



Sunset Village Voice

Your Neighborhood Newsletter

Summer 2012

Next SVCA neighborhood meeting:
Thursday, September 6th at 6:30pm
at The Sequoya Library

Hi neighbors,

I hope you fared as well as possible during that heat wave we just pulled through, and that you're successfully nurturing your gardens and landscape plants through this ongoing drought.

There are a number of fun events coming up, so be sure to mark your calendars: 1) Neighborhood Garage Sale: July 27 and 28, organizer Amanda Moss Struckmeyer; 2) Ice Cream Social: Saturday, August 4, 1-4 p.m. at Lucia Crest Park with ice cream, beer and pizza, organizer Brian Andersen; 3) Halloween parade: Not firmly scheduled, but typically 2-4 p.m. at Sunset Park, most likely Sunday, Oct 28. We could use a volunteer to co-organize this – let me know if you can help. Special thanks to Brian, Amanda, and everyone else who has made these get-togethers so successful!

Also mark on your calendars that our next Sunset Village Community Association meeting will be Thursday, Sept 6, from 6:30 - 9:00 at Sequoya Library. As we plan upcoming meetings, I'd like to hear from you about particular topics that you'd like to see addressed. For example, last year we had a very informative and useful presentation by a member of the Madison City Clerk's office on the new voter ID laws. Some ideas we've bandied about for future meetings include presentations by city police on neighborhood security issues and a city forester for dealing with the impending emerald ash borer.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. It's going by way too fast!

Ken Raffa

Summer 2012 in pictures:



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Hoyt Park Area Joint Neighborhood Plan Update

To review: The City of Madison Department of Planning & Community & Economic Development is working with the Sunset Hills, Sunset Village, VanCheMasShe and (the new) Rocky Bluff Neighborhood Associations, Hilldale Homeowners Association, Friends of Hoyt Park and interested residents, businesses and stakeholders to develop a 5-10 year plan for the Hoyt Park Area Joint Neighborhood Plan study area. The Hoyt Plan is a



supplement to the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan and provides more detailed land use and design recommendations. Vandewalle & Associates, a private consulting firm based in Madison, is assisting the City and the community to prepare the plan under a \$50,000 City of Madison neighborhood grant. Public input has included large community meetings, business and resident surveys, neighborhood walkabouts and focus groups.

Over 130 participants attended the 3rd Public Meeting on May 30 and reviewed all components of the Plan. The comment period went through Jun 22 and a great many comment sheets were returned to the City, as well as a flood of email comments.

The quarterly SVCA meeting on June 12, attended by 24, gave participants yet another chance to discuss the potential redevelopment areas detailed in the May draft of the Hoyt Plan. The former Mt. Olive site on Mineral Point Road remains the most contentious issue with residents on Westmorland, Hammersley and nearby streets still in disagreement with the four design scenarios presented by Vandewalle in the Plan. To view the minutes of this spirited discussion go to the SVCA website.

On June 26, the City of Madison conducted a joint meeting with neighborhood association presidents and board members to review the May draft of the Plan, discuss next steps, and discuss key recommendations and unresolved issues. SVCA sent 5 residents to this meeting—Ken Raffa, SVCA president, as well as Sue Reynard, Melanie Kranz, Bev Flanigan and Liz Vowles; these last 4 are not board members but were



nominated at the June 12 SVCA meeting. The two issues of primary concern were sidewalks on Ridge, Harvey and Stevens Streets, of special interest to the Rocky Bluff NA; and the four design scenarios in the Plan for the former Mt. Olive site. The City left with another list of comments to add to the many garnered from the May 30 public meeting.

The revised Hoyt Park Area Joint Neighborhood Plan will be released in mid-August and will be followed by a review and comment period. The next SVCA quarterly meeting on September 6 will be mostly devoted to further discussion of the Plan as it nears its final form. For more information, to read the Plan draft and mid-August release, etc. visit the city website: www.cityofmadison.com/planning/hoytParkPlan/.

Photos taken by Steve Siehr



Farmers Among Us

Sunset Village has a diverse professional population, public and private sector, blue and white collar, and, interestingly, a number of folks with farming connections. There are, in fact, three such people on one block of Eugenia Avenue and here are two of their stories. You are encouraged to add your stories to this series, Farmers Among Us.

Edgerton/Eugenia Connection

John Hurd has lived on Eugenia Avenue since 2010, but he still runs the family farm, Hurd Farm Inc., near Edgerton. John is the fifth generation on the farm, now 600 acres. His forebears walked across the country from the East in 1836 and settled along the Rock River. When John returned to the farm he and his father raised beef cattle until 1992 and John was still raising corn and soybeans until 2010; now most of the cropland is rented to neighboring farmers. John started his flower business in 1988, with dried flowers at first. Now he sells cut peony flowers as well as cut flowers from bridal wreath spirea, snowball viburnum and peewee hydrangea; and berries from highbush cranberry viburnum and winterberry holly—all raised on 12 acres. His flowers are sold to supermarkets through brokers; this year's peony crop went to Whole Foods stores in the eastern U.S. Our crazy 2012 weather has been hard on John's crops. He lost half his peony flowers to the March warm-up followed by April freezes; for the same reason there were no highbush cranberry berries or snowball viburnum flowers. Winterberry holly, typically sold and most appealing in October and winter months, may be ready a full month early. Of course, for farmers and gardeners, there's always next year.



John gets away from the farm to spend every February and March volunteering with Mayan Families, a small non-profit organization which operates in the Highlands of Guatemala. But that's another story.

Blue Mounds/Eugenia Connection

I'm Liz Vowles, on Eugenia Avenue. I have been selling at the Dane County Farmers' Market since 1975. My husband, Lloyd Mueller, and I started growing a variety of vegetables and flowers but eventually settled on ornamental corn and pumpkins as our main crops. We moved to Eugenia Avenue in 1995. After Lloyd's death in 2000 I took a year off but resumed farming in 2002. Our growing plot is one acre of land in the valley on Highway Z south of Blue Mounds. I still grow the ornamental corn and small pumpkins (Jack-be-Little) for the market, as well as tomatoes, winter squash and large pumpkins for personal use and to spread the bounty among friends. I plant the corn and keep the weeds down with a tractor (Ferguson TO20) mounted corn planter and cultivator as well as a hand hoe for weeds in the rows. The corn is picked by hand and in September you might find me husking it in the garage. We always saved our own seed from the nicest corn ears and added a little popcorn into the genetic mix to get shinier and more refined kernels. This year's drought has caused me, for the first time, to do a minimal watering of each of the approximately 2400 corn plants, so my corn is in somewhat better shape than most in the area. There are advantages and disadvantages to living in town and farming 25 miles away—I don't look upon weather disaster outside the window every day but may be slow to realize when a crop is really in trouble. It's a good year to be a very small farmer, as drought conditions go from moderate to severe.



Join Center for Families to Paint the Town Blue!

The 4th annual Paint the Town Blue event will be held on August 16, 2012 in support of child abuse prevention. Blue is the color that has been adopted nationally in honor of this cause. Center for Families has been providing respite and home visiting by providing counseling and assistance to more than 2,500 families, impacting over 5,000 children in our area.

Join us in celebrating the promise of a safe and secure future for Dane County children. Live music, great food, an art silent auction, a presentation of our "Good People Awards" to community members making a difference—all overlooking one of the most beautiful scenes of the Capitol Square. Ticket price: \$35 prior to August 2nd; \$50 after that leading up to event. All profits go to support the vital work we have been doing for decades in Dane County and will continue to do so with your heartfelt support.

For more information: contact Caitlin Ninedorf @ 608.729.1183 or caitlinn@centerforfamilies.org or visit our website at www.centerforfamilies.org



Sunset Village Ice Cream Social

Saturday, August 4, 1-4 p.m. in Lucia Crest Park (Rain date is Sunday, August 5)



Come visit with your neighbors and enjoy complimentary treats from our generous neighborhood businesses: Chocolate Shoppe ice cream, Great Dane beer, Luigi's pizza.

We will also kick off our 2013 membership drive at this event. Sunset Village is once again offering Bucky Books with neighborhood membership donations of as little as \$35. Support your neighborhood and save hundreds of dollars over the next year on food, drink, bowling, golf and much more. Just bring a check to the ice cream social and we will make sure you receive your Bucky Book as soon as they are available (usually late August).

Lantern Festival at Sequoia Library

Make a collection of paper lanterns and light them with safe, flameless candles. Ages 5 & up. Children under 7 must have an adult helper. Sequoia Library, Tuesday, August 14, 2:00 p.m. Registration begins 7/31. More info and registration at: www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/kids/special-summer-event-series



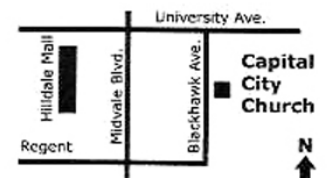
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- Adult Home Groups
- Prayer Meetings
- Fellowship
- Outreach

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- Thanksgiving Dinner
- Christmas Party
- Alpha Course
- Spring Retreat
- Summer Activities
- XA College Student Ministry

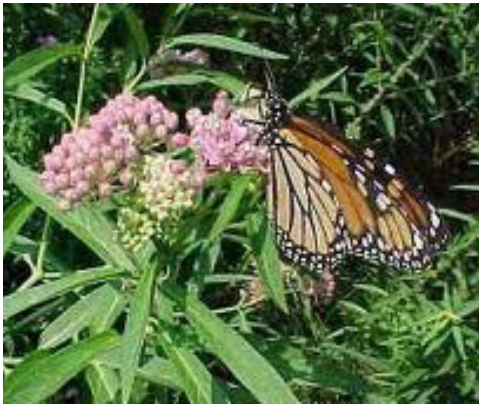


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Raising Monarch Butterflies in Sunset Village

Doug Anderson has been raising monarch butterflies for many years at his home on Eugenia Avenue. Every spring Doug buys swamp (also known as red) milkweed (*asclepias incarnata*) plants at a local nursery and sets them out in pots on his patio. He also has swamp milkweed as well as common milkweed (*asclepias syriaca*) in profusion in his back yard. The first monarchs appear in our area in May and lay their eggs on the still small milkweed plants. Later in June and July, when our native and garden flowers are in bloom, monarchs are more abundant and their eggs more easily spotted on the milkweed plants. Monarch butterflies prefer to lay their eggs on the swamp milkweed but the common milkweed has larger leaves, the better to support the caterpillar as it eats its way to an eventual length of at least two inches. (And does it eat—if you listen closely you can hear a large caterpillar chomping its way along a



monarch butterfly on swamp (red) milkweed

leaf.) Milkweeds are also nectar plants for the adult butterflies, and are fragrant to us as well. Other nectar plants, which can be found in many Sunset Village yards, are verbena bonariensis, butterfly bush, butterfly weed, Joe-Pye weed, zinnias, purple coneflower, bee-balm, tithonia (Mexican sunflower).

Doug finds the eggs, or the tiny newly emerged caterpillars, on his outside milkweed plants and brings them in to his screened back porch for safety from predatory flies, wasps and birds. He hatched 17 monarchs from the first wave of egg laying, which occurred in May this year. Now he is finding eggs and nursing caterpillars from the second wave. He set a new record for himself in 2011 when he hatched 80 butterflies. He has also spread this enthusiasm to at least one Eugenia neighbor.



For more information about the monarch butterfly life cycle, generations and migration go to www.monarch-butterfly.com and other web sites. Some sources of swamp milkweed are Johannsen's, Jung Garden Center, Felly's, Flower Factory. Info about how to grow common milkweed may be found on-line. You're welcome to stop at Doug's house at 625 Eugenia, or neighbor Liz's at 633 Eugenia, to see the monarch cycle in action.

Donate to the Salvation Army Women's Shelter

The Salvation Army Women's Shelter currently is in need of clean bath towels, wash clothes and washable pillows. If you are cleaning out old twin fitted or flat sheets, pillow cases, suitcases, duffel bags, or blankets, please consider donating these items. If you are traveling or going to the dentist, the courtesy shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes are always in demand. In addition, flip flops and seasonal women's clothing are always appreciated. Donations may be dropped off at the Salvation Army at 630 East Washington, at the office of First Congregational UCC Church on Breese Terrace, or you can call Elizabeth Ringle at 819-1176 for neighborhood pick up.

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Forget the Grass—Water Your Trees

Madison Parks Department

The hot, dry weather conditions are stressful to newly planted trees. Over 5,000 street trees planted over the last two years are in need of watering. The City is asking homeowners to help by watering their newly planted trees in front of their houses. The root systems of these recently planted trees are not yet fully established and require some extra care. City trees as well as your own newly planted trees may require six to eight gallons of water every 10 days. The soil should be moist, not saturated. People are encouraged to water in the

early morning or early evening to minimize water loss from evaporation.

The Dane County Tree Board advises using shredded bark mulch to help retain soil moisture. Never pile mulch up against the trunk. Start mulching about four inches out from the trunk, and don't apply it deeper than four inches. If the area has not been mulched before, water the ground deeply before mulching. Then water again after mulching to wet down the mulch so the next application of water is more effective. For additional tree care tips, visit the Forestry Division's web page: www.cityofmadison.com/parks/services/forestry



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Community Block Party

Bethany United Methodist Church (3910 Mineral Point Road) is holding a Community Block Party on Sunday, August 26, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free hot dogs, lemonade, ice cream and a live band. Games for the kids include crafts and a bouncy castle. Mark your calendars and plan to join us and meet up with your neighbors. More info at www.bethanymadison.org.

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Madison Meet and Eat

Enjoy a delicious diversity of food at this City of Madison planned event: **Madison Meet and Eat**, a unique event that brings Madison's food cart vendors to a neighborhood and encourages the community to connect and enjoy a fun night out. The next two **Madison Meet and Eat** events will be held on Thursday, July 26 and Thursday, August 2 from 5:00-7:30 p.m., both at the lot adjacent to and near Meadowood Shopping Center at 5800 Raymond Road. Picnic tables and bathrooms will be available at this event.

The Meadowood Madison Meet and Eat Participating Food Vendors

- Banzo – Classic Mediterranean Fusions
- Caracas Empanadas – Empanadas
- Electric Earth – Soups, Salads and Sandwiches
- Ernie's Kettle Korn – Fresh popped Kettle Korn
- FIB's – Chicago-style Hot Dogs and Sandwiches
- Hibachi Hut – Japanese Hibachi and Stir Fry
- Luangprabang – Traditional Thai
- Natural Juice – Smoothies and Spring Rolls
- Tea Garden – Bubble Tea
- Teriyaki Samurai – Japanese Hibachi
- Wei's Food to Go – Asian Food and Drink



Guests are encouraged to walk, bike or bus to the event as there is limited parking on site. Please park on neighborhood streets or limited parking will be available at the Meadowood Shopping Center. Please email Anne Whisner at awhisner@cityofmadison.com with questions or for more information. Do you know of some other cool event taking place in or near Madison? If so, please contact Andrew or Liz and let them know about it! We are happy to pass along the information.

Halloween Parade

Needs a new Organizer!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sunday, October 28, 2-4 p.m. in Sunset Park. Don't wait for the next newsletter—mark your calendars now. Come for a costume parade and dress rehearsal for Halloween night. Metcalfe's will supply cider and apples. Brian Andersen has organized the parade for the last several years (and the Ice Cream Social and is SVCA treasurer). It's time for a new volunteer. If you are interested please contact Brian at 228-2414 or banderse@yahoo.com.



Can't Get Enough Cajun Music?

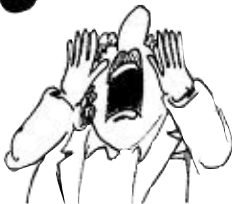
Missed the Fete De Marquette or just can't get enough Cajun music? Then check out the Mount Horeb Cajun Fest on August 4, 2012 from noon to midnight at Sunrise Park in Mount Horeb, 119 Telemark Parkway, for some good creole food, good Cajun music and good times. Madison's very own Cajun Strangers will be performing. For more information call (608) 437-5914

Check out these other events in troll-land!

- Mount Horeb Art Fair
July 21-22
- Thirsty Troll Brew Fest
September 8
- Fall Heritage Festival
October 6-7



Volunteers!



Soliciting Newsletter Articles

As you can see we have featured articles about

SVCA residents on Eugenia Avenue in this issue, primarily because one of your newsletter editors lives on Eugenia. If you would like to write about yourself or to suggest a neighbor with an interesting activity or history, please contact your editors. Help us to highlight our neighborhood.

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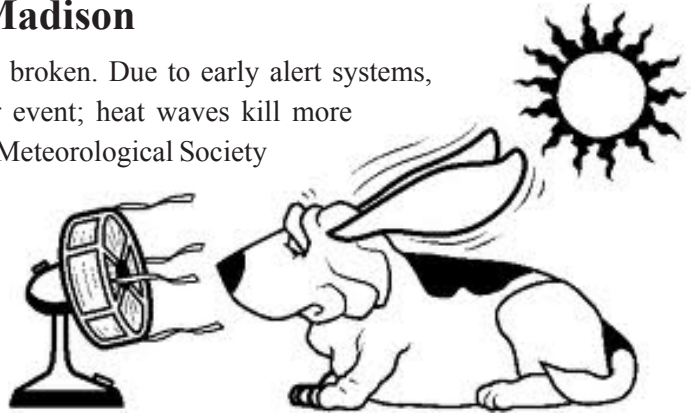
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Heat and Drought Breaking Records in Madison

With three days topping 100 degrees, a 1939 state record was broken. Due to early alert systems, hurricanes and tornadoes are not the most dangerous weather event; heat waves kill more Americans than any other type of natural disaster. The American Meteorological Society reports that on average heat kills more than 1,000 people each year, and, in the 40-year period from 1936 through 1975, nearly 20,000 people were killed in the United States by the effects of heat and solar radiation.

In Madison, only 0.35 inches of rain was reported in all of June, breaking the previous record low of 0.59 inches set more than 100 years ago in 1895. The Governor declared a state

of emergency in 42 southern Wisconsin counties on Monday, July 9th, due to drought or abnormally dry conditions as Wisconsin continues to suffer from a brutal heat wave and lack of rain, and on July 12 the U.S. Drought Monitor upgraded the southern two tiers of Wisconsin counties from a moderate drought to a severe drought. Be safe and stay cool!



Grass Fires Sweep Across Madison

Adapted from City of Madison website

As dry weather continues, City of Madison firefighters are responding to an average of 3-5 grass fires every day. These extremely dry conditions have dramatically increased the potential for outside fires.

If you smoke, please discard cigarette butts with care; douse them in water or dispose of them in a non-combustible container designed for that purpose. Most fireworks are prohibited in the City of Madison with the exceptions of caps, snaps, snakes, party poppers and sparklers. However, residents are urged to refrain from using any fireworks during this extremely dry weather. Open burning is strictly prohibited in the City, except in allowable outdoor fireplaces and grills under certain conditions, but residents are asked to refrain from using any outdoor fireplaces until the area receives some rain. If any fire poses a perceived nuisance or safety hazard, firefighters may be called and will extinguish those fires at their discretion. Residents who see smoke or fire in any grassy area are advised to call 911 immediately. Grass fires move very quickly on dry ground and require a rapid response to ensure containment.

For more information contact: Lori Wirth with the City of Madison Fire Department at lwirth@cityofmadison.com or (608) 575-4943.

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Thursday, September 6, 6:30 p.m.
Sequoia Library

Neighborhood Garage Sale

July 27 and 28

SVCA Ice Cream Social

Saturday, August 4, 1- 4 p.m.
Lucia Crest Park with

- Chocolate Shoppe ice cream
- Luigi's pizza
- Great Dane beer



Bethany Community Block Party

Sunday, August 26, 11:30- 2 p.m.
3910 Mineral Point Road

Capitol City Band Concerts

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.
June 14 through August 30
Rennebohm Park

SVCA Halloween Parade

Sunday, October 28, 2- 4 p.m.
Sunset Park

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Deadline for the last 2012 newsletter:

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Send ads as jpgs or pdfs to Andrew at dabernhardt@gmail.com

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Plant Watering and Pet Sitting

For cats, birds and fish. Sorry, no dogs or reptiles. Responsible 10 year old with references. Call 819-1176.

Childcare

New Family Day Care in the neighborhood. State Licensed, certified, degreed provider with 28 yrs. experience working in the Madison community with children & families. A variety of daily age appropriate activities. Nutritious meals, pet and parent friendly! Call 225-2656.

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Childcare

Responsible West High School Senior available for childcare on weekends and evenings. Babysitting training from Red Cross. Neighborhood references available. --Emma Minkoff
Call: 231-2275 or E-mail: anderkoff@yahoo.com

Tutoring

West High School Senior available for tutoring in Maths, Chemistry, English and Spanish. She is currently a member of the Peer Mentoring program at West High. Contact Juliette Bentolila at juliette.xoxo@yahoo.com

Book Club

Meet your neighbors, enjoy great conversation, and discuss a wide range of books. For more information, contact Linda Fahy at lbahy_27@hotmail.com

Yard work - Babysitting - Cleaning

Handy hardworking 15 year old Emma paints, weeds, mows, rakes, mulches, and anything else you need done in the garden! She also babysits and cleans.

Contact Emma at 441-5571

West Side Farmers' Markets

Hilldale Summer Farmers' Market

Wednesday and Saturday 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Hilldale Mall, west parking lot, at Segoe Rd.

Westside Community Market

Saturday, 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Hill Farms Department of Transportation Parking Lot