



Sunset Village Voice

Your Neighborhood Newsletter

Fall 2019

Sunset Village Community Assoc.
quarterly meeting:
Thursday, November 21, 6:30 p.m.
Sequoia Library, 4340 Tokay Blvd.

Dear Neighbors

Hope you all will join at the special talk about the UW Arboretum and monarch butterflies (see details on this page). Note that we will have a brief regular SVCA meeting prior to the talk.

Also, I wanted to put out a special request to help us find a new president (or co-president) of SVCA for the next two years. While technically I could serve another term, there are circumstances that prevent me from making another commitment. (As some of you may know, I'm in a dispute with the Midtown police station about noise levels and if nothing is fixed by next summer, I will have to move.) I'm willing to serve as a co-president as long as I'm around and do a lot of administrative work I've done the past four years but can't commit to being the lead. So if you have any interest, please contact one of the current officers before the November 21st meeting. (You can reach me at sereynard@aol.com.)



Regards, Sue Reynard

Sunset Village Halloween Parade!

Sunday, October 27, 2 p.m. at Sunset Park

Find your best costume and join your neighbors for the Annual Halloween Parade in Sunset Park. The parade will start at 2 p.m. followed by treats (but no tricks), crafts and games. If you are interested in helping out – making treats, staffing games, helping with the craft table, set-up, clean-up – **please contact Alice Yuroff at Alice@Yuroff.com**

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Monarchs and More at our Quarterly Meeting!

Join us Thursday, November 21st for a special speaker at the Sunset Village quarterly meeting. Professor Karen Oberhauser, director of the UW Arboretum, will give a talk about the Arboretum with emphasis on the status of monarch butterflies (her specialty research area).

"I have studied monarch butterflies for over 30 years," Oberhauser says. "This work has expanded to include other insects and their habitat, and has made me passionate about conserving the world's biodiversity. I believe that the connections my research, outreach and teaching promote between monarchs, humans and the natural world encourage meaningful conservation action."

The presentation is open to the public.

Place: Sequoia Library Meeting Rooms A & B

Presentation Time: 7:15pm – 8:30pm

Note: For Sunset Village residents, there will be a brief business meeting of SVCA from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm in Meeting Room A only (we don't have access to Meeting Room B until 7:15). We will discuss the slate of officer candidates for the election next February and review the budget numbers and membership.

2020 Election of Sunset Village Community Association Officers

Sue Reynard is nearing the end of her second two-year term as **SVCA President** and is eligible for a third term. (SVCA bylaws were changed in early 2019 to eliminate term limits.) She is not planning to run for re-election but would consider a co-presidency.

Anne Badey Raffa is nearing the end of her first two-year term as **SVCA Secretary** and says that she “would be truly happy to continue.”



Brian Andersen, who has been **SVCA Treasurer** for several years (thank you Brian) is not running for re-election. Rich Kedzior has agreed to accept nomination for a first term.

Nominations may be made at the last SVCA meeting of the year on November 21, or in writing to the secretary at least one month prior to the Annual Meeting on February 20, 2020. Nominations should preferably be submitted by January 12, 2020 so that candidates may be introduced in the Winter newsletter, which will also include voting instructions.

Sunset Village Neighborhood Project Updates

“Missing Link” Ped/Bike Path Makes the Connection

source: The Village Bulletin, Village of Shorewood Hills

Early September marked the opening of the long-awaited multi-use path through Shorewood Hills, north of University Avenue and the railroad tracks; the path connects the Blackhawk Path from the west to the UW Campus Path on the east. It includes two new at-grade crossings, at Marshall Court and University Bay Drive. Village President David Benforado says, “The Village is very proud of the hard work done to move this project along over the past 12 years. We are very happy with how it ultimately turned out. Our number one objective and top concern right now is SAFETY—safety at the two new at-grade crossings; safety of bicyclists, pedestrians and vehicles in these highly congested areas. We urge everyone to be alert, safe and patient at these two new crossings.”



Capital High—Finding a Home at Hoyt School

Alder Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, District #5, held a neighborhood meeting on September 18 to discuss a proposed new home for Capital High School in the Hoyt school building. She says, “As part of the Madison Municipal School District’s long-range facility plan and instructional vision of expanding its innovative school options for students, the school district is considering turning Hoyt back into a school building. The intention of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s vision and hear from all of you regarding items that they should consider while fleshing out their plans. The district is considering putting the funding necessary to remodel the Hoyt School such that it could operate as a school into their facility referendum being considered for 2020. This is the first of 3 neighborhood meetings I plan to schedule over the next 6 months to discuss these plans so there will be an iterative opportunity to provide feedback, have MMSD work on issues raised, and meet with residents again.” Read about Capital High at <https://capital.madison.k12.wi.us/>
Contact Alder Shiva with your feedback and to receive email updates: district5@cityofmadison.com

Willow Creek Watershed Study

City of Madison Engineering has not announced the anticipated Fall 2019 focus group date for the Willow Creek Watershed Study. Stay up to date at: www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/willow-creek-watershed-study

Lucia Crest Park Playground Replacement

The project is complete, along with an added paved path to provide accessibility from the sidewalk on N. Owen Drive.



***Talking Spirits* at Forest Hill Cemetery**

submitted by Shoshauna Schey

THE WISCONSIN HUMANITIES COUNCIL, your local cultural non-profit residing on Regent Street near Hoyt Park, was excited to financially support the *Talking Spirits* program that took place at Forest Hill Cemetery the first week in October. *Talking Spirits*, an award-winning living history program, has occurred in the cemetery for the last 21 years. Short vignettes by costumed actors illuminate the lives of those buried at Forest Hill who contributed to Wisconsin history during the Civil War, and in the growth of our city afterwards. Tour guides led school groups and the general public (some tours were by candlelight!) through a portion of the cemetery explaining notable details about other points of interest located between the various vignettes.

Featured this year were Governor Louis Harvey and his wife Cordelia; Napoleon Bonaparte Van Slyke; William F. Vilas; and, pictured here, Benjamin Butts. As a runaway slave, Mr. Butts became attached to the 5th Wisconsin Battery, and followed the unit back to Wisconsin after the war ended. He became a barber on Capitol Square for many governors, as well as a messenger for the Wisconsin Historical Society. His son was the first African-American to play football for the University of Wisconsin.



The Wisconsin Humanities Council is a statewide resource for librarians, teachers, museum educators and civic leaders who create entertaining and informative programs using culture and discussion to strengthen community life. To learn more about the programs we fund and create, please visit us at wisconsinhumanities.org or find us on Facebook and Twitter @wihumanities. You can also stop by our office under the oaks at 3801 Regent Street - we would love to meet you!

Don't Forget to Use the SVCA Yahoo! Group Listserv

Sunset Village has an Online Message Board, otherwise known as a listserv. The Sunset Village online message board is a Yahoo! Group called **[sunsetvillagecommunityassociation](http://www.sunsetvillagecommunity.org)**. If you join this group you may send and receive email messages on neighborhood topics such as newsletter deadlines and corrections, event and meeting times, and so on.

The easy way to join the SVCA Yahoo! Group is through the Sunset Village Community Association website: **www.sunsetvillagecommunity.org**. Go to the bottom right of that web page and click "Yahoo!" to bring up the Yahoo! Group web page. You will have to "Create New Account" if you don't already have a Yahoo account. To further tweak your Yahoo! Group account you may click on "Edit Membership" and choose whether to receive each group message to your email address, get a Daily Digest of postings, or opt only to check postings when you go to the Yahoo! Group website. Typically SVCA postings have been low volume and not likely to clutter your Inbox. The Online Message Board is a good way to share information between newsletter issues and quarterly meetings, so please do join.

Neighbors Come Together Again at the 8th Annual Hillside Terrace Block Party

submitted by Josh, Harrison, and Miles Arnold

Thanks to everyone who joined us for the 8th annual Hillside block party. We were treated to delicious food, cold beverages and lots of great conversations with our neighbors. Special thanks to Don Watson for arranging for the food and sponsoring with his company, Isthmus Environmental. Thanks to SVCA for helping to sponsor this year's party! Special thanks to Christine Einerson for coordinating the pot luck, distributing flyers and arriving early to help set up! Thanks everyone for being a part of our neighborhood - people getting together transforms a bunch of houses built close together into a community!



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Safety at Mineral Point and Midvale

source: Midtown District Blotter, October 8, 2019

When a crossing guard is present at
Mineral Point Rd and Midvale Blvd

NO TURN ON RED!!!



SVCA Pint Glasses Now on Sale For \$5

Did you miss every opportunity to buy your SVCA pint glass?

Contact Sue Reynard, 238-0745 or sereynard@aol.com



Merlham Drive Chicken Crosses to Safety

Some of the most reported missing/found “persons” on Nextdoor, besides cats (#1) and dogs (#2), are chickens. Here is the excellent adventure of Chicken Little, a Merlham Drive resident. It is not known exactly when Chicken Little slipped out of the coop, but Kathleen Rice reports on Nextdoor on Friday, September 27, “Just saw a reddish looking chicken walking down Regent Street between Segoe and Midvale.” Nancy Noet replies, “The missing chicken is named Chicken Little, she’s very tame, she responds well to human voices, and she loves cheese.” And Jen Walsh weighs in, “I saw the chicken at the corner of Regent and Midvale about 1:30 Saturday afternoon...She was on the south east side (same side of Midvale as the fire dept.). She didn’t much look like she was headed anywhere in particular.”

On Saturday, September 28, the chicken’s interim caretaker, Charity Brooks, lists her on Nextdoor as missing: “Lost a brown chicken last night. Last seen around Regent & Segoe. She is friendly and may come to you if you offer cheese.” Charity, new to Nextdoor, corrects her post: “I accidentally tagged the post under ‘cooking.’ She is not for cooking, but is a pet.” On Saturday afternoon Matt Havighurst reports, “I saw her crossing Midvale at Regent early this afternoon!!!”

And then, home safe. Charity says, “It was a search that started right before the storm Saturday night, lasting for a couple hours in the dark and rain and then stopping for the night with the hope the chicken had followed her instincts and perched on a tree branch and would sleep and hide there and make it through the night. Around 3:30 p.m. Sunday she got close enough (nervously pacing around the bushes near the back gate of the yard) and, thanks to a neighbor’s sighting, I was lucky enough to find her. There were many sightings and posts (thanks to our neighbors). Apparently, she is a savvy traveler—she even crossed Midvale safely across and back which is quite a feat in my experience as a human.” Charity thanks “all the neighbors who went above & beyond to help rescue her.”





Sunset Village Community Association

2019-2020 Membership Form

Quarterly Newsletter



Social Events



Ice Cream Social



Halloween Parade



Hillside Terrace Block Party

Playground Upgrades



Ice Rink at Sunset Park



Westmorland July 4th Celebration

Neighborhood Improvement Projects



Sunset Park



Perennial Garden at Midtown



Adopting the ash tree that guards the Lucia Crest playground



Suggested Contribution: \$15/household

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2019 Ice Cream Social in Lucia Crest Park

The Sunset Village Ice Cream Social in Lucia Crest Park brought people together on a sunny August 3. This is a free annual event, thanks to generous contributions from our neighborhood sponsors. The Chocolate Shoppe provided (at cost) Zanzibar, Door County Cherry, Exhausted Parent, This \$&@! Just Got Serious, Lemon Raspberry Italian Ice; Luigi's donated pizzas at 1 p.m. and SVCA supplied more at 3:00 p.m.; Great Dane donated 3 kegs of beer, for every taste. Please support and thank these local businesses. The Sunset Village information/membership table was manned by Linda Fahy, Ulrike Dieterle, Anne Raffa, and Sue Reynard. Capital City Church members helped throughout. The fire engine from Station #9 was there as usual, as well as Jay's Balloon Twisting and FIT2GO. Kids enjoyed playing in the sand of the recently removed playground equipment. See the SVCA Facebook page for MANY more photos (in color).



Midtown Station Has a New Captain – Jason Freedman

submitted by Captain Jason Freedman

I grew up on the west side of Madison, and now live with my wife and 8th grade son in McFarland, WI. My parents and sister still live in the city, and I am strongly committed to the health, safety, and quality of life for Madison's residents. After graduating high school (a Spartan), I received my undergraduate degree (history, political science, and international relations) from UW Madison, and later a master's in public administration from UW Oshkosh.

Following graduation from Marine Corps Officer Candidate School, my first 'real full time job' was with CDA Madison where I worked in the housing and Section-8 department. It was an eye opening experience to see a different side of life and the barriers that some experience when trying to fulfill a basic need—and, unfortunately, these barriers and needs largely remain, 20+ years later. Yet it also helped to spark my passion for service to this community.

In 1997 I had the privilege of being hired by MPD, and I've enjoyed a great and rewarding career thus far: as a patrol officer north, west and south; neighborhood officer for Baird/Fisher; training officer—training remains a great passion of mine; patrol sergeant (north), CPT sergeant (north); Narcotics Unit Sergeant and then Lieutenant; and most recently Central District Captain. I've also been part of SWAT as a team member, team leader, negotiations sergeant, tactical commander, and am now the overall team commander.

Most of my best experiences at MPD have involved being a part of great teams, and I am very excited about the team that I am joining at Midtown. We have an extraordinarily talented and diverse group that serves the district and the community. I have no doubt that their law enforcement and life experiences and their commitment to service will shine through and demonstrate their empathy, competence, and embrace of MPD's core values. We have a great team, but we also need to team effectively with our community, who often have information and ideas that can really help us help them. Further, many of my 'wins' in the Central District involved effective team work with other city and non-city partners such as DMI, City Attorney, ALRC, Parking Utility, and my Central alder cadre. Actualized policing in partnership with the community is a powerful and effective change agent.

As I step into the district, I know I have a lot to learn—and a lot of people to meet and get to know; I look forward to learning the nuances, people, and soul of Midtown.



Upcoming Neighborhood and Nearby Events (see also front and back pages)

Halloween Parade and Special SVCA meeting—see front page

Bethany Fall Craft Fair, Bake Sale and Lunch, *submitted by Linda Holthaus*

Bethany United Methodist Church, 3910 Mineral Point Rd, will hold its annual Fall Craft Fair on **Saturday, November 2**, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will also be a coffee shop and bake sale sponsored by the United Methodist Women, and a barbecue lunch served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Original design and hand-crafted items may include: Christmas ornaments, crafts and décor, honey, rosemaling, Norwegian art, screen printed cards, shirts, ceramic tile/trivets, mugs, Madison and Wisconsin design items, fiber arts, knitted/crocheted items, wind chimes, stained glass, fused glass, hand crafted soap, dog blankets, stuffed animals, pot holders, placemats, aprons, sun catchers, and more. Sale items from some vendors during the last hour! Come to socialize, eat, shop, and appreciate the talents of your neighbors and local craft people.



Friends of Hoyt Park: News and Upcoming Activities, *submitted by Anne Badey Raffa*

- Consider volunteering for our final workday in the park on **Saturday, November 16**. This will entail seed planting and brush removal. Meet at the main shelter at 10:00 a.m. Meet old friends and make new friends!
- Back by popular demand are The Full Moon Owl Walk in January and the Family Sledding Party in February. The dates have not been finalized yet so please check our List Serve and website for details.
- Hoyt Park has many paved and unpaved hiking trails to enjoy, restored historic fireplaces to gather around and share good times, a full sized basketball court, a restored prairie, a wonderful playground, and much more. Plan an outing sometime soon and discover this treasure for yourself.
- Please visit our website for updates on events happening in Hoyt Park. See **www.hoytpark.org**

Bucky Books for Sale by Midvale-Lincoln PTO, *submitted by Jane Kelly*

It's that time of year again- Bucky Books are for sale! Buy a book and you will get coupons for great deals all over town. And if you buy your book from the Midvale-Lincoln PTO you are helping support the students and teachers at those schools...the kiddos right here in our neighborhood. Pay \$35 for one Bucky Book and you will get that money back and then some in no time. Thank you so much for your support! Please visit **www.midvalelincolnppto.org** to order your book online or email Erica at erica.tburg@gmail.com with questions.

Don't Be a Porch Pirate Victim This Holiday Season

source: Madison Police Department West District Blotter

Something to ponder when on-line shopping. After the turkey and pumpkin pie are nothing but crumbs left in a pan, many people turn to the internet to pass the time. As your fingers are flying and you find that one gift that you just must have, and is on SALE, you decide you must have it! While you are going through the check out process, pause and think about where this incredible present should be delivered.

With the holiday season just about here, the Porch Pirates will be in full glory, cruising neighborhoods looking for packages to steal off porches. So think for a minute, should this be delivered to sit on my porch all day while I am at work or is there another safer option? Some ideas include: delivery to your workplace, to your retired neighbor who is home most of the day, to your apartment complex office, to the condo office. Have your packages sent to where you are, not where you are not. Some retailers also will deliver within a certain time frame window. Or, you can always choose pick up at the UPS or Fed Ex local office. Give thanks for what you have and don't be a Porch Pirate victim this holiday season!



U.S. Census Coming in March 2020

submitted by Ben Zellers, Planner, City of Madison

The 2020 Census is approaching. The Census is a once-per-decade count of all people living in the United States that is mandated by the Constitution. The count will begin in mid-March of 2020 when most households will receive a mailed invitation to respond online or by phone. Federal law requires the Census Bureau to keep personally identifiable census information confidential – it cannot be shared with any other governmental agencies, law enforcement, landlords, credit agencies, or anywhere else outside the Census Bureau.



The Census usually takes less than 10 minutes to complete, but brings 10 years of benefits. The Census informs how \$675 billion of federal funds – an average of over \$2,000 per person – will be allocated for things like affordable housing, childcare, healthcare, education, transit, roads, and more. The Census count is also important to ensure equal representation when drawing electoral districts - from aldermanic districts all the way to U.S. House of Representatives districts. District boundaries are based on the total population count – not the number of voters or citizens. Lack of a complete and accurate Census count can lead to underrepresentation in certain areas and a lack of funding for important community programs and infrastructure.

The City is actively publicizing the importance of the 2020 Census through a variety of channels, including working with the UW and MMSD, publicizing the census at community events, working with nonprofit community partners to spread the word, talking with local TV stations and newspapers, and more. Another effective avenue is working with neighborhoods to inform people about the census and encourage them to fill out their census forms. The City encourages residents to reach out to their neighbors to make sure everyone is aware of the 2020 Census and its importance.

Visit www.cityofmadison.com/2020Census to find out more about what the City is doing and learn about 2020 Census events and updates, or visit www.2020census.gov for more from the Census Bureau. The City of Madison wants to ensure **all** residents are counted - help shape our future by completing the Census next year!

Research the Story of Your House

source: Madison Public Library, www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/new/research-story-your-house

Have you ever wondered about the stories your home has to tell? Are you fascinated by the history of historical homes in your neighborhood? Madison Public Library partnered with the City of Madison Planning Department and Madison Trust for Historic Preservation to create a community presentation entitled, “Researching the Story of Your House”—

www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/sites/default/files/media/Researching-the-Story-of-Your-House.pdf. It’s a great way to get started.

Go Solar with MadiSUN Solar Program

submitted by Sophia Seol, Community Outreach Intern, RENEW Wisconsin

Hello Sunset Village Neighbors: MadiSUN is a program sponsored by the City of Madison to make going solar easy and affordable. This is the last year to take advantage of a full 30% Federal Tax Credit, which makes 2019 a great time to explore solar. Since 2016, the MadiSUN Solar Program has helped homeowners across the area install solar-electric systems on their homes. Over 100 households have “gone solar” thanks to the program’s simplicity, reduced price, and customer service. MadiSUN also offers incentives for business, nonprofits, and affordable housing providers. Check out madisunsolar.com to learn more about how to go solar with us!



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Sunday, Oct. 27, 2:00 p.m. sharp!

Bethany Fall Craft Fair & Bake Sale

Saturday, Nov. 2, 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

3910 Mineral Point Road

Unitarian Society Noon Musicales

Fridays, 12:00.- 12:45 p.m. September-May

<https://fusmadison.org/musicales/>

Hoyt Park Full Moon Owl Walk

January, date TBD, Main Shelter

Hoyt Park Winter Sledding Party

February, date TBD, Main Shelter

Hoyt Park Events & Work Days

www.hoytpark.org

Playgroup at University Houses Preschool

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January 12, April 12, July 12, October 12

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