



Sunset Village Voice

Your Neighborhood Newsletter

Summer 2013

SVCA neighborhood meeting:
Tuesday, August 27th at 6:30pm
at Bethany Methodist Church
3910 Mineral Point Road

Greetings neighbors,

Thanks to everyone who made Sunset Village's 'Make Music Madison' evening so much fun, especially organizer Tim Gruber. It was a great time and well attended. Thanks also to our Westmorland neighbors for their annual Fourth of July Festival. Summertime is grand!

At our May 9 meeting, we approved the Hoyt Park Area Joint Neighborhood Plan Draft. All the other neighborhood associations also approved it. We're especially fortunate to have two Sunset Villagers, Jean MacCubbin and Jason Valerius, as Steering Committee Co-Chairs in forming this shared vision. The next stage, input from various city commissions, is underway and can introduce substantial changes. The final version goes before Common Council September 3.

A recent development - Edgewood College wants to purchase the Mt. Olive property for their Music School. They asked me to arrange a get-acquainted meeting with neighbors who live alongside the site. We had a very nice meeting, attended by 3 Edgewood reps, Mt. Olive's realtor, and 14 neighbors. The neighbors' response was unanimously highly positive. So Edgewood wants to expand their gauge of neighborhood support. They asked me to solicit your reactions, concerns, etc., which I'll forward. As background, they plan to use the existing building, retain the parking lot, conduct a master plan and traffic study, and modify zoning to permit a college. Thanks to Jean MacCubbin for facilitating initial contacts.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 27, 6:30-9:00 at Bethany United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall. We'll discuss city commissions' input on our Neighborhood Plan.

Best Regards, Ken Raffa



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Sunset Village Ice Cream Social

*Saturday, August 3, 1-4pm at Lucia Crest Park
(Rain date is Sunday, August 4)*

Come visit with 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 2014 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).

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/, under MARCH 13, 2013, DRAFT. You can also find City of Madison Responses as well as neighborhood association Letters of Support. The Hoyt Plan was introduced to the Madison Common Council at its June 4 meeting and has gone to various Boards and Commissions for review. Check the tentative schedule on the project website for updates:

www.cityofmadison.com/planning/HoytParkPlan/documents/AdoptionScheduleHoytREV6142013.pdf

Below is a brief status report with future dates on the adoption process:

- Board of Estimates (06/10/13): Approved
- Board of Park Commissioners (06/12/13): Approved with Park Staff changes.
- Board of Public Works (07/03/13): Approved with Engineering Staff changes.
- Ped/Bicycle/Motor Vehicle Commission (06/25/13): Approved with Traffic Engineer Staff changes AND with the addition of bicycle lanes on Midvale Blvd. and Mineral Point Road.
- Transit and Parking Commission (07/10/13): Approved with comments for the Plan Commission
- Sustainable Madison Committee (07/15/13)
- Urban Design Commission (07/24/13)
- Plan Commission (08/05/13)
- Common Council (09/03/13)

Q: Can the public attend and speak in support or opposition to the Plan?

A: Yes. The public is encouraged to register or speak in support/opposition at any of the boards, commission and/or Common Council meetings.



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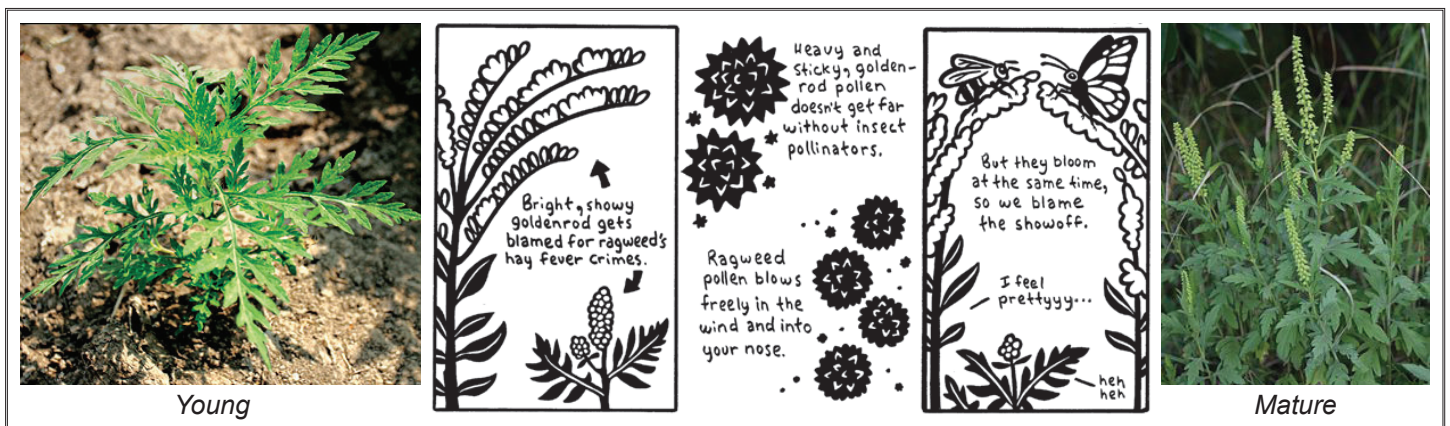
Check for Ragweed in Your Yard

submitted by A. M. Fuller

Come August, no one will have to tell hay fever sufferers what season it is. That's right, it's allergy season—a time to find many people overcome with sneezing, headaches, and sometimes even skin reactions. The term “hay fever” is a misnomer, since the problem has nothing to do with hay. Nor does it involve golden rod, which was long thought to be the culprit. Instead, the allergen that plagues the folks with hay fever is the pollen of ragweed. The hay fever season can actually start as early as July and lasts until the first hard freeze of autumn.

See photos below for young and mature stages of common ragweed. If you need a clearer picture, just run a search online. The leaves are somewhat fern-like and flowers may not even be visible, but their pollen sure packs a punch. If left unchecked, the plant can grow to the size of a bush.

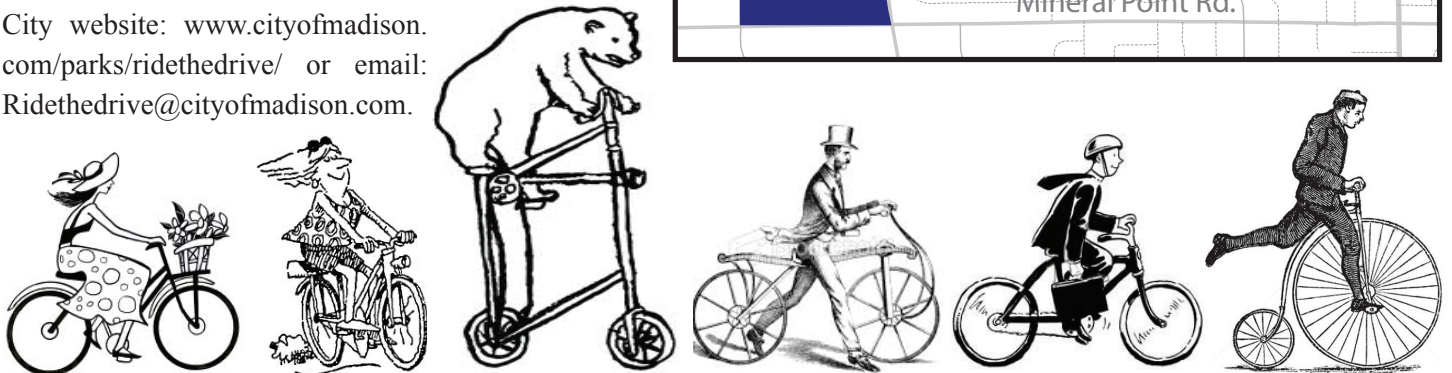
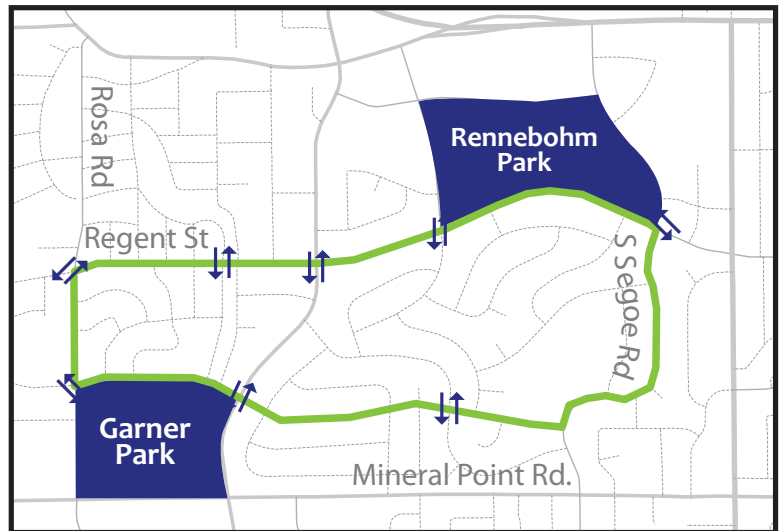
The plant height can range from inches to bush size, but the city of Madison will only help control weeds because of size, not health issues, so if you happen to have this weed in your yard, please help others in the neighborhood by pulling and disposing of it. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated.



Ride the Drive – Westside

August 18, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Ride the Drive is coming to a new location, just west of Sunset Village, a three mile route that includes Regent Street and Segoe Road. Roads on the route will be closed to cars and open for participants to walk, bike or skate. There will be activities along the route, as well as information booths, musicians, food vendors and a drawing for prizes. Garner Park, Rennebohm Park and Segoe Road will have additional activities. For more info visit the City website: www.cityofmadison.com/parks/ridethedrive/ or email: Ridethedrive@cityofmadison.com.



Hillcrest Circle Hawk Family

photos submitted by Suzanne K.

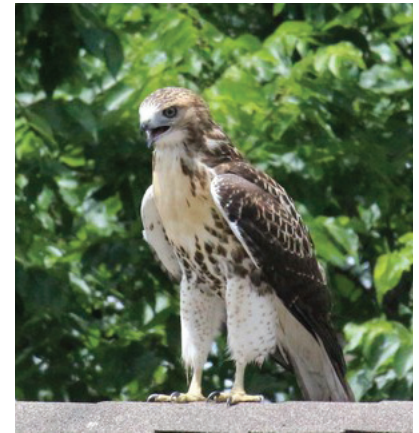
A pair of red-tailed hawks nested on Hillcrest Circle this year and hatched three baby hawks in June. Below are photos of them testing out their wings.



Give Blood – The Need is Constant

Did you know:

- Approximately 38% of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood but only 8% donate.
- Nearly every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. An average of 38,000 pints of blood is needed daily to treat patients in the United States.
- It is becoming more difficult to maintain a stable and secure blood supply. The need for blood is rising with advances in technology and the aging of the baby boom population.
- More than 1 million people are diagnosed with cancer each year. Many of them need blood products, sometimes daily, during chemotherapy treatment. Hospital patients and blood banks across the country are in constant need of a healthy blood supply. Holidays and inclement weather often factor into times of need.
- Red blood cells have a shelf life of 42 days and platelets last only 5 days, so supply must be replenished constantly – there is simply no substitute for human blood.
- Our local Red Cross is in need of donations of all blood types, but there is an especial need for Type O negative blood.
- The number one reason people do not donate is because they have not been asked. We need your help to get the word out, and the regular and first time blood donors in! Please help by donating and educating your co-workers, family & friends about the importance of giving blood. Donating blood is an important community service.



Before your donation:

- Maintain a healthy iron level in your diet by eating iron rich foods, such as spinach, red meat, fish, poultry, beans, iron-fortified cereals and raisins.
- Get a good night's sleep.
- Hydrate – Drink an extra 16 oz. of water and fluids before the donation.
- Eat a healthy meal before your donation.
- A blood donor card, driver's license, or two other forms of ID are required at check-in.

Nearest Madison Donor Center:

West Donor Center – 4860 Sheboygan Avenue (near Hilldale Mall)

Call 1-800-RED-CROSS (800-733-2767) or visit www.redcrossblood.org to:

- Find Donor Center or blood drive locations and hours
- Make a blood donation appointment
- Make an Apheresis (platelet) appointment or learn about the procedure

SUNSET VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION sponsors an American Red Cross One-A-Week Blood Donor Club. After you donate blood, sign the OAW binder for club #184.

American Red Cross One-A-Week Club Donor Recruitment Representative: Debbie Bormann, 298-6179, Debra.Bormann@redcross.org



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Jim Trochlell Memorial Workbench

The Hoyt Park Summer Picnic on July 6 concluded with a tour to the Jim Trochlell Memorial Workbench in the Friends of Hoyt Park storage area below the public restrooms. Jim, who lived on Bagley Court, was a tireless volunteer for many years.



In the words of Jean MacCubbin, “Jim was always there to help, especially on Hoyt Park workdays! He always stayed after we left to organize brush, finish up or walk about the park viewing his good works. We will miss his input; he was there working the first park master plan in 1995.” The workbench was built by Eagle Scout Owen Connolly, a member of Troop 2, based at Bethany Methodist Church. Nice job, Owen. Nice job, Jim.



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Make Music Madison at Lucia Crest

Tim Gruber organized the event at Lucia Crest Park on June 21, attended by Sunset Village adults and lots of children. Tim played a Guinea, West African wooden xylophone called a balafon. Fred Newman on fiddle and Carolyn Newman on banjo played a few tunes, later joined by Tim on guitar. Marie Nordeng sang several of her own songs. A number of children joined in, including Ellis Ringle, who sang “Let it Grow” and the first verse of “Lift Every Voice and Sing.”



photos submitted by Jean MacCubbin

Citizens For Safe Corridors

Citizens for Safe Corridors was formed in late May, 2013, after serious incidents at University Avenue intersections, including a biker hit by a van at the Shorewood intersection (April 17) and a small child hit by a car at the Blackhawk intersection (May 24). Members participated in the University Avenue Transportation Study workshops in March and have met since with the City and Village of Shorewood.

from their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/citizensforasafecorridor>,

letter to City of Madison and Village of Shorewood Hills:

We are a group of pedestrians, bikers, bus-riders and others who live and work in the UW Hospital-Shorewood Hills-West Madison corridor. Individually and together, we have observed traffic violations through this mixed-use corridor for several years, [and are] motivated by serious and repeated safety threats to our children, our neighbors, and ourselves. We are writing to help inform decision-making and recommendations related to the current University Avenue Corridor Study underway by the City of Madison.

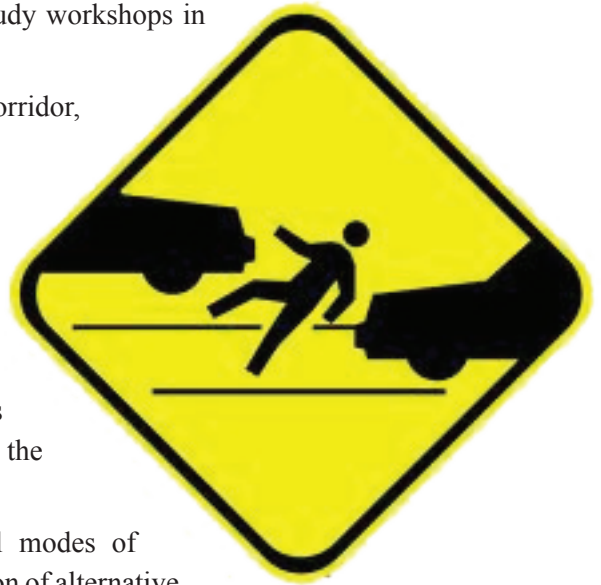
Our primary objective is to increase safety in the corridor for all modes of transportation, but especially for bicyclists and pedestrians. The promotion of alternative modes of transportation is consistent not only with purposes of the University Avenue Corridor Study, but also with the City of Madison's 2006 Comprehensive Plan, the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan Update, and the Madison Neighborhood Program. Safe and satisfying transportation choices build a foundation for a healthy environment and active lifestyle by integrating physical activity into daily routines as an alternative to driving.

Madison pedestrians, bikers, and drivers evidence ignorance and confusion regarding traffic expectations and laws. We believe this is due to educational deficits as well as inconsistent traffic markings, signage, and signals. While all corridor users bear risks and consequences of dangerous traffic conditions, by far the most vulnerable stakeholders are walkers and bikers. This results in daily anxieties for citizens of all ages, and neighborhoods that are deprived of a viable alternative to driving as the primary mode of transportation. For especially dangerous intersections, such as at Blackhawk and University Avenues, we are requesting restructuring, to reduce risks while maintaining traffic flow.

We would like to collaborate with the City of Madison and Village of Shorewood Hills in proposing seven affordable and achievable "asks":

1. Implement consistent crosswalk markings and zebra stripes throughout the corridor and all city intersections to minimize driver and pedestrian confusion regarding expectations in the crosswalk;
2. Increase the distance between the crosswalk and white stop bar at corridor and city intersections;
3. Install a pedestrian-activated half-signal intersection at Blackhawk Ave. (as at Ridge St.-University Station) to allow safe pedestrian crossing at the bus stop;
4. Install pedestrian-activated electronic signs: "No Right Turn When Pedestrians Are Present" through corridor intersections (Midvale/Shorewood/U-Bay);
5. Install pedestrian-activated left-turn green arrow signals for drivers turning left into U Ave.;
6. Reduce speed limit to 30 mph to maintain consistency with nearby mixed-use areas;
7. Implement a multi-pronged safety education campaign for Madison pedestrians, bikers, and drivers.

In summary, we find current safety threats to pedestrians and bicyclists in a dedicated mixed-use corridor to be unacceptable. The threats we are experiencing are not unique to our neighborhood, but we do have a unique opportunity to bring these issues forward during the planning phase for the corridor study. It is our position that safety and transportation choices can be protected and improved through the affordable and achievable actions presented above, while implementing objectives in the City's Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Plan.



Hilldale Mall Project

WS Development, from the Boston area, looks to transform and open up Hilldale Mall between Macy's and Metcalfe's. Most of you have probably seen the two recent articles in the Wisconsin State Journal and Capital Times. Alder Chris Schmidt introduced Lou Masiello, of WS Development, who presented a capacity crowd of area residents with more information at a public meeting on July 11 at the West Madison Senior Center, and then addressed the many questions that followed. The project is expected to go through the City design review process quickly, with all construction to be done in 2014 and completed before the holiday season.

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Midvale Safety Improvements

submitted by Sara Beachy

If you haven't noticed, there have been some positive traffic safety changes along South Midvale Boulevard in the last year! As you may recall, there is a history of serious and fatal accidents on Midvale just north of the intersection at Mineral Point Road.

The City of Madison made the changes following discussions with a group of neighbors regarding the accidents. Last year, the City painted lane lines and striping on Midvale Boulevard north of the intersection at Mineral Point Road to better align the driving lanes. The City also installed a "Your Speed" sign in the northbound lane approaching the intersection. Finally, this spring the City installed a retaining wall in the median north of the intersection. At the request of the neighbors, the City also provided some modest landscaping along the top of the retaining wall. Since making these changes, there have been no serious accidents on this stretch of South Midvale.

More changes are coming. The City recently applied for and received a \$1 million federal grant to improve the intersection at Midvale and Mineral Point Road. According to City Engineer Christy Bachmann, the City plans to start design and get the neighborhood involved in the next year or so. Early conceptual plans included east and westbound turn lanes on Mineral Point Road with arrows, as well as regrading to reduce the crown of the hill on northbound Midvale as much as possible. Construction is not expected to start until 2015.

Hopefully, these changes will make our neighborhood a safer place to live and halt the trend of serious accidents on South Midvale for good.



Squeeze Out a Cure for Epilepsy

submitted by Kelsey Spencer, Lily's Fund intern

How can you help squeeze out a cure for epilepsy? Lily's Fund for Epilepsy Research invites kids and adults to host their own lemonade stands anytime and anywhere throughout the spring and summer months. It's fun, easy and a great way to raise awareness of epilepsy, and money for important epilepsy research at UW-Madison. Everything you need to host your stand is available on the Lily's Fund website at www.lilysfund.org. Email the time and location of your stand and Lily's Fund will put it on their website. Photos too!

When: Anytime! **Who:** You, your kids, your friends, your family, your co-workers, your neighbors **Where:** Your neighborhood, school, local business.... at festivals, swim meets or ball games. Wherever you want to have your stand.

Why: To find a cure for epilepsy AND help people understand what epilepsy is. By promoting epilepsy awareness, you spread the word and help raise money for cutting-edge epilepsy research at the UW-Madison. The more people hear about it, the less strange and scary it will seem. The more awareness we create, the more research will be funded.

How: Easy. Everything you need is online in our lemonade stand kit. Just download the materials from the website.

Lily's Fund for Epilepsy Research is an all-volunteer grassroots organization that raises awareness and money for local research. For more information, email lilysfund@gmail.com.



Hillside Terrace/North Owen Block Party

Save this date: Saturday, September 28! It's the second annual Hillside/Owen Block Party. The day of fun will include garage sales, BBQ, lawn games and a big screen inflatable TV for the Badger game that night (or at least a movie). For more info contact Josh Arnold, jlarnold360@gmail.com or 608-204-9202.



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Plant Milkweed for Monarchs!

Near Westside neighbors are seeing significantly fewer monarchs flitting around this year. These anecdotal observations jive with a reported 60 percent decline in the monarch population. An interview with University of Kansas insect ecologist Orley Taylor, by Yale Environment 360 contributor Richard Conniff, explains some of the reasons for this, and how we as gardeners can help.

Taylor: “What we’re seeing here in the United States is a very precipitous decline of monarchs that’s coincident with the adoption of Roundup-ready corn and soybeans. ... By 2003, 2004, the adoption rate was approaching 50 percent, and then we really began to see a decline in monarchs. And the reason is that the most productive habitat for monarch butterflies in the Midwest ... was the corn and soybean fields [where milkweed, which monarchs feed on, grew]. Before Roundup-ready crops, weed control was accomplished by running a tiller through those fields and chopping up the weeds and turning over the soil, but not affecting the crops. The milkweed survives that sort of tillage to some extent. So there were maybe 20, 30, 40 plants per acre out there ... Now you are really hard pressed to find any corn or soybeans that have milkweed in the fields.... They have effectively eliminated milkweed from almost all of the habitat that monarchs used to use.”

“Basically for monarch recovery we’re going to have to create a lot of milkweed habitat. And the question is where are we going to do it and how are we going to mobilize people to do it. What people are going to be asked to do is to save wildlife by creating habitats in their gardens.”

Conniff: “But gardens are not going to make up for 25.5 million acres of additional corn and soybeans.”

Taylor: “No. It’s an Alice in Wonderland story of the Red Queen’s race. You have to run as fast as you possibly can to stay in one place, and if you want to get any place, you have to run twice as fast. But I have to believe that we can have an impact if we get the gardeners in this country to help us out by planting milkweed and putting in native plants to stabilize native pollinator communities. So people now have another purpose for creating a garden. The purpose is conservation.”

Read the entire Orley Taylor interview at: http://e360.yale.edu/feature/tracking_the_causes_of_sharp_decline_of_the_monarch_butterfly/2634/

Common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*) grows readily from seed and once established will spread by rhizomes, mingling well with other taller perennials and grasses. The flowers are not colorful, but they are wonderfully fragrant. “The best way to propagate common milkweed is to find a main rhizome coming from the plant and work it out of the soil,” says Minnesota Master Gardener Cathy Leece. “Aim for a one-foot piece with roots and above-ground growth.” Or—get seeds from your neighbors and plant them in the fall.

Some sources to purchase common milkweed seeds and plants are:

- Prairie Nursery, in Westfield, WI, www.prairienursery.com
- Prairie Moon Nursery, www.prairiemoon.com/
- One source for free milkweed seeds is www.livemonarch.com/free-milkweed-seeds.htm



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Milkweed on Heather Crest near N. Meadow Lane

University Avenue Transportation Study

Initially reported in the Spring newsletter, the Near Westside Neighborhoods & University Avenue Transportation Study continues. See the City of Madison website for Initial Findings and future Workshops, as well as Contact information:

www.cityofmadison.com/trafficengineering/nearwesttransportationstudy.cfm

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

SVCA quarterly meeting

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Bethany Methodist Church
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Neighborhood Garage Sale

July 26 and 27

Ice Cream Social

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

Free Spaghetti Dinners

Aug. 5, Sept. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2
First Baptist Church, 6 p.m.
518 N. Franklin, 233-1880

Let's Eat Out Madison

Tuesdays, 5-7:30 p.m.
Midvale, at Midvale School

Ride the Drive - Westside

August 18, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
www.cityofmadison.com/parks/ridethedrive/

Hoyt Park Nature Walks

Wednesday mornings, 8:00 a.m.
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Room for you!

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Yard work - Babysitting - Cleaning

Handy hardworking 16 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

Neighborhood Farmers Markets:

Hilldale Farmers' Market

Wed. & Sat., 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

May 4 – October

Hilldale Mall, west parking lot

Westside Farmers' Market

Saturday, 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

April 20 – November 9

Hill Farms DOT Parking Lot



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