



Sunset Village Voice

Your Neighborhood Newsletter

Winter 2015

SVCA neighborhood meeting:
Thursday, March 19th at 6:30pm
Sequoia Library 4340 Tokay Blvd

Greetings Neighbors:

First, our sincere thanks to our Madison Police officers for their rapid and thorough response to the early-November shooting on Hillcrest Ave. Thanks also to Police Chief Michael Koval and West District Captain Victor Wahl for coming to our December SVCA meeting and answering everyone's questions. Likewise, thanks to Mayor Paul Soglin for attending our meeting, and for offering to work with the City Attorney on a plan to notify neighbors about foreclosures so that neighbors can report unauthorized residence.

At our last meeting City of Madison Zoning Administrator Matt Tucker and Alder Chris Schmidt listened to neighbors' concerns about Accessory Dwelling Units. They explained the city's policy, and recognized there is need for improvement. They said they would work with SVCA to try to help city policy become more sensitive to local neighborhood values.

Our upcoming meeting will include another presentation that should be informative and helpful to many neighbors. Eric Dundee from the Madison Engineering Division will give a presentation on the sidewalk and gutters project planned between Hillcrest Ave. and Mineral Point Rd. This is a good opportunity to ask questions, raise concerns, voice support, learn the specifics, etc.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 19 at Sequoia Library from 6:30-9:00.

I hope you all had a grand holiday season!

Best Regards,

Ken Raffa



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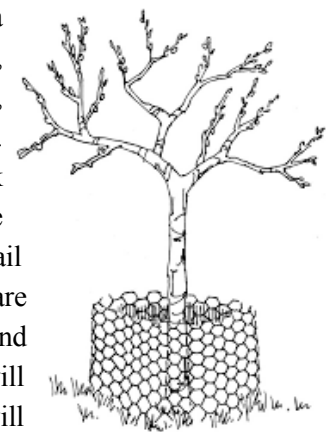
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Help Plant Fruit Trees this Spring!

Saturday, April 18, Lucia Crest Park

We'd like to plan for a planting party on April 18, the weekend before earth day, with a rain date of April 19. We will post signs in the park to raise awareness. Anyone wanting to volunteer can email me and I'll ensure they are included in the planning and communication. The 18th will be the fun planting day; we will also figure out times to help clean up the weeds and prep the area. Most of the work is already done with the mulching. This is all covered under the \$2000 grant from the city.

For more info, contact Brian Andersen at 608.228.2414 or banderse@yahoo.com.



SVCA December Quarterly Meeting Draws a Crowd

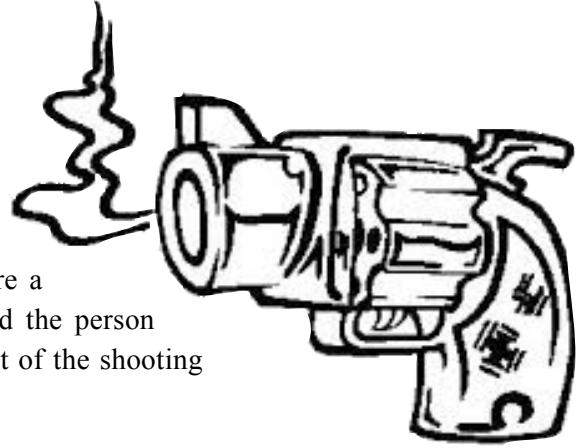
source: notes by SVCA Secretary Josh Arnold

The December 1 SVCA quarterly meeting was unusually well attended because of the two major agenda items, the November 10 Hillcrest shooting incident; and the impact of the Accessory Dwelling Unit at 221 S. Midvale Blvd. Twenty-three Sunset Villagers were joined by guests: Mayor Paul R. Soglin; Chief of Police-Michael C. Koval; West District Captain of Police-Victor Wahl; Dane County District Attorney-Ismael R. Ozanne; District 11 Alder-Chris Schmidt; City of Madison Zoning Administrator-Matt Tucker

Agenda item #1—Shooting incident at Hillcrest

Captain Wahl provided a factual summary of the shooting incident at 3922 Hillcrest:

- November 10, 2014 police received reports of shots being fired
- Police found shell casings at the scene, no victims at scene
- Officers were directed to UW Hospital Emergency Room where a person was admitted with a gunshot wound. Police interviewed the person and determined that the shooting victim at the ER was the result of the shooting incident at Hillcrest; the victim cooperated.
- Officers recovered handguns from a vehicle on Hammersley Rd.
- By 5:00 p.m. that afternoon the police had two suspects in custody.
- Currently, there are no additional people sought by the police department.



According to Captain Wahl, the residence had two previous police calls this year and is currently in foreclosure. The foreclosure on the home started earlier this year, according to the Mayor. Because the home was in foreclosure, the lending institution had to request that the squatters vacate the premises and have the Dane County Sheriff's office secure the premises. Although the city couldn't evict the squatters, Captain Wahl and Chief Koval reported that the Madison Police Department assisted the Dane County Sheriff's office during the eviction today (Dec. 1). The current squatters were evicted and the house was secured.

Neighbors should be aware that the location is an abandoned house and report suspicious activity to the police. Contact the West District Police Department with questions or comments: Routine questions or inquiries: 608-243-0500; Non-Emergency dispatch: 608-266-4948; Website: www.cityofmadison.com/Police/west/

Agenda item #2— Zoning code discussion regarding the 221 S. Midvale Blvd. accessory dwelling unit (ADU)

Matt Tucker reviewed the recent history of the zoning code. Jenni Briggs brought a photo poster of the ADU at 221 S. Midvale Blvd., taken from her next door lot. She said that she is very unhappy about the ADU under construction, that it is adversely impacting the enjoyment of her property, and asked if the ADU could be stopped by the city. Matt Tucker indicated that the ADU currently under construction will not be stopped by the city.

The discussion turned to reviewing the process for amending the Neighborhood Plan and/or the zoning ordinance, and the process to register neighborhood input. Those interested in getting involved in this discussion should organize into a sub-committee to develop specific feedback about the ADU. Matt and city staff would be happy to help with technical language and terminology. Ald. Chris Schmidt indicated that he would discuss the best process with city staff.

Read meeting notes on the SVCA website: www.sunsetvillagecommunity.org/



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Chief Koval on the Hillcrest Shooting

November 24, 2014, letter from Madison Police Chief Michael Koval

TO: Alders and Neighborhood Constituents

SUBJECT: Hillcrest and Alden Shooting

Thanks for the willingness to share concerns and ask questions about the quality of life issues affecting this neighborhood. It is always gratifying to hear stakeholders provide feedback . . . a true measure of your investment in Sunset Village and keeping it great!

At the outset, what occurred in the neighborhood should be viewed as an anomaly; the result of a “perfect storm” wherein a home that is going through a foreclosure process (a slow and arduous legal process that is largely the purview of the County) became a sort of makeshift sanctuary for some squatters. The address in question—3922 Hillcrest—had only been the subject of two previous (unremarkable) calls prior to the day of the shooting. Thus, it had not been identified as a major issue in this relatively quiet part of our City. Given this context and in light of varying accounts that are circulating, I hope the following information provides some clarity.

Officers initially responded to a report of shots being fired in the area of Hillcrest & Alden. Officers did not locate any victims at the time, but did locate shell casings in the street. About 45 minutes later, officers were dispatched to a local emergency room regarding an individual who had come into the ER with a gunshot wound. Officers quickly determined that this person was connected to the call at Hillcrest/Alden, and additional resources were dedicated to the investigation.

That afternoon, MPD officers observed the suspect vehicle leaving an address in the Hammersley Road area. The vehicle was stopped and several individuals were detained. Two firearms were recovered from the vehicle. Two suspects were initially arrested on unrelated charges, but have since been charged with multiple offenses related to the shooting (including one of them charged with attempted 1st degree intentional homicide). So, the suspects involved in this shooting were in custody within a few hours of the incident.

The foreclosure process has nearly come to an end, and the court has issued a “writ of assistance,” which allows the Sheriff’s Office to post the property and then forcibly remove anyone remaining (and secure the building). The building has been posted and I anticipate that the actual forcible eviction will be coming soon. Note that the eviction process and function lies with the Sheriff’s Office as a matter of statute, and MPD has no direct involvement with it. That said, I am confident that we will be reporting progress on this front and this will provide us all with a greater peace of mind!

Captain Victor Wahl (West Police District) has taken the liberty of scheduling himself to appear at the next SVCA meeting on 12/1/14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sequoya Branch Library. Please feel free to contact Captain Wahl directly with any additional questions or concerns you may have relative to this topic or others as the Sunset Village Neighborhood is under the West Police District’s area of coverage.

In closing, while I have no doubt but that this has been a very uncomfortable series of events, Sunset Village is one of our safest neighborhoods in the City and with your help as partners, we can keep it that way!

Respectfully, Michael C. Koval, Chief of Police



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Sunset Village Roadworks Update

A Public Information Meeting was held on Thursday, Oct. 2, 2014 at Bethany United Methodist Church. The City provided a brief presentation and answered questions from the public. Many Sunset Village residents missed this meeting because it coincided with the quarterly SVCA meeting. You can view the presentation at:

www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/sunsetvillage/documents/SunsetVillagePIM1.pdf

Note: SVCA president, Ken Raffa has arranged for Eric Dundee, from the Madison Engineering Division, to give a presentation at our quarterly meeting on March 19.



Roadworks Projects—One Villager’s Response

submitted by: Sandra Saul as an email to City of Madison Engineering, Oct. 23, 2014

I am amused and angered to see the push for curb and gutter once again come to the forefront! I am vehemently opposed to any plans for curb and gutter in my village, our neighborhood. It will solve little or nothing.

First of all, this has been a problem for the thirty-five years I was living here and what has made it worse is the addition upon addition on houses and landscape features which appear trendy. Three hills push down into University Ave. and I have watched hydroplaning vehicles for longer than I can recall.

Many of us live here for the trees here and on our aprons. We love and nurture and commune with our trees. We have a fox in our backyard often. We have many birds and vols and raccoons; this is a nature preserve within a city.

We, as a movie fellow said, “don’t need no stinkin’ curb and gutter.” Hands off our trees and aprons and our neighborhood, which is just that, a neighborhood, old school, good, even excellent! The beauty of this place is it isn’t cookie cutter and uniform or built cheaper. This is a neighborhood of character and substance. My house was owned by a firefighter’s widow; this is where firefighters, teachers, retired state and municipal workers, and even mayors live. This is the heart of something good and some of these trees are shelter and are sacred to me, funny as that may sound! I hope people will give you a piece of their mind and fight for this place, which is home.





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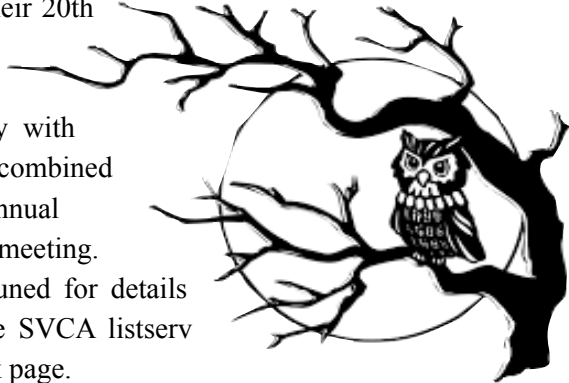
- Private Music & Art Lessons
- Group Classes
- Workshops & Camps
- Music Together, early childhood music classes

Full Moon Owl Walk at Hoyt Park

submitted by: Cheri Swenson

The Friends of Hoyt Park are hosting a winter **Full Moon Owl Walk** on Monday, February 2 at 6 p.m. Gather at the main shelter on Regent St. to enjoy the beautiful winter evening. For those who wish to participate there will be a short winter walk in the hopes of hearing our majestic avian friends. Even if no owls are heard, all will enjoy a fire at the shelter and hot beverages along with sweet treats. Hope to see you there. The Friends will be celebrating their 20th anniversary this year in

April or May with a party to be combined with their annual membership meeting. Please stay tuned for details posted on the SVCA listserv and Facebook page.



SVCA Membership Drive 2015

submitted by: Brian Andersen, Treasurer

Paid memberships for 2015:

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208 W. Sunset Court Demolition and Rebuild

comments to SVCA listserv by Chris Pitzner, Dec. 15, 2014

I wanted to provide the list with a bit of an update on the demolition and “remodel” of 208 West Sunset Court. A public hearing related to the demolition permit submitted to the City of Madison Department of Planning & Community & Economic Development was held this evening.

First of all, a shout-out to Todd Courtenay and Mary Mahon who registered to speak on behalf of the neighborhood, and voiced neighbor concerns eloquently, calmly and logically. Thank you for coming out to speak, and thank you to my entire neighborhood who has been proactive about making sure this process follows the law and respects the process.

My understanding of the public meeting follows. The “demo” permit was approved this evening, so I would expect construction will resume again soon. As both Todd and Mary pointed out, that was largely a foregone conclusion as the demo has already occurred. As one of the Alders pointed out, since the lot is now empty, the temptation would be to punish the contractor by further delaying the project, but really, that also punishes the neighbors. Therefore, they voted to pass.

It’s also worth noting that a criminal prosecution for demolition without a permit, separate from this process and regardless of the approval this evening, is underway.

The revised plans are more in keeping with the Neighborhood Plan and the concerns submitted by neighbors; I don’t believe these revised plans are yet fully approved, and the commission stated that inspections will occur throughout the construction process to insure that the construction matches the plans. Both Todd and Mary stated concerns related to the fact that the contractor (Two Dogs Construction) has not acted in good faith up to this point and the concern is that construction will continue to differ from whatever permits



are obtained. (This is also my top concern.) I certainly hope...that from here on out things improve. I’m excited to have a back-door neighbor again, and ideally [one]who is invested in that property and the neighborhood.

Updated plans and staff comments are posted here:

<https://madison.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=1823937&GUID=7838D9F8-B66D-44C6-8C60-BEB3312D00D1>. From this site you can follow the PLAN COMMISSION link to watch the Dec. 15, 2014 meeting video; the 208 W. Sunset Court segment runs from 01:30 to 01:51.

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Bethany Bus Trips for 2015

submitted by: Glenn Kramer

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Christian Concerts is a new idea for us; they feature top groups of three to five people that bring gospel music to Ft. Atkinson on Tuesday evenings, include a fish & chicken buffet dinner, and last about 1.5 hours. Dates are June 23 (Group: Soul'd Out Quartet) and October 6 (Group: Three Bridges). Shows are at 7:30 p.m. with return to Madison around 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Show at the Fireside Theater on November 15. The show will be "It's A Wonderful Life - The Musical." A great dinner is included with the show. Bus will leave at 1:40 p.m. and return to Madison around 9:30 p.m.

INFORMATION FOR ALL TRIPS—Per Person costs will be based on 25 people in order for the trip to happen. However, as the number of people grows to 30 and beyond, your cost would drop by a partial refund on the day of the trip. Trips are booked on a Badger Bus with a lavatory on board, and all gratuities for our driver and dining servers are included. Watch for final dates and firm pricing about March 1. In the meantime, add the above dates to your calendar. Feel free to invite friends and acquaintances. Contact Glenn Kramer: (C) 608.320.4535, (H) 608.661.0583

2014 Sunset Park Halloween Parade

photos by: Cheri Swenson





Lenore McComas Coberly

The poet, Lenore McComas Coberly, is native to West Virginia, but currently lives in Sunset Village. She read from her latest book of poetry, *For I Am Mountain Born*, at a Meet the Author event at the University Bookstore in Hilldale in late November. She has graciously offered one of the poems from her book for this newsletter.

Reminds Me of a Beach I Know

I go out to the driveway, attack
the snow, and am taken aback
by stillness, interrupted only
by a gentle scrape. I barely
feel a shower on my coat and hair
as I shake the pine tree's bough, higher
now, freed from the load of snow.
I hum and throw, take bucket in hand
and go for a gritty load of sand.

Midvale Elementary Playground Fundraiser

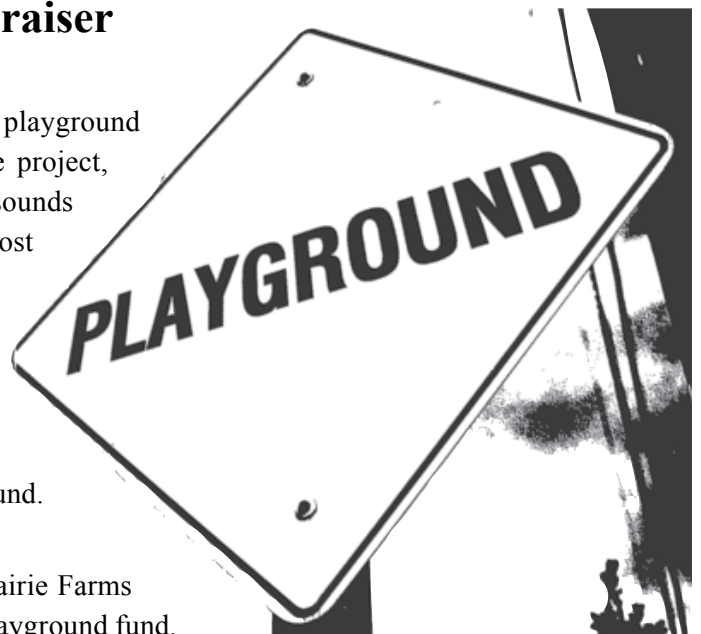
submitted by: Jamie Kinder

The Midvale- Lincoln PTO is raising money for a new playground at Midvale Elementary. Our goal is to raise \$75,000 for the project, \$25,000 per year for the next three years. Although this sounds daunting, we're well on our way! To date, we have raised almost \$20,000. Here are some exciting fundraising plans for you to participate in:

- **Pennies for the Playground:** We'll have collection containers at local businesses as well as in Midvale classrooms where adults, students, neighbors and friends can donate their spare pennies toward the playground fund. Change can also be brought to the Midvale School office.
- **Prairie Farms Milk Cap Collection Drive:** For each Prairie Farms milk cap collected, Prairie Farms will donate \$.05 to the playground fund, up to a maximum of \$50,000. Milk caps can be dropped off in the collection box at Sequoia Library and at Midvale School office.
- **Jog-a-Thon:** Midvale students will raise funds this spring by participating in an organized run.
- **Fundraiser at Death's Door Distillery:** This popular event will be held again in May with a silent auction for Midvale parents, neighbors and friends.

You can also make a direct donation to The Foundation for Madison's Public Schools, with Midvale Grow Your World in the memo. Donations can be made online at midvalelincolnpto.org or mailed to: Foundation for Madison's Public Schools, 101 Nob Hill Road, #300, Madison, WI 53713

If you would like to be part of the Midvale Elementary School Playground Committee or have questions, please contact Jamie Kinder at jamie.e.kinder@gmail.com or Laura Baggett at lmbrashi@yahoo.com. We thank you for your support!



Midvale-Lincoln School News

Midvale-Lincoln PTO Fundraiser Yoga/Pilates Classes

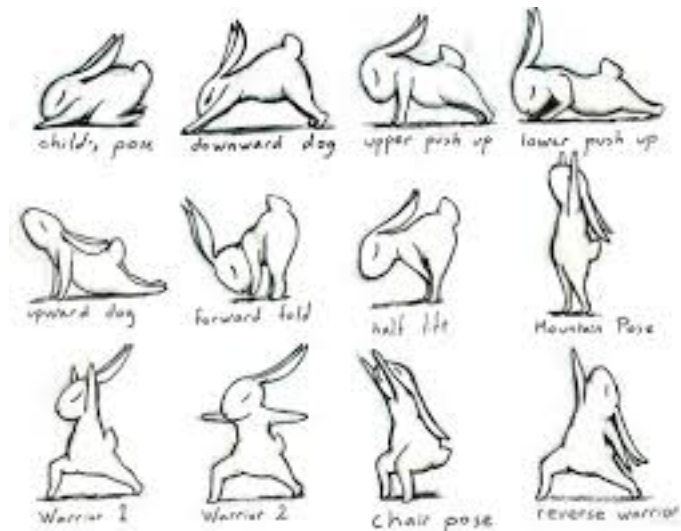
When: Thursdays, 7-8 p.m., starting Jan 15, for 6 weeks

Where: Midvale Elementary Gym

Cost: \$45 for six sessions

Email beckybishop3@gmail.com or call 608-235-9555

The PTO is excited for another year of Yoga/Pilates. We hope you and a friend would like to stretch and strengthen ligaments, tendons and muscles while developing better balance and a stronger core. Instructor Becky Zastrow has been a yoga/pilates instructor for 10 years with attention to safety and proper alignment. Proceeds benefit the school, help teachers purchase supplies and assist with the cost of field trips. Last year the class raised \$3600. Let's do it again!



Winter Gear Needed

Every year Midvale and Lincoln Elementary Schools' need for warm winter gear greatly outweighs our supply. Please help us keep little hands and bodies warm by donating your outgrown, gently used (or new) winter gear to the Midvale School office, the Lincoln School office, or at the Sequoya Branch Library. Specifically, Midvale is in need of waterproof mittens sizes 4-12 and snow pants sizes 5-10. Lincoln is in need of waterproof mittens sizes 4-12, snow pants sizes 8-14, and winter boots sizes 3-8. We would also like to connect with any business that might be willing to sell us waterproof mittens for cost or at a discounted price. If you are associated with a business that might be interested in supporting this effort please contact Kristin Lemmon, lemmonhead@mac.com. Thank you!

Annual Midvale-Lincoln Rummage Sale!

Saturday, March 14, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Midvale Elementary gym

Donate your gently used furniture, housewares, books, clothing, electronics (no computers, monitors, or televisions) and miscellaneous items to help meet our fundraising goal. Drop off items Thursday, March 12, 3:30 p.m.-8 p.m. and Friday, March 13, 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Donations will be tax deductible and tax forms will be available. After donating please come in and shop on Saturday! Contact Amy Jochem at ajochem@sbcglobal.net or 232-1493 with questions.



Car-Sharing Public Meeting

submitted by: Susan De Vos

The City of Madison Parking Utility will be holding a public meeting to explore the potential for expanding car-sharing in Madison. Representatives from car-sharing companies will make short presentations, with a question and answer session to follow. Car-sharing has been known to reduce the need for car ownership. According to a nationwide study published by the University of California Transportation Center, one car-sharing vehicle can replace as many as nine to thirteen individually owned vehicles, resulting in reduced congestion, greenhouse gas emissions, and need for parking supply.

The meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28, in Room 260 of the Madison Municipal Building, 215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Members of the public, neighborhood organizations, local businesses, and interested parties are encouraged to attend. For further info, contact Bill Putnam, P.E., Interim Parking Operations Manager, (608) 266-4761, or traffic@cityofmadison.com

Shared Values, Creative Partnerships Shaped 2015 Budget

submitted by: Dane County Executive Joe Parisi, December 2014

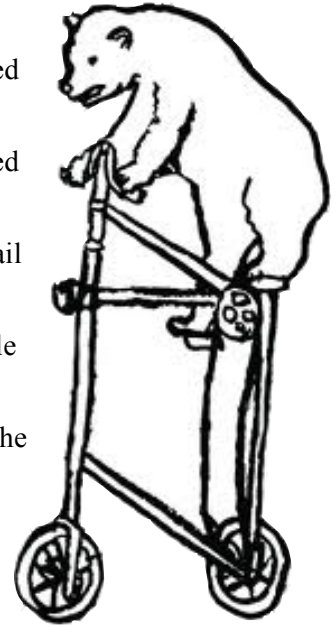
When crafting Dane County's 2015 budget in challenging economic times and when facing economic uncertainties, I am pleased that in Dane County we kept costs down for taxpayers through collaboration, while protecting important services, quality of life and our communities' most vulnerable citizens. Working together with our County Board, excellent staff, service agencies and private partners, we collaborated to protect core services - from public safety to the safety net - and strengthen the quality of life that attracts people and economic development to our county.

The budget also builds up Dane County's rainy day fund (to a projected \$20 million), that was in negative numbers after the recession when I took office. This is important because state government is facing a \$2 billion-plus deficit, and in the past they have balanced their budget with cuts to local communities and services.

A few budget highlights include:

- 46 miles of additional roads being plowed 24-hours-a-day and seven new compressed natural gas snowplows that help combat climate change and save taxpayers' money
- Unprecedented \$10 million in efforts to clean up Dane County lakes and waters, realized through new partnerships
- Development of new bike paths and recreational spaces, including the Lower Yahara Trail and a new matching grant bike trail program
- A focus on investments to get families out of homeless shelters and into affordable housing, as well as building on job training and employment services for youth
- Pilot environmental projects to protect Dane County's environment, including solar at the medical examiner's new building and CO2 elimination system at the landfill.

Our top goal was to protect the quality of life that our community values and that also keeps our economic development and job creation far outpacing the rest of the state. I am grateful to the many partners who worked with me to meet these goals.



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Joint West Campus Area Committee

submitted by: Liz Vowles

This is to remind/inform that the SVCA has a representative on the Joint West Campus Area Committee (JWCAC); other represented neighborhoods are Regent, Greenbush, Dudgeon-Monroe and Vilas. This position gives us an opportunity to convey neighborhood concerns about West Campus building plans to the University Facilities planners.

The JWCAC is a city committee which is advisory to the UW and such voting bodies as the City of Madison Plan Commission, City Council, Village of Shorewood Hills, etc. Its mission statement begins: "Facilitate participation in planning activities affecting the campus community, the City of Madison, the Village of Shorewood Hills and surrounding neighborhoods of the campus area west of Park Street." The JWCAC meets every other month and meetings are open to the public.

More info can be found at: <https://madison.legistar.com/Departments.aspx> or www3.fpm.wisc.edu/campusplanning/ or feel free to contact Liz Vowles at lizlloyd@chorus.net or 231-0481.



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2015 Neighborhood SEED Grant Program

source: *City of Madison Planning Division*

The City of Madison Planning Division is pleased to announce the 2015 Neighborhood Grant Program for neighborhood associations, business associations and planning councils. We encourage you to apply for activities and projects that either build capacity and/or beautify public places. There is a total of \$30,000 grant dollars available for awards in 2015. Additional information on the grant program is on the City's webpage: www.cityofmadison.com/neighborhoods/grantprogram.htm. All applications will be evaluated through a competitive process and grants will be awarded by the City Council. Application deadline is March 2, 2015 by 4:30 pm.

Neighborhood associations or neighborhood planning councils officially recognized by the City of Madison; and business associations consisting of at least four block faces are eligible to apply. Projects/activities should ensure that business district and neighborhood associations work together to make neighborhood business districts strong, healthy, and integral parts of their neighborhoods.

Two types of projects/activities are eligible: ones that improve the organizational capacity of neighborhood associations in addressing issues, improving conditions, and enhancing the quality of life within the neighborhood or ones that improve the appearance and livability of the neighborhood's public spaces, preferably highly visible spaces such as streetscapes, gateways, and neighborhood business areas.

A compilation of completed projects from 1999-2012 can be viewed at www.cityofmadison.com/neighborhoods/documents/NeighProjects.pdf

Contact Jule Stroick at jstroick@cityofmadison.com or 608-267-8744 or Linda Horvath at lhovath@cityofmadison.com or 608-267-1131 with questions regarding this neighborhood grant program.



NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

SVCA quarterly meeting

Thurs., Mar. 19th, 6:30 p.m. Sequoia Library

Friends of Hoyt Park Events

Hoyt Park Nature Walks

Wed., 8:00 a.m., meet at main parking lot

Hoyt Park Full Moon Owl Walk

Mon., Feb 2nd, 6:00 p.m., main shelter

Hilldale Winter Farmers' Market

Macy's lobby, Sat. 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Berkeley Running Company Group Runs

All runs start at Berkeley: 2852 University Ave.

Beginner's Group - Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Pub Run - Tuesdays at 5:45 p.m. 3-6 mile run ending at a Great Dane Pub location.

Morning Run - starting at 5:00 am
Tuesdays & Thursdays for 6 miles
Saturdays for 10-20 miles



Visit the SVCA website & Facebook page:
Read your newsletter in color with
hyperlinks and see many more photos.

Advertise in the Village Voice!

Reach 1100+ households, area businesses and the Sequoia Library.

Business Card size (3.5x2):

\$30 for 1 issue and \$110 for 4 issues

Quarter Page size (3.5x4.5):

\$60 for 1 issue and \$210 for 4 issues

Half Page size (7.5x4.5):

\$90 for 1 issue and \$320 for 4 issues

Full Page size (7.5x10):

\$120 for 1 issue and \$420 for 4 issues

Deadline for newsletters:

January 12, April 12, July 12, October 12

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

And send Payments to:

P.O. Box 5635, Madison, WI 53705

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Yard Work, Pet Sitting, Snow Shoveling, Odd Jobs

13 year old boy, five years of neighborhood experience and references. Has own tools and mower. If unavailable will coordinate substitutes among other experienced neighbors. Holden Ringle, 819-1176.

Leaf Raking / Yard Work / Snow Removal

The Laursen kids are ready to help! \$5 sidewalk, \$25 driveway/sidewalk/steps/walkup. Taking customers backing to Lucia Crest Park and on N. Meadow between University & Regent. Every snow, big snows or only when out of town. Please schedule in advance. Don't forget us for dog walking, cat sitting, and light housework too. Call/text 608-790-0970 or email Tobin@charter.net.

Pet Sitting, Baby Sitting

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

Babysitting

Responsible 8th grader with just under two years experience, available to play and care for your kids. Can prepare meals. Red Cross certified. Toddlers and older. Call Emma at 630-4806.

Babysitting and Pet Sitting

I'm Halle Andersen, and I would like to babysit or pet-sit to earn money for my 8th grade trip to Washington, DC. I am a good student, very responsible, and have taken the Red Cross babysitting course. Call 608-334-6150 or email halle.andersen@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

Sunset Village Single Malt Scotch Club

Can't afford all the Scotch you'd like to taste? Meet your neighbors and enjoy great Scotch - everybody bring a bottle to share. Contact Andrew Bernhardt dabernhardt@gmail.com or (608)345-7970

Your neighborhood info:

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Neighborhood Website: www.sunsetvillagecommunity.org
(read meeting minutes and newsletters - with links - online)

Online Message Board: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sunsetvillagecommunityassociation>

District 11 Alder: Chris Schmidt 238-7494, district11@cityofmadison.com

Facebook page: "Sunset Village Community Association"