



Sunset Village Voice

Your Neighborhood Newsletter

Winter 2016

SVCA neighborhood meeting:
Monday, March 7th at 6:30pm
Sequoia Library 4340 Tokay Blvd

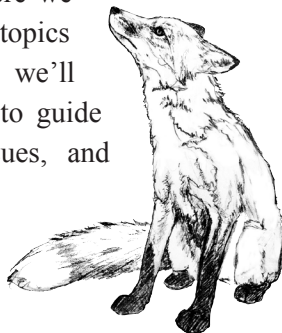
Greetings Neighbors:

First, a big thanks to Prof. David Drake, UW-Madison, who gave a great talk about Madison's fox and coyote populations at our last meeting. It was a very well-attended meeting, with visitors from several adjoining neighborhoods included.

This is my farewell newsletter address as my second term comes to a close. I hope my work as neighborhood president has been useful to you. You've made it a rewarding and fun experience. Most importantly, I'd like to thank SVCA's many volunteers and officers, who really do most of the work. There isn't space to name all of these helpers, but our block parties, garage sales, seasonal parties, print and digital communication outlets, parks initiatives, income generation, and meeting functioning simply wouldn't be possible without them. I'd also like to thank everyone who voiced their views, whether in meetings, surveys, direct contact to me, or before city council. Your input helped me do my best to represent the neighborhood's majority viewpoints on a variety of issues.

As I look ahead, I see some important challenges and opportunities for Sunset Village. The city's renovation of our streets, sidewalks, and sewers is entering its next stage and will continue for another few years. Another area that requires continued engagement is the city's new policy on Accessory Dwelling Units. Finally, I'd like to see SVCA continue its increased outreach to adjoining neighborhoods by inviting them to meetings where we enlist outside speakers to address topics of broad interest. Fortunately, we'll have some great new leadership to guide us through these and other issues, and contribute new ideas.

Best wishes, and see you at our next meeting,
Ken Raffa



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Midvale-Lincoln Rummage Sale!

submitted by: Jane Kelly, Midvale Lincoln PTO

Mark your calendars: the Midvale-Lincoln rummage sale will be **Saturday, March 19, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, in the Midvale Elementary School gym on Caromar Drive. Please donate your gently used items like furniture, housewares, books, toys, clothing, electronics (we cannot take computer equipment or TVs) and miscellaneous items to help meet our fundraising goal. Drop off items Thursday, March 17, from 3:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. and all day Friday, March 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Donations are tax deductible; pick up a tax form when dropping off items. Contact Amy Jochem at ajochem@sbcglobal.net or 608-232-1493.



SVCA December Quarterly Meeting – UW Urban Canid Project

source: notes by Anne Raffa, UW Urban Canid Project Facebook page

The SVCA December 17 quarterly meeting drew a large crowd, including Midvale Heights residents, to hear guest speaker Dr. David Drake, UW Madison Dept. Forest & Wildlife Ecology, on the topic of Urban Foxes and Coyotes and his work with the UW Urban Canid Project (UWUCP). Dr. Drake gave an excellent and informative presentation. Among the highlights – foxes and coyotes are habitat generalists. They are omnivores that adapt well to both wilderness and urban settings. They eat deer, rabbits, mice, voles, berries, grass, nuts, tomatoes from our gardens and much more. Coyotes appear to be more tightly clustered in larger green spaces and natural areas, while foxes are wide ranging in highly residential/urban areas.

Areas of UWUCP study and their purpose include:

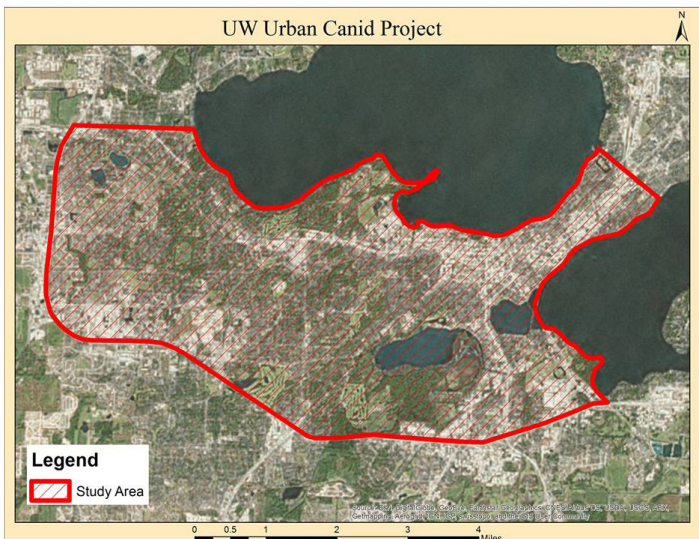
- Interspecific interaction: Foxes and coyotes are canines, and almost always the coyote will kill the fox. In the city this predator – prey dynamic is breaking down, possibly due to the abundance of food.
- Disease risk: to analyze what diseases are prevalent in the fox and coyote populations in Madison and to better understand risks to unvaccinated dogs, such as rabies and heartworm.
- Engage students and the public in the research, including efforts to prevent an outbreak of coyotes attacking dogs.



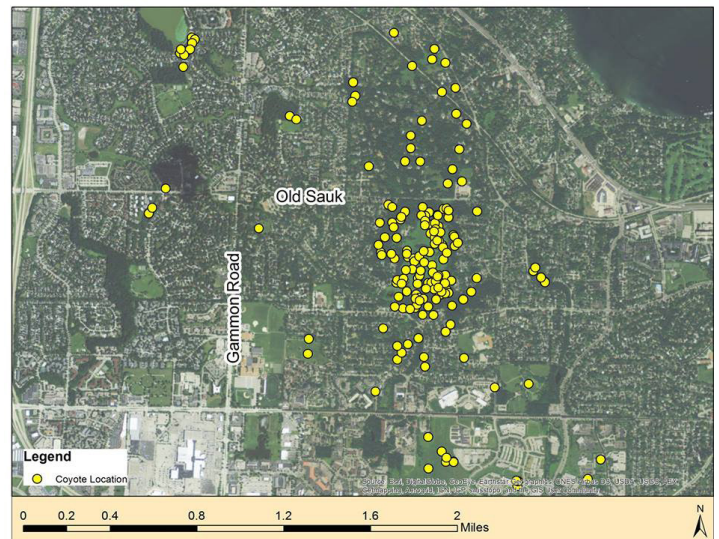
The study animals are trapped and treated very humanely. They are tested for diseases, tagged, and radio-collared in order to observe how they share space, and location. New tracking data indicate that foxes and coyotes can coexist. Future directions of research include population estimates, pup dispersal, and behavior. Dr. Drake said that they would like to do more fox trapping/tracking in the Sunset Village area.

To keep wildlife wild and safe it is suggested that we do not feed our pets outside, keep their vaccinations current, keep them on a leash or in an enclosed area and never unattended, and keep a safe distance when observing wildlife.

You can follow this research on Facebook – UW Urban Canid Project; or at <http://uwurbancanidproject.weebly.com/>



Project study area



Range of one young male coyote

Vote for SVCA Officers

Sue Reynard is running for SVCA president to replace **Ken Raffa**, who has served two terms. SVCA secretary **Josh Arnold** and treasurer **Brian Andersen** have come to the end of their two year terms and have graciously agreed to run for re-election. Sue was nominated at the quarterly SVCA meeting on December 17. No other candidates for any office have been nominated (or volunteered). The new president will preside at the Annual Meeting on March 7.

Even though they are running unopposed, you can give Sue, Brian and Josh your votes by contacting outgoing SVCA president, Ken Raffa, 238-3266, ken.raffa@gmail.com, prior to the March 7 meeting.

Introducing Sue Reynard: Sue has lived in Sunset Village since 1994. She chose this neighborhood because it had “small houses and big trees.” Sue says she has been heartened in recent years by seeing the active participation of so many neighbors in shaping the neighborhood plan and fighting to preserve the history and character of this unique area of the city. She looks forward to continuing this work and strengthening our community through the SVCA over the next two years.



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Midtown Police Station Passes Council Unanimously

The Common Council addressed the Capital and Operating Budgets on Tuesday, November 10, with public testimony and lengthy deliberation. District 11 Ald. Chris Schmidt and nine other alders sponsored an amendment/alternative cost structure that will put off hiring for positions for the station until late 2017; that will delay the station's operating cost until the 2018 budget. Construction will start in 2016 and the station will open in 2018.

Police Chief Koval writes his thanks:

November 13, 2015

To All of Our Neighborhood Leaders and Constituents:

On behalf of the Madison Police Department, I wish to convey my personal thanks for your support and leadership in promoting public safety needs by working diligently and persuasively for the Midtown District Station initiative. Considering the fact that this item was removed altogether from the initial offering(s) of the executive capital budget, it is truly a modern day testimonial to civics in action that this project went from being completely removed to unanimous adoption! Clearly, “but for” the emails, phone calls, letters, and advocacy efforts coming from the grass roots of Madison (our constituents), this project was not going to get built for years!

As Chief, I can tell you that it is very validating to our workforce to see how residents spoke with one voice in urging support for this vital public safety enterprise. Thank you for understanding the necessities for this station and I am grateful for your role in keeping our City a safe place to live, work, and play.

Respectfully~ Michael C. Koval, Chief of Police



Give Carriers a Chance

submitted by: newsletter carrier Anne Fuller



Since it is ILLEGAL to put newsletters in mailboxes, we are required to find another “drop spot.” When someone’s storm door is locked or nonexistent and further, there is no doormat, we have to be more creative--sometimes with not-so-ideal results. In inclement weather, even a doormat isn’t a really good choice. If there is no way to keep the newsletter from blowing away, we may not be able to leave one. Thanks, Anne.

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Chris Schmidt to Resign as District 11 Alder

source: Alder Schmidt's Blog, www.cityofmadison.com/council/district11/blog

To my constituents, colleagues, and friends,

I am hereby giving notice to the Common Council that I am resigning my seat as District 11 Alder effective January 31, 2016. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as District 11 Alder for nearly seven years. Circumstances in my professional life have changed since I filed for re-election last fall, and my career in satellite meteorology requires my full attention. Serving the City as Alder, itself a full-time job, has been very important to me, but being Alder is not my livelihood, and my livelihood must come first.



As this resignation is occurring after December 1, and 2016 is the final full year of the current term, the Council will have the opportunity to appoint my replacement. I have full confidence in this process for replacing an Alder. I recognize that there are some who would prefer an election as soon as possible, but state law does not allow for that. I am sorry for the disruption this will cause for the City and my district. However, both will be better served by someone who can give the job the attention that it requires.

Sincerely, Chris Schmidt

note: See procedure for replacing an alder in the Madison, WI - Code of Ordinances: Chapter 2, Section 2.03 Procedure to Fill Vacancies on the Common Council

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SVCA Membership Drive 2016

submitted by: Brian Andersen, Treasurer

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Beverly Flanigan
Barbara Gessner
Eileen Gilbert
Deb Glodowski
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David Petrashek & Margery Katz
Barbara & Matthew Pommer
Fran & Ross Potter
Anne & Ken Raffa
Barbara Rex

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Liz Vowles
Ben Vugteveen & Leeann Parish
Don Watson
Lee Weiss
Amy Whitehead
Wendy Wink
Katie & Dick Yde
Alice & Steve Yuroff



Hillcrest Drive Reconstruction

source: *City of Madison Engineering, public information meetings*

Hillcrest Drive from Midvale Blvd. to Westmorland Blvd., and Hillcrest Circle, will be under construction for four months, beginning mid-April. This project will include water main and sanitary sewer replacement, new storm sewer, street repaving, and addition of curb and gutter. Many Hillcrest residents braved a cold, rainy night at the end of November to attend the last Public Informational Meeting. The sentiment of this group of neighbors is overwhelmingly against curb and gutter, but it is the non-negotiable policy of the City to put in curb and gutter anytime a street is re-constructed. Some Hillcrest neighbors' concerns have been expressed in a letter by Hillcrest Drive resident, Albert Bryan, distributed at the September 9, 2015 SVCA quarterly meeting. Mr. Bryan listed these concerns also in testimony at the Common Council meeting on January 5, 2016. See the SVCA Facebook page for Albert Bryan's complete letter.

Street construction will replace all the pavement and gravel base; and install new curb and gutter. The proposed street width is 24 ft., which will allow for travel in both directions and parking on one side of the street. To preserve some large oak trees, the street will be narrowed to 21 ft. and have parking removed near the westerly intersection of Hillcrest Dr. & Circle and through 4325 Hillcrest Dr. The alignment of Hillcrest Dr. east of Owen Dr. will include some new bends in order to avoid existing trees and to provide some mild traffic calming.

Regarding trees: Efforts will be made to save as many of the existing trees as possible; however, there are several planned tree removals. Most are due to conflicts with the proposed street & sidewalk work, some are due to poor health/condition of the tree, and some are preemptive ash removals. Trees to be removed are: 201 Midvale (pine); 4322 Hillcrest (oak); 4302 Hillcrest (2 ash, buckthorn, hackberry); 205 Owen (oak); 4205 Hillcrest (ash); 4133 Hillcrest (elm); 4129 Hillcrest (silver maple); 125 Vaughn Ct (buckthorn, Norway maple); 4122 Hillcrest (oak); 4206 Hillcrest (oak). Kathy German says, "The beautiful oak on the Shirley's property [4325 Hillcrest] is being saved - whew!"

Methods of tree protection will include:

- Realignment/design of street
- Curb construction methods and instruction
- Bends & limits of work for sewer laterals
- Protective fencing around sensitive trees during construction

Trenching machine & vibrations: Kathy German reports, "They are going to be using a large piece of equipment to dig deep trenches in the middle of the street. This machine will cause significant vibrations. We were advised to take photos/videos of our home's interiors & exteriors in the chance that damage is done from the vibration. Concerns about damage would need to be addressed directly by the home owner to the contractor."



The new project manager is Jim Wolfe; contact him at: JWolfe@cityofmadison.com.

The project website is <http://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/sunset-village>

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The Bad Guys are Still Out There

Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015

We experienced a car “break in” on N. Meadow Lane, Sunday night! Remember to lock your cars! Only change was stolen, but the garage door opener was in the vehicle and the robber could have easily gotten into my house!!!

Leslie Watkins, N. Meadow Lane

Monday, Nov. 2, 2015

I forgot to lock our car last night (parked in our driveway) and someone went through the glove box and other storage compartments. As far as I can tell, there wasn't anything of value taken. (They apparently aren't in the market for hair clips, baby lullaby CDs, glasses cleaner, or pennies.) A reminder to everyone to lock up! Anne Pfeiffer, 641 N. Blackhawk Ave.

Friday, Jan. 15, 2016

Hello neighbors, just a reminder to lock your car doors! My car, parked in the driveway, was “broken” into sometime between 5pm yesterday and 3pm today. I must have forgotten to lock it yesterday. Nothing was taken as far as I can tell.

Hannah Gaines Day, S. Hillside Terrace near Bagley Pkwy.

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Second Sunset Village Accessory Dwelling Unit

SVCA president Ken Raffa pointed out on the newsletter front page that Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) will continue to be an issue in Sunset Village. In a 10-24-2015 email to Alder Chris Schmidt, Anne Fuller (N. Meadow Lane) wrote, “When ‘alternate dwelling units’ were proposed to the Sunset Village Community Association (SVCA) we were led to believe that they would be unobtrusive and are meant for family members to be available if needed by the residents of the primary home of the property. Additionally, some of us felt that any of our efforts to protest these structures would be downplayed. In other words we had little choice in the matter.”

The ADU at 220 N. Meadow Lane came before the Plan Commission at its August 11, 2014 meeting and passed without comment or opposition from Sunset Village residents. Planning Division Staff, perhaps considering utility over aesthetics, examined the standard that, “*The uses, values, and enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood for purposes already established will not be substantially impaired or diminished in any foreseeable manner,*” and concluded that, “this standard can be met, as properties adjacent to the proposed structure have garages next to it. The property immediately adjacent to the north has a single-family home and an existing 575 square foot detached garage adjacent to the proposed garage/ADU. The property immediately adjacent to the west has a 4-unit building and a detached garage, directly behind the proposed garage/ADU.” This ADU has a new address, 222 N. Meadow Lane.

The ADU at 221 S. Midvale, proposed for completion by October 15, 2014, remains unfinished.



2016 Neighborhood Grant Program

source: Linda Horvath email

The Neighborhood Grant Program of the City of Madison Planning Division helps neighborhoods beautify gateways, create public gathering places, build leadership skills, or plan for the future. Since the Program began in 1999, it has helped neighbors take on some 300 projects realized with over 20,000 volunteer hours.

What will your neighborhood propose for the 2016 grant cycle?

Grant Program Steps

- Plan a project with your neighborhood
- Contact Linda Horvath, City of Madison Planning Division, 608-267-1131, lhovath@cityofmadison.com no later than January 25 to discuss your project idea
- Apply by February 22, 2016 @ 4:30 pm.



Visit the City's webpage for more information and to apply:

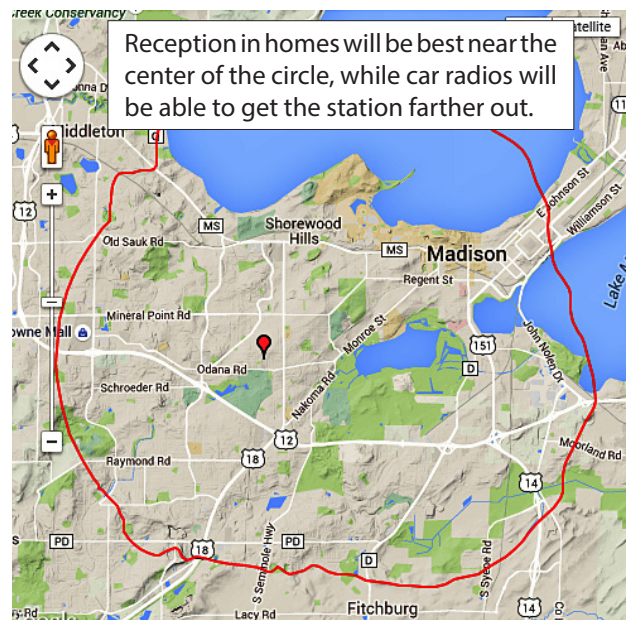
<http://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/neighborhood-grants/1576/>

Turn it on, Tune it in, Check it out: Neighborhood Radio 99.1 FM

WIDE-LP 99.1 FM is low power radio from our Midvale Heights neighbors. The 40-watt radio station began broadcasting from the Orchard Drive garage of Ken and Judy Skog in October 2015. It originated in 2008 in the garage of Bob Park on Hammersley Road. 99.1 FM broadcasts music and talk 24 hours a day. Programs include: Morning Mix, Story Classics at Noon, Freethought Radio, Science for the People, Indy Afternoon, After School Hour, Jim Hightower, Soft Comes the Night. The one program currently created by a resident of Midvale Heights, Steve Fitzsimmons, broadcasts crime alerts from the Midvale Heights Neighborhood Watch program.

The stated goal of WIDE-LP is “to provide a community resource that responds to the needs and interests of our listeners. We particularly focus on content that is not available via broadcasts from full power radio and TV stations in the area. We encourage area residents to create programs of their own that are attractive to their neighbors...Community input on programming will be sought through email from individuals and through our Radio Council. The Radio Council may solicit ideas from local neighborhood associations, local schools, the local Madison Common Council alder, etc.”

Read WIDE-LP's Statement of Goals and Principles, check out the schedule, leave comments, get involved—all at <http://widelp.org/>. More information about low-power FM broadcasting in Dane County is at <http://lpfm.madisonwi.us/>.





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Friends of Hoyt Park News

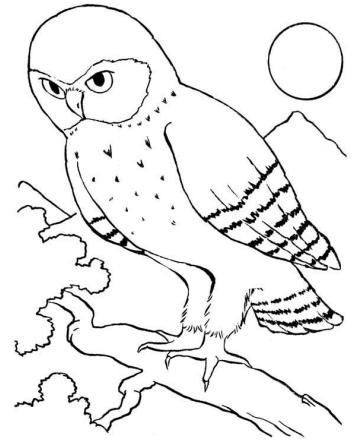
submitted by: Anne Raffa and Vaughan James

The city of Madison is going forward to place **Hoyt Park on the National Register of Historic Places**. It is already on the Madison Registry. John Elliott, Friends of Hoyt Park board member, wrote a letter on behalf of this organization supporting the National Register nomination of Hoyt Park. Amy Scanlon, preservation planner for the city of Madison, submitted a grant request for the nomination to the Historic Register; the process will take 1 to 2 years.

The **Friends of Hoyt Park Annual Meeting** will be Thursday, Apr 21 at 6:45 in the Fellowship Hall of Bethany United Methodist Church, 3910 Mineral Point Rd. The speaker will be graduate student, Marcus Mueller, who will tell us about the current UW study on urban foxes and coyotes in Madison. Marcus is working with Dr. David Drake, in the Department of Forestry and Wildlife Ecology, on the UW Urban Canid Project. This study began in January 2014, after coyotes were routinely seen on the western part of the UW-Madison campus and a family of red foxes was observed living under a campus building. Populations of foxes and coyotes have been monitored since then, and studies are being conducted on their territories, and interactions between the two species and with humans. This topic is particularly timely for the Hoyt Park area. Initial studies were conducted in the campus natural areas, Arboretum and general campus area into the Isthmus, downtown. They plan to expand active study to Hoyt Park and the surrounding neighborhoods this winter so we may hear about some very "local interest" stories! All members of the Friends of Hoyt Park, as well as those interested in joining, are welcome to attend. Additional information about FHP can be found on our website: hoytpark.org

Fireplace restoration and maintenance is being investigated. Some of this labor is already completed. The fireplaces will receive spark arrester screens and safety sand piles this spring. For photos and conditions of the fireplaces, see the November 2015 FHP newsletter on the website.

The Friends of Hoyt Park are hosting a **Full Moon Owl Walk** on Monday, February 22 at 6 p.m. Meet at the main entrance to Hoyt Park for an evening of fun, including hot beverages and sweet treats.



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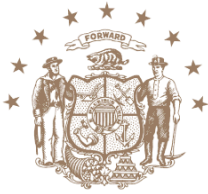
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Remember – Voter ID Needed for 2016 Elections
Make sure you and the people you know are ready to vote

Starting with the spring primary election on February 16th this year, most voters will need to show a photo ID at the polls. Acceptable forms of identification include:

- A WI driver's license (valid even if driving privileges have been revoked or suspended)
- A WI state ID card from the DOT
- A state ID card or driver's license without a photo issued under the religious exemption
- A military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service
- A U.S. passport

The address on your ID doesn't have to be current. The name on your ID doesn't need to be an exact match for your name in the poll book.

To obtain a state ID card from DOT, bring proof of name, date of birth, identity, citizenship, and WI residency to a DMV office. If you don't have a birth certificate, there is an alternate process to get a state ID. Call the DMV at (608) 266-1069 for more information.

UW – Madison student IDs are not valid photo IDs for voting. Any student who doesn't already have a WI driver's license or ID from DOT can obtain a separate voter ID card by bringing his or her existing Wiscard student ID to the Wiscard office in Union South.

You can find more details online at: Bringit.wisconsin.gov or call (866) VOTE-WIS.

If you haven't voted in Wisconsin before, or if you've moved since the last election, you will need to register to vote. You must have lived at your current address for 28 consecutive days before an election to vote from that address. If you've lived there fewer than 28 days, you can still vote from your old address.

You can register by mail up to 20 days before an election, at your municipal clerk's office through the Friday before an election, or at your polling place the day of an election. To register you will need:

A WI driver's license, state ID card, or the last four digits of your Social Security number
Proof of residence, such as a property tax bill, utility bill, bank statement, paystub, residential lease, fishing or hunting license, vehicle registration, etc.
A completed voter registration application, which is available at www.gab.wi.gov

More information is available from the Madison City Clerk's web site - <http://www.cityofmadison.com/clerk/>
- and at myvote.wi.gov

Please share this information with your friends, family, and neighbors!



Do NOT Steal This (Little Library) Book

In the last newsletter we introduced the new Little Library at 10 S. Meadow Lane. Since then Kerri Johanning reported, “We are having a bit of a problem with our Little Free Library at 10 S. Meadow Ln. We had it emptied out on Dec. 23rd or 24th and it was completely refilled and just emptied out again today. The only books that are not taken are discarded library books so I am assuming that someone is taking the books to sell. After the first time we were emptied out, I stamped all of the new books that I put out so that people could not sell them. I think they didn’t check them when they stole them all this time. This library is for the neighborhood to enjoy. Please help me get this solved so we can all go back to sharing books with each other.”



In the new year Kerri says, “The LFL was robbed twice in one week but hasn’t been robbed since Dec. 29th. I have been stamping all of my books and just keeping it partially full. When I get donations, I bring them in the house and stamp them and put them out as needed. I also put a note in the library telling people to only take one book and not the whole thing. So far, so good.”

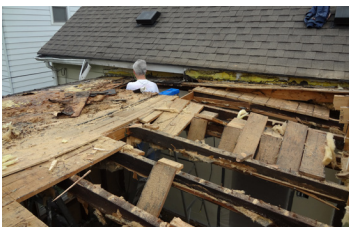


A Fond Farewell - It has been an Honor!

submitted by: newsletter editor Andrew Bernhardt

I am sad to say that this is my final newsletter. My family and I will be moving to Minnesota at the end of February. Thank you for reading and thank you for all the compliments and appreciation you have given me. I have truly enjoyed spending time putting these newsletters together. They have been my small way of making Sunset Village a great neighborhood and a great place to live. My challenge to you all is this: find some small way to make Sunset Village the best place to live. Get to know your neighbors or just show up to the amazing ice cream social; there are so many small ways to make a string of houses into a vibrant community. I truly believe that Sunset Village is already a great neighborhood, one to rival any, and it is the desire and the commitment from neighbors to be neighborly that make this place rich with goodness. I will be sad to leave this place.

Anne and I moved to Sunset Village in the spring of 2009, made possible by the first-time homeowners credit. Naive and optimistic, we had no idea what owning a home really meant. Seven years and twenty-one newsletters later, and now a family of four, I am proud to not only call this house my home but this entire neighborhood as well. Thank you so much everyone!



Quarry Park Trail Usage Plan

source: December 14 meeting notes, Madison Parks website

The City of Madison Parks Division is developing a trail usage plan for Quarry Park, the 16 acres of woods and hills just east of Sunset Village. The City held its first Public Information Meeting on December 14, 2015. Quarry Park has long been a popular off-road biking destination, and when visitors request bike trails or places to bike the City has historically directed them there. Much of the bike trail building has been done by mountain biking groups, such as CORP (Capital Off Road Pathfinders), with little involvement from the City of Madison.

As reported at the meeting, a visit to the park from Eric Veum, the City of Madison's Risk Manager, was the basis for creating a usage plan—from a risk management perspective, the trails and biking activity are permitted, but he felt that a plan for conflict avoidance and possible separation of activities (pedestrian/dog-walking vs. biking) is needed. The preliminary draft plan limits walking trails to a fairly small area in the middle of the park, with the outer part designated for biking. This was not well received by the majority of attendees, especially walkers, who would like unrestricted access to the entire park. Many people pointed out that bikers and walkers have always gotten along fine, with minimal conflicts. More than one attendee described the designated walking area on the draft plan map as unattractive to walkers. City staff reassured walkers, garlic mustard pullers, etc., that no part of the park will be off limits, though there may be cautionary signage.

Parks staff gathered a list at the meeting of attendees willing to participate in a working group that will use input gathered from this meeting to further develop the trail usage plan concept. The working group will gather at a series of meetings in early 2016 to finalize a concept that will be presented to the neighborhood in spring 2016.

Go to the City of Madison webpage for updates, meeting notes, and the draft plan map.

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/parks/park.cfm?id=1355>



Love (or at least get to know) Thy Neighbor

source: Madison Police Chief Koval's blog

Madison Police Chief Koval's first blog for 2016 is Love (or at least get to know) Thy Neighbor. Chief Koval says, "In 2016, I am urging citizens to get to know neighbors that live on their block, on their apartment floor, or wherever they spend a lot of time. Optimally, I would also love to see the formation of more neighbor watch programs—formal or informal—to assist us in being better guardians to our community." He continues, "MPD has countless examples where conscientious neighbors have played an instrumental role in thwarting crime or assisting us in apprehensions. By way of example, as recently as 1/5/16, a group of concerned west side neighbors, including one who took her own surveillance pictures, came together to help MPD take a burglary suspect into custody. There had been several daytime break-ins in the area and thanks to the efforts of these neighbors we are convinced that these citizens may have kept a crime or crimes from happening." The entire blog is long but well worth the read at www.cityofmadison.com/police/chief/blog/?Id=9084



2015 Sunset Village Halloween Parade Highlights

photos submitted by: Josh Arnold

The 2015 Halloween Parade was rescheduled at the last minute from particularly awful weather on Saturday, October 31, to a glorious and sunny Sunday, November 1 - perfect for a parade!



City of Madison Makes Its Case for Curb and Gutter

source: Jim Wolfe presentation at Nov. 30 public information meeting

On November 30th, Jim Wolfe, City of Madison streets & sidewalks engineer, gave a presentation about the upcoming street and stormwater infrastructure improvement project. His presentation included a justification for adding curb and gutter, which included flood prevention and protection of street trees due to compaction from streetside parking on the grass.

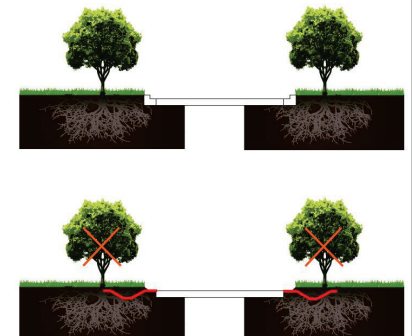
2016 Hillcrest Drive & Hillcrest Circle Neighborhood Meeting

Public Information Meeting
November 30, 2015

Street Design

Why curb and gutter?

- o Maintenance of street
- o Protects pavement edge
- o Traffic safety
- o Environmental benefits
- o Collect and convey storm water- minimize private property flooding
- o Protects tree terrace from parked cars & plows
- o Suitable for steep slopes



NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

SVCA quarterly meeting

Mon., Mar. 7th, 6:30 p.m. Sequoia Library

UW Campus Master Plan Open House #4

Draft Preliminary Plan Presentation

Feb. 24, 7:00-9:00 p.m., 770 W. Dayton St.

Gordon Dining & Event Center

<http://masterplan.wisc.edu/index.htm>

West Madison Senior Center Events

www.wmseniorcenter.org/programs-services

Midvale-Lincoln Rummage Sale

Sat., March 19, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Midvale Elementary School

Friends of Hoyt Park Events

Hoyt Park Annual Meeting

Thurs., April 21, 6:45 p.m., Bethany United Methodist Church, 3910 Mineral Point Rd.

Hoyt Park Full Moon Owl Walk

Mon., Feb. 22, 6:00 p.m., main shelter

Hilldale Winter Farmers' Market

Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., South Atrium

Brewer Bus Trip - Save the Date

Friday, July 22, Brewers vs. Cubs

Glenn Kramer, gkramer40@gmail.com

Unitarian Society Noon Musicales

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

www.fusmadison.org/noon-musicales

Hilldale Events

<http://www.hilldale.com/events>

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

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Half Page size (7.5x4.5):

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

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January 12, April 12, July 12, October 12

Send ads as jpgs or pdfs to Brian at banderse@yahoo.com

And send Payments to:

P.O. Box 5635, Madison, WI 53705

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Yard Work, Pet Sitting, Snow Shoveling, Odd Jobs

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

Yard Work, Snow Removal, Pet Care, Odd Jobs

Help teach the Laursen kids where money comes from: WORK. Lawn mowing, leaf removal, snow removal, cat sitting, dog walking, odd jobs. Contact their dad, Tobin at 608-790-0970 or Tobin@charter.net.

Babysitting/Petsitting

I am a responsible 12 year old who would love to work with your children or pets -or be a mother's helper. I have taken the American Red Cross babysitting course. Contact Neva, (608) 231-2902.

Pet Sitting, Babysitting

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

Babysitting and Mother's Helper

I'm Ivory Nordeng, 12 years old, with two younger siblings and experience watching other children. I am ready to babysit for you: your home or mine. I took the babysitter's safety course in August. \$5/hr. (608)236-0899 or idnordeng@madison.k12.wi.us

Babysitting and Pet Sitting

I'm Halle Andersen and would like to babysit or pet-sit. 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

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Neighborhood Website: www.sunsetvillagecommunity.org

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

District 11 Alder: Chris Schmidt district11@cityofmadison.com 238-7494, www.cityofmadison.com/council/district11/blog

Facebook page: "Sunset Village Community Association"