



Sunset Village Voice

Your Neighborhood Newsletter

Spring 2013

SVCA neighborhood meeting:

Thursday, May 9th at 6:30pm
at Bethany Methodist Church
3910 Mineral Point Road

Greetings neighbors,

I hope that by the time you read this, it will be Real Spring! There are a number of fun events and activities coming up, described inside this newsletter. So please check them out - the Summer Solstice 'Make Music Madison' Festival, new sports leagues, summer camps, spaghetti dinners. My thanks to everyone who volunteered to make these happen.

As many of you know, we had to cancel our Feb. 28 meeting at the last minute because the city had not yet finished the updated draft of the Hoyt Park Area Joint Neighborhood Plan for neighborhood association review. My apologies to those who did not get the word.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 9 from 6:30-9:00 at Bethany United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall (3910 Mineral Pt. Rd). Please note the new location, due to room availability issues. We'll devote our meeting to consideration of the Hoyt JN Plan. That document is quite large, so I encourage you to read it in advance, along with various comments and associated materials, at www.cityofmadison.com/planning/HoytParkPlan/. It might be handy to bring both the draft and the city staff report to our meeting. This plan is scheduled to be introduced to the Madison Common Council meeting on May 21, and then to be considered at a variety of city commission meetings. Finally, I'd like to thank our fellow adjoining neighbors in this undertaking, the good folks in Rocky Bluff, Sunset Hills and

VanChaMasShe.



Best Regards,
Ken Raffa

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Lucia Crest Park Concert

A 'Make Music Madison' Event in Sunset Village

Friday, **June 21, 6:30 - 8:30pm** at Lucia Crest Park

Tim Gruber and friends will host a concert of acoustic music in Lucia Crest Park on June 21, the Summer Solstice, as part of a city-wide evening of music in public places called Make Music Madison.

Neighborhood musicians are invited to play.

To perform, or help out, please contact Tim Gruber: timothy_gruber@yahoo.com or (608)338-3840.



Anybody else want to organize a Make Music event in Sunset Village? Come up with a good idea, find a place (your driveway or garage?), plan a parade or a picnic—then register by May 15 at: www.makemusicmadison.org/

Hoyt Park Area Joint Neighborhood Plan

The Final Draft version of the Hoyt Park Area Joint Neighborhood Plan is available at www.cityofmadison.com/planning/HoytParkPlan/. Please scroll down to the heading: MARCH 13, 2013 FINAL DRAFT VERSION. Each of the four neighborhood associations, Rocky Bluff, Sunset Hills, Sunset Village, and VanChaMasShe, will have neighborhood meetings



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to solicit input on the final draft. The respective neighborhood associations will prepare a letter detailing community support or opposition to plan content, recommendations, and implementation strategies. The Sunset Village meeting will be on May 9. The Hoyt Park Plan will be introduced to the Madison Common Council at its May 21 meeting and will also be referred to various Boards and Commissions for review.

The final step is the adoption of the Hoyt Park Area Joint Neighborhood Plan. The general public is encouraged to provide written comments or register their support/opposition at the Common Council, City Board or Commission meetings. The schedule for adoption will be periodically updated so please check the City of Madison Legistar or Hoyt Plan website to confirm meeting dates and times.

You can send written correspondence to:

Ruth Ethington

Attn: Hoyt Park Area Joint Neighborhood Plan
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Madison School and Community Recreation (MSCR) Events

Adult Co-ed Kickball League registration starts April 16 and the season begins May 21. Leagues are for men and women 18 and older. There is a 12 player minimum and each team must be co-ed. The team may have 50 percent of the roster as non-residents. Teams play Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights at Bowman Park, 1700 Fish Hatchery Road. Application materials are available at MSCR, 3802 Regent Street or www.mschr.org. Call 204-3024 or visit: www.mschr.org.

Madison Lakes: What's at the Bottom? Saturday, April 27, 9-11 a.m., La Follette High School auditorium. Join Rick Krueger for this unique perspective of Madison's lakes. Perfect for fishermen and history buffs to experience stories, videos and pictures of what is on the bottom of our lakes. Learn about a homemade launch that sank, Black Hawk cave on Lake Mendota where Chief Black Hawk hid, sunken boats and cars, bullets from the Civil War, and much more. Krueger is best known for solving a 45 year old mystery of two men who mysteriously disappeared. Cost: \$5. Use course #42295 to register at www.mschr.org.

Free Spaghetti Dinners

submitted by Jason, First Baptist Church

Starting May 6th we are going to be hosting free spaghetti dinners on the first* Monday of the month at 6 p.m. Our goal is that this becomes a time for the neighborhood to get together and just be together. Here are the dates: May 6, June 3, July 1, Aug. 5, *Sept. 9 (2nd), Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec 2. Location: First Baptist Church, 518 N. Franklin, 233-1880.

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Dr. Jonathan Patz Speaks on Climate Change at West High

submitted by Jane Corkery

Jonathan Patz, MD, MPH will be speaking at West High School about climate change on Wednesday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the West High auditorium. Dr. Patz is a Professor & Director of the Global Health Institute at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. He served as a lead author for the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (or IPCC) – the organization that shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with Al Gore. Dr. Patz co-chaired the health expert panel of the U.S. National Assessment on Climate Change and was a convening lead author for the United Nations/World Bank Millennium Ecosystem Assessment. He devotes significant efforts to public science communication, contributing to a 2008 Time Magazine article, an HBO Documentary “Too Hot Not to Handle,” and numerous state and local news reports on emerging issues in environmental health. Dr. Patz’s commitment to preventative medicine and environmental sustainability guides his personal lifestyle.



Madison is very fortunate to have Dr. Patz as a member of its broader community and fortunate that he has offered to share his expertise. His presentation at West High is open to the public and is sponsored by West HOUSE Connection, a division of the West High School PTSO. The West High auditorium is located off of Regent Street.



Commuter Parking Congestion

We all know that Sunset Village has pockets of congestion from commuter parking. This has been particularly marked this winter when snow has reduced street widths; and cars parked on both sides of a street can restrict even ordinary cars from going through, let alone work and emergency vehicles. Some of the problem streets are the north end of N. Owen, Heather Crest, Meadow Lane. The City of Madison police will not ticket legally parked cars, even if they do impede emergency vehicles. The photo shows N. Owen Avenue where it meets Eugenia Avenue. Eugenia has 2 hour restricted parking; N. Owen does not.

Let's Eat Out Madison: Food Carts

Let's Eat Out Madison: a celebration of community and food through food carts is coming to the west side. The carts are open for dinner on Tuesdays, 4:30 to 7 p.m., on Midvale Blvd. between Odana and Mineral Point (right by Midvale Elementary). Enjoy food from SoHo Gourmet Cuisines, Slide, In N Out Empanadas. Check the Facebook page for more info, sudden changes (due to weather or otherwise) and new locations as the year goes on: www.facebook.com/LetsEatOutMadison/info



West Madison Senior Center Saturday Dinners

Seniors in Sunset Village are invited to affordable nights out at the West Madison Senior Center, 602 Sawyer Terrace (near Hilldale Mall). Dinner is at 5:30 pm, followed by entertainment at 6:30 pm. For anyone 60+, the cost of dinner is a donation (suggested donation is \$3.00). Please pay what you can afford. For anyone under 60, the cost is \$6.15. For dinner reservations, call 238-0196 before noon the Friday before.

May 11: Jewop, UW Madison's a cappella group, who sing a wide assortment of Jewish songs from Klezmer, to prayer, to popular music. June 8: Steve James on bass, and Doug Terhune on saxophone, playing classical, pop and old familiar tunes.

The Senior Center also provides weekday meals, classes and programs. The Coalition offers meals at two other dining sites during the week. West Madison Senior Coalition Newsletters are available at the Sequoia Branch Library and also online by googling: West Madison Senior Coalition newsletter.

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Bethany Brewer Bus Trips

Bethany United Methodist Church, 3910 Mineral Point Rd., is offering three coach bus trips to Miller Park this year:

1. June 21, Friday evening, vs. Atlanta Braves, \$68.00 per person
2. July 25, Thursday afternoon, vs. San Diego Padres, \$66.00 per person, including a family-style Italian-American dinner after in West Allis
3. Sept. 17, Tuesday evening, vs. Chicago Cubs, \$79.00 per person

Departure times from the church: for 6/21 & 9/17, 4:00 pm; for 7/25, 10:10 am

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For more details on deadlines, minimums, and a reservation form, contact Glenn Kramer, at gkramer40@gmail.com or 608-661-0583.

SVCA Garage Sale!

Clean out those closets, garages and basements; it's time to get ready for the Sunset Village Garage Sale, which will take place on July 26 and 27.

A map will be available to help shoppers navigate Sunset Village and locate our abundant bargains. If you plan to participate and would like to include your sale on the map, please email Amanda Struckmeyer at amandacmoss@gmail.com by July 1.

Architectural Survey Findings

The City of Madison, with a grant from the Wisconsin Historical Society, conducted a Post WWII Architectural housing survey and identified a part of Sunset Village as the "Sunset Village Historic District," with properties of architectural and historical significance. See the results of this housing survey, including maps and photos, on the Hoyt Plan website:

www.cityofmadison.com/planning/HoytParkPlan/background/studies.cfm

University Ave. Corridor Traffic Study

Sunset Village and west side neighbors participated in a March 12th workshop for the Near Westside Transportation Study. After a short informational presentation attendees broke into small groups to list and report primary concerns and goals for the University Avenue corridor. If you couldn't attend the meeting you can still participate in a USER SURVEY at www.surveymonkey.com/s/DBVCKW5.

City of Madison, the Village of Shorewood Hills, and the UW-Wisconsin Madison are undertaking a transportation study of the Near Westside including the University Avenue Corridor and select nearby neighborhood streets. University Avenue is a primary arterial street carrying over 50,000 vehicles per average weekday, which often results in severe congestion, crashes and delay to motorists, public transit riders, pedestrians and bicyclists. As a result, some drivers may use nearby residential streets in both Madison and Shorewood Hills to avoid traffic delays and congestion. Residential streets are not intended for this use, and this traffic can have a negative impact on quality of life, pedestrians and bicyclists.

This study will evaluate transportation impacts for proposed and future development including development opportunities within existing neighborhoods, using adopted neighborhood plans as a basis for future redevelopment, and wants to solicit and organize feedback from area stakeholders.



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Join the Fight for Fair Housing!

Laurel Bastian, Fair Housing Center of Greater Madison

Housing discrimination is common, yet most people remain unaware of its prevalence. Equal housing opportunity, the idea that all people should have equal access to all the housing they can afford, is still an elusive dream for many Dane County residents.

Fair housing laws make it illegal for housing providers to discriminate based on race, marital status, disability, family status (including presence of children in a household) and other protected characteristics. In this day and age, however, housing discrimination is often subtle and difficult to detect. In many instances, people leave an interaction with a housing provider unaware that they have been treated differently than someone else because of their race, because they have kids or because they have a disability.

If you are concerned about housing discrimination in your neighborhood, please consider becoming involved in the ongoing struggle for equal housing opportunity. The Fair Housing Center of Greater Madison provides educational workshops for civic and social service groups, neighborhood organizations and others interested in learning more about fair housing issues, including residential segregation, the nature of discrimination and how to become a volunteer in a unique part of the fight for social justice in our communities.

Call Laurel Bastian at 608-257-0853 for more information or to schedule a presentation for your group. If you think you may have been illegally denied housing on the basis of your race, national origin, sex, familial status, disability, age, lawful source of income, sexual orientation, or another characteristic, call our toll-free complaint hotline at 1-877-647-FAIR (3247).

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Friends of Hoyt Park Annual Meeting

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Capitol City Band's 45th Season at Rennebohm Park

The Capitol City Band is a professional community concert band founded in 1969 and conducted by Jim Latimer. The band plays free concerts on Thursday at Rennebohm Park from June 13 through August 29, 7:00-8:00 pm. The July 4 concert will be a "Tribute to the Troops—then and now." Bring a chair and listen to a range of music from John Philip Sousa to Cabaret to Artie Shaw to the Beatles. Concerts feature soloists from within and outside the band, as well as local guest conductors. The Band is launching its 2013 fundraising to cover the costs of the free concerts. Please send contributions in any amount to Capitol City Band, PO Box 258007, Madison, WI 53725.



Garlic Mustard in Quarry and Hoyt Parks

It's that time again—garlic mustard in our parks and woods. Garlic mustard is a biennial herb that invades and spreads rapidly in wooded areas and roadsides, such as Quarry Park; it is termed "ecologically invasive" by the DNR. Garlic mustard is most easily recognized when it blooms in early May (mid-April some years), and is controlled or eradicated by pulling in April and May, before it goes to seed. It can be identified by its cluster of small white flowers at the top and its round toothed leaves (not to be confused with the phlox-like Dame's Rocket). If your Eugenia or Rocky Ledge yard backs onto Quarry Park, please help by pulling the garlic mustard in your purview (and please don't pile brush over garlic mustard stands). Garlic mustard grows throughout Quarry Park, with concentrations along Stevens Street, the far west end, northeast corner, and several central locations. If you live on Bagley or Vaughn Court you can monitor Hoyt Park woods behind your home. And anywhere you live, please pull garlic mustard in your yard—the small seeds are spread into our natural areas on our shoes, bike tires, or dog's paws. Plants should be pulled getting the entire root and then bagged for disposal, or left in piles to be found for later bagging; please don't just fling them around, as they may still form seed from the flowers. For good illustrations and more information check these Web sites:

<http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/fact/alpe1.htm>

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/invasives/fact/garlicmustard.html>

http://www.ipaw.org/invaders/garlic_mustard/GarlicMustardHandout.pdf

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Make Music Madison seeks Musicians and Spaces for June 21!

If you go to cities like Paris, New York, and Los Angeles on June 21st, the Summer Solstice, you'll find live music performed in public places like street corners as far as the ear can hear. Amateurs and professionals alike play and sing in groups of every conceivable size and configuration. This global happening began in Paris as "Fete de la Musique" in 1982, and now over 450 communities offer their own versions of the event around the world.

This summer, it will debut in Madison; it's called Make Music Madison. It will provide the opportunity for Madisonians from all walks of life and skill levels to perform as part of a citywide celebration of live music. Virtually any way in which citizens can imagine to make music is welcome. The music performances will transform parks, front yards and more into impromptu musical stages, dance floors, and community gathering places.

Make Music Madison will take place on Friday, June 21, primarily from 4:00 to 8:00 PM but also at other times as well. City permitting has been resolved: the city would like live music performances at bus transfer points, libraries, the zoo, the airport, on sidewalks, in parks, in front of businesses, and in public and private spaces all around Madison.

Visit www.makemusicmadison.org and click on "Sign Up Now to Play or Host a Performance" to find musicians and venues and schedule performances. Make Music Madison will transform the entire city into one stage. In order to create an endless soundscape, musicians and venues need to sign up. Please support Make Music Madison: sign up, pass the word, and encourage others to sign up. All types of music are welcome and all skill levels of musicians are encouraged to participate. Everybody who signs up to perform will get a place to do so. Be part of the first ever make Music Madison. To learn more, go to www.makemusicmadison.org



Neighborhood Dog Run

Submitted by: Ulrike Dieterle

Earlier this year, discussion started on submitting a proposal for a small, off-leash dog run to the 2013 City of Madison Neighborhood Grant Program. The proposal would create one or possibly two fenced dog runs on the strips of land between the two lanes of Vernon Blvd. Vernon Blvd runs east/west between Midvale and Segoe. It is south of Hilldale Mall and north of Regent and bridges two neighborhoods – Sunset Village and Hill Farms.

The original idea elicited shouts of joy and support from the small group of neighbors surveyed. A nearby, year-round, off-leash dog run would provide a walkable neighborhood destination for both dogs and dog-owners to exercise and socialize. Since there are two distinct strips of open land, one could be for small and the other for larger dogs.

While the grant proposal for this year was not submitted due to a tight deadline and lack of ramp-up time, City staff advised us to explore the idea in more detail for future consideration. Interested in further discussions, contact Ulrike Dieterle at 233-9151 or ulrike.dieterle@gmail.com

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NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

SVCA quarterly meeting

Thursday, May 9, 6:30 p.m.
Bethany Methodist Church
3910 Mineral Point Road

Neighborhood Garage Sale

July 26 and 27

Ice Cream Social

Saturday, August 3, 1-4 p.m.
Lucia Crest Park with ice cream & beer

Hoyt Park Summer Picnic

Saturday, July 6, 12-3 p.m.
Main Shelter

Hoyt Park Nature Walks

Wednesday mornings, 8:00 a.m.
Main parking lot

Hilldale Farmers' Market

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