, December 8 at the Tamarack Trail Clubhouse, 110 S. Westfield Road, and is sure to be a grand time. Details including time and cost will be posted on the listserv. You could also email Anne at dancinthrulife14@gmail.com for more information.

The Full Moon Owl Walk will take place Friday, February 10 at the Hoyt Park Main Shelter. This is definitely something to look forward to in the winter. The time will be determined as we get closer to this date. Stay tuned!

University Houses Preschool Playgroups

submitted by Sara Quigle

Second Saturday of the month, September – May, 10:30 a.m. – noon, 6033 Odana Road

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. Bring your friends! Everyone is welcome at this free, fun event.

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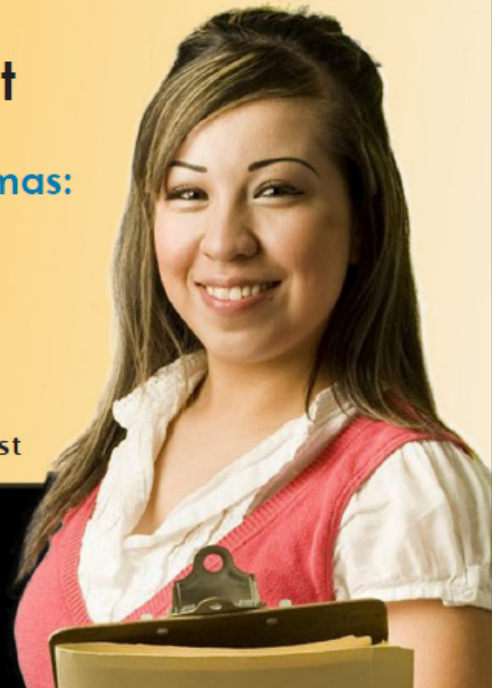


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2016 Ice Cream Social in Lucia Crest Park

Thanks to everyone who came to the August 6 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 5 x 3 gallons of ice cream at cost; **Luigi's** donated 5 pizzas, 2 boxes of garlic cheese bread, 1 box of dough knots; **Great Dane** donated 4 kegs of beer—Peck's Pilsner, Scotch Ale, Imperial IPA, American APA. Please support these local businesses and thank them during your next visit. New this year was a Sunset Village information/membership table, manned by Linda Fahy, Rica Dieterle and Sue Reynard. And a welcome surprise visit from David Thompson (Friends of Lake Wingra) with monarch butterflies for the kids to release. Photos by Liz Vowles: see SVCA Facebook site for MANY more.



NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

SVCA Quarterly Meeting

November 17, 6:30 p.m., Bethany Church

Halloween Parade in Sunset Park

Saturday, **October 29**, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Be there at 2:00 for the parade!

Bethany Church Fall Craft Fair

Saturday, **November 5**, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

3910 Mineral Point Road

Hoyt Holiday Party

Thursday, **December 8**

Tamarack Trail Clubhouse

Friends of Hoyt Park Events

<http://www.hoytpark.org/>

Hilldale Winter Farmers' Markets

Next to Sundance Theater

Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

November 12 - April 29

University Houses Preschool Playgroup

2nd Saturday of the month, September - May

10:30 a.m. - noon, 6033 Odana Road

Unitarian Society Noon Musicales

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

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