



Sunset Village Voice

Your Neighborhood Newsletter

Spring 2020

Sunset Village Community Assoc.

quarterly meeting:
Thursday, 4/2/20, 6:30 p.m.
Midway Station,
4020 Mineral Point Road

Dear Neighbors

We started 2020 celebrating the Year of the Rat. We moved quickly into the Year of COVID-19. We have found new ways of moving through our days, of coping with extreme demands and difficulties. With so much drastic change, it is more important than ever to hold on to the permanence of "neighborhood."

For the first time, our Sunset Village Voice newsletter is available only online so that our volunteers do not have to go house to house delivering hard copies. It and SVCA meeting minutes can be found at the SVCA website. See: <https://sunsetvillagecommunity.org/>

With so much uncertainty, we also have no idea whether regularly scheduled events, such as quarterly meetings and other social events, will take place on time or at all. Follow the Sunset Village Community Association page on Facebook to get updates.

Because SVCA leadership wants to hear from you, we have constructed a short, completely anonymous online survey to gather input on a series of questions. Your answers will help us plan SVCA programming well into the future. Check the link on Facebook or the SVCA website, or here: www.surveymonkey.com/r/RMZ3CZY

SVCA's guiding theme for this year is Act Locally. In that spirit, please continue to communicate with neighbors online through various tools such as Nextdoor. Continue to support local merchants. Check on elderly and disabled neighbors. Enjoy the pleasures of outdoors as you walk our neighborhood streets bursting with spring time colors. And, above all, stay well. Until the next time.

Your Co-Presidents,
Sue Reynard and Ulrike Dieterle



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SAVE THESE DATES! OR NOT...

Make Music Madison on June 21

The event itself, and the following venues, are tentative, pending COVID updates. See article from the Make Music Alliance.

Lucia Crest Park, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Bethany Church, 4:00-8:00 p.m.



Ice Cream Social

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

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



Sunset Village Community Association February 20, 2020 Quarterly Meeting

excerpted from minutes by Anne Badey Raffa at: www.sunsetvillagecommunity.org/

Officer election results for two-year terms:

Co-Presidents: Sue Reynard was re-elected, and Ulrike Dieterle was elected to serve as co-president

Secretary: Anne Badey Raffa was re-elected

Treasurer: Rich Kedzior was elected to replace Brian Andersen



State of SVCA and President's report:

Our membership is holding steady. We currently have \$5,725 in our budget. Membership dues per household have been \$15 and will remain that amount. Sue felt perhaps we should have a table with membership information at the Halloween Parade similar to the one that we have at the Ice Cream Social. Ulrike suggested that we explore the concept of Block Captains.

Anne Badey Raffa, Friends of Hoyt Park:

Anne reported on the Hoyt annual meeting, scheduled for April 20. The invited speaker was to have been Daniel Einstein, Historical and Cultural Resource Manager with the University of Wisconsin, Madison, speaking on the Brittingham Family and their contributions to the community and campus. Their legacy and influence on Madison, WI includes work with Hoyt Park, Devil's Lake Park, the Lincoln Statue, WARF, and Frederic Mohs Cancer Research.

Discussion of initiatives for 2020:

- Getting membership Input: Ulrike said we should look into placing a survey in the newsletter for input on articles, meetings and events. Ken stated that we have several grass roots events throughout the year; even though we only have a limited number of people attending our quarterly meetings, these social events are well attended.
- Theme-Year Activities: Following up on the discussion at the November meeting, it was recommended that SVCA adopt a theme this year entitled "Act Locally" and look for ways to highlight steps everyone can take to reduce our climate impact. We could brainstorm ideas for activities, newsletter articles, meetings, etc., that we can do to promote this theme. Liz McBride recalled how David Thompson wrote a letter for the newsletter about electric cars. She offered to interview a neighbor with solar panels for an article for one of our upcoming newsletters. Liz also mentioned a mission called Ripple Effects, a Dane County coalition which aims to keep leaves off the streets, since they ultimately end up in our lakes. Interested citizens could obtain a packet of information on how to become involved. Liz will look into a speaker to address this at our August meeting.

Misc. Reports:

- Ken Raffa stated that at the last meeting we passed a formal resolution to write a thank you letter to then Chief of Police, Mike Koval, for his services. Ken received a beautiful thank you letter from Chief Koval.
- Ulrike made a motion that we send a thank you letter to Brian Andersen for his years of service as our Treasurer.
- Ken mentioned that we should suggest that newsletter delivery be contingent on a shoveled driveway and sidewalk.
- Ken offered to invite a guest speaker for our November meeting.

Why We Decided to Go Solar

submitted by Dave Minden, Upland Drive resident

For over 10 years we considered adding solar panels to the roof of our house. The reasons for? A long-standing interest in reducing our environmental footprint, and fears that if we did not we would continue to be part of the problem. Also, knowing our roof faces south so it would probably work. But, there were other things to do, other things to afford. Then we heard that 2019 would be the last year of the full federal tax benefit for solar panels, reducing from about 35% to about 20% for 2020. We made the decision in the fall, called a local installer we knew from their having done friends' roofs, and got in the queue for the job.

The estimate was \$14000 for 8 panels. We'd get a tax write-off of about \$3500. The payback, the amount of time it would take to 'earn back' our money through reducing our electric bill with the solar panels, was 23 years! This is very long, and has mostly to do with having several large shade trees in our and neighbors' yards (a friend with no trees and a few more panels has a 7 year payback). Loving the shade, and still wanting to do the right thing, we are looking at this as a contribution to the earth for which we might not fully see the benefit in our lives (we're in our 60s). The job included some certifications, to meet the federal guidelines – like that our project would get at least 90% of the possible gain from the sun and house angles, trees, etc. We had to sign up with MGE. The installation was done in December, took about 3 days. We'd put on a new roof in November, though our 25+ year roof was not particularly showing signs of age, but realizing it would be a lot easier to do now. And, now we hope to have another 30 years without roof trouble!



After the installation was done we waited a few days for MGE to inspect, another few days for the 'backwards/forwards' meter to be installed – no cost to us. The meter actually does run backwards if the solar is active (even in cloudy weather) and our electrical use is less than our solar gain! Then the installer came back to test and turn on the system. All systems go! Our installer is also our maintenance/warranty agent. The system comes with a computerized meter which transmits to an online app, so we can see our solar production at any time. So far this year (to early April) we've generated over 500 kilowatts of solar energy. Our sunniest day solar day so far was 18kw, alone. We expect the numbers to go up as the sun's angle in the sky does, but when the leaves come out there will be some moderation. We'll see what shows up on the meter! The app also gives some 'equivalence' numbers, like CO2 emissions saved, and equivalent trees planted.

Some people are probably more rational than we were in the decision-making process. If you want, you can find sites that give you a lot more information on the value of solar for the area (<https://decisiondata.org/solar-by-state/wisconsin> is one example; MG&E also has a site). We really made the decision years ago that this is the right thing to do, for us and for our planet. We're now the 3rd house in 1 block with panels. Hope you consider joining us in solarland!



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A Message about Make Music Day 2020 - Music will still be happening this year!

posted on www.facebook.com/makemusicmadison/, March 23, 2020

Dear friends—We hope this finds you safe and healthy. Like all of you, we are grappling with the huge impact COVID-19 is having around the world, and in our daily lives. As we plan for Make Music Day on June 21, 2020, we don't know if public gatherings will be feasible at that date, or if everyone will be "social distancing" and stuck at home.

Despite this uncertainty, we wanted to let you know that Make Music Day will still be happening on June 21. Unlike traditional music festivals, Make Music Day is an open invitation for everyone to make music anywhere and everywhere. We hope to be taking over the streets with music on June 21, but if we can't, we invite you to join one of the online Make Music Day initiatives that will take place no matter what. We can still stay connected online and celebrate music.

Live From Home Challenge: Record a musical performance at home on June 21, and tag three friends to challenge them to respond with their own performances.

Online Music Lessons: Teachers around the world will be offering free, online lessons for a variety of instruments.

Street Studios: Be part of a completely improvised music creation session. Record any sound or musical material on June 21st and upload it to one of the "Street Studio" producers, then watch the producer's livestream as they incorporate it into a musical track created on the spot, using only the submitted materials.

Bands Undercover: Individuals or bands sign up to cover each other's original music, and live stream their performances to each other in a unique musical exchange on June 21.

Young Composers Contest: Composers between the ages of 13-21 are invited to submit short, original compositions for choir by June 1st. A panel of renowned composers will give their feedback on all entries, and will select one winning piece to release on June 21 to the world in a professional performance.

Global Livestream: A day-long video stream on June 21 will show the rich diversity of live Make Music Day events around the world.

Of course, we still hope to come out together in public on June 21—in the coming weeks, look for announcements from your local Make Music Day coordinators with updates. But above all, we are committed to supporting the health and well-being of the public during this challenging time, and will follow the guidance of government health departments to make sure everyone stays safe.

Sincerely,
Make Music Alliance

Neighborhood Scenes



Quarry Park
rock cairn



Coyote behind
Eugenia Avenue house



Superpower face mask
by Peggy Lison



Easter Tree
on North Owen

Hello Neighbors, from Dane County Supervisor Richelle Andrae



Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself. I will be serving as your representative on the Dane County Board of Supervisors, beginning April 21st. You may know Kelly Danner; she was elected to this position in 2018, and did not seek re-election this year.

This year's Board will face several unusual challenges. We'll start by meeting virtually amid a public health crisis. We anticipate budget shortfalls due to decreased commerce and reduction in tax revenue. Our most vulnerable populations need leadership and action at the local level now more than ever before. My background and passion put me in a good position to step up on the Board and serve our community. I've lived in Madison for about 10 years, currently in Hill Farms. I've seen our city through the eyes of an undergraduate student, a young professional working in non-profit, an academic, and a volunteer.

Service is very important to me. I'm currently a member of the City of Madison Equal Opportunities Commission which recommends policy to expand and protect the civil rights of residents. I am a regular volunteer at the Rape Crisis Center, where I answer a call line for survivors of sexual assault. Until 2018, when I purchased my first home, I held a leadership role with the Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association. I've also knocked doors for local and statewide candidates with our excellent neighborhood action group, the Teal Team, mobilizing votes for Democrats up and down the ballot.

During the day, I am a policy analyst and strategic planning consultant with Wisconsin Medicaid. Right now, I'm working on telehealth policy to expand access to remote consultations and care for Medicaid members across the state. I've previously worked on local public health evaluation projects and other health policy issues like development of the workforce in rural areas. I also worked directly with underserved teens in Madison high schools, helping them find and keep their first jobs.

The top three issues I've been discussing while running for local office include increasing coordination of social services, building infrastructure for smart growth (including housing and transit), and ensuring that local decisions are informed by local residents. County government tends to be less visible than city-level work, and it's my goal to see more engagement with residents. You can expect to hear more about this from me in the future. I'm excited to work alongside many other leaders and citizens who are making thoughtful, creative decisions to re-envision our criminal justice system, advance sustainability and land conservation, and support local small businesses.

When I'm not at work or engaged in Board activities, you can find me at the Odana dog park with my rescue, Roux, enjoying a cool beverage on the patio at Café Hollander, or visiting my family in Door County. You can learn more about me on my campaign website, www.Richelle4DaneCounty.org. Contact information for me and other Board members will be available at <https://board.countyofdane.com/Supervisors>. Board meetings, along with committees and agendas, are all posted here: <https://board.countyofdane.com/>. You can also follow district 11 news and updates on Facebook at @DaneCountyDistrict11, or contact me directly at 608-509-4844.

Thank you for the work you're all doing day in and day out to stay safe and support each other during this challenging time. I look forward to meeting you in person soon. – Richelle Andrae; County Board Supervisor (District 11)

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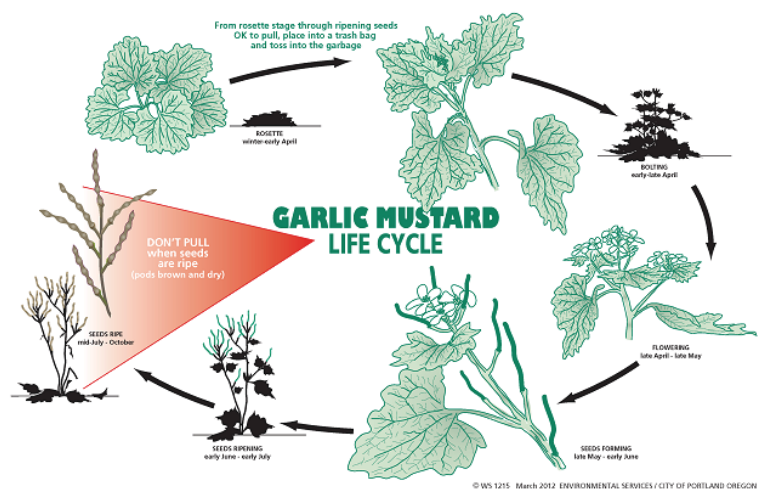
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Garlic Mustard – Pull it, Bag it, Toss it

Garlic mustard is a biennial herb that invades and spreads rapidly in wooded areas, such as Quarry Park; the DNR terms it “ecologically invasive.” Garlic mustard is most easily recognized when it blooms in early May, and is controlled by pulling in April and May, before it goes to seed. It can be identified by its cluster of small white flowers at the top and its round toothed leaves. If your yard backs onto Quarry Park or Hoyt Park, please pull the garlic mustard in your purview—and don’t pile brush and yard waste over garlic mustard stands! (Dumping in city parks isn’t a good idea anyway.) And anywhere you live, please pull garlic mustard in your yard—the small seeds are spread into our natural areas on our shoes, bike tires,

or Fido’s paws. Plants should be pulled, getting the root below the crown, and then bagged for disposal; un-bagged plants may still form seed from the flowers. Bags of garlic mustard may be disposed of in regular trash. For illustrations and info:

- <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/fact/GarlicMustard.html>
- <https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/articles/garlic-mustard/>





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Rules and Pointers for Pedestrians and Drivers from Wisconsin DOT

excerpted from <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/safety/education/pedestrian/rules.aspx>

Many of us have been getting our daily exercise by walking this spring, and a number of residents have urged caution, as well as a review of the rules for drivers and pedestrians. Here is some information from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.



Drivers must:

- Yield to pedestrians when crossing a sidewalk or entering an alley or driveway.
- Yield to pedestrians who have started crossing at an intersection or crosswalk on a "walk" signal or a green light, if there is no walk signal.
- Yield to pedestrians who are crossing the highway within a marked or unmarked crosswalk at an intersection where there are no traffic lights or control signals.
- Not overtake and pass any vehicle that stops at an intersection or crosswalk to permit a pedestrian or bicyclist to cross the roadway safely.

Pedestrians must:

- Yield to drivers when crossing a road where there is no intersection or crosswalk or where the pedestrian does not have a green or "walk" signal and where vehicles have a green signal.
- Not suddenly move into the path of a closely approaching vehicle that does not have sufficient time to yield for a pedestrian.
- Walk on and along the left side of a highway when not walking on a sidewalk.



Pedestrian pointers to keep in mind:

- Pay attention: You can significantly reduce your chances of death or injury by obeying traffic rules and being aware of dangers posed by cars in your vicinity. 58% of pedestrian-car crashes occur while the pedestrian was crossing the street. Pay close attention to cars in your vicinity. Make eye contact with drivers if possible.
- Don't "Drink and Walk" - Unlike driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, walking will probably not result in the death or injury of someone else - but it could very well result in yours. As an inebriated pedestrian your chances of suffering an accident increase significantly. If you've been drinking, take a cab or a bus, or let someone sober drive you home.
- Take extra care at night and at dusk: Walking at night increases your chances of death or injury. Drivers cannot avoid what they can't see. When walking at night, wear retro-reflective outdoor clothing or shoes or lights to make yourself more visible. Avoid wearing dark clothing. Most importantly, don't assume that drivers can see you. Always walk on the left-hand side of the road or on the sidewalk. This way, motorists can see you and will not be approaching you from behind.
- More info, and state statutes, at: <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/safety/education/pedestrian/rules.aspx>

Stuck at Home? Plant a Rain Garden, Help City Reach 1,000 Rain Garden Goal

City of Madison Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update, Tuesday, April 21, 2020

While our community remains at home during the COVID-19 Stay at Home Order until May 24, the Engineering Division invites all residents to take part in reaching its renewed 1,000 rain garden goal. A rain garden is a garden of native shrubs, perennials, and flowers planted in a shallow depression, which, sometimes, is built on a natural slope. Rain gardens are often designed to capture and infiltrate water into the ground. A rain garden is a great option for stormwater management as it temporarily holds and soaks in rainwater runoff that flows from roofs, driveways, patios or lawns.

As of April 21, 2020, the City has 624 rain gardens recorded on its rain garden map. If you have a rain garden, and want it included on a future interactive map the City is working on, email the photo to engineer@cityofmadison.com with the location. A point representing each rain garden will be added to the map, but addresses and information will remain private. See the entire City posting, with details and links:

www.cityofmadison.com/news/stuck-at-home-plant-a-rain-garden-help-city-reach-1000-rain-garden-goal

Midvale Lincoln PTO is Raising Money to Replace the Lincoln School Playground

submitted by Dana Roffers, Upland Drive resident

Lincoln Elementary on Madison's south side needs a long-overdue, safe, and inclusive upgrade to their playground. Lincoln Elementary is paired with Midvale Elementary on the near west side, educating students in third through fifth grade, many of whom reside in Sunset Village. In 2019 the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction granted Lincoln a score of Significantly Exceeds Expectations, the highest score possible. Part of Lincoln's success has come from their ability to provide multiple outlets to educational achievement, which includes recreation, social well-being, and outlets for movement and activity. Having a new playground will allow them to continue this outstanding work.

In May of 2019, a bridge connecting two pieces of equipment at the playground fell while children played on it. Luckily no one was hurt, but this event demonstrated the urgency of this project. The Lincoln playground serves more than the Lincoln Elementary student population of 450 kids - it is also the community playground for the vibrant Burr Oaks neighborhood. For more information about the Midvale Lincoln PTO's campaign to replace the playground equipment visit:

www.midvalelincolnpto.org/lincolnplay.html

****Due to the sudden and devastating impact of COVID-19 on our community, schools, and businesses, the PTO has refocused fundraising efforts, and pushed back the anticipated installation date for the new playground. With community support, we are hoping for a 2021 installation of the new playground. The Midvale Lincoln PTO's current priority is raising money to directly help families that are facing income loss at this time. Donations supporting these children and families can be made directly to the Midvale Lincoln PTO at www.midvalelincolnpto.org. The website also details how funds are being directed to support students and families.****

We look with hope toward a time when we can build a magnificent space for our kids to run, play, climb, swing, learn and feel joy. To support playground replacement, please donate at the Foundation for Madison's Public Schools website:
fmfs.org/donate/lincoln-grow-world-fund/

or donate via check

Write your check to: Foundation for Madison's Public Schools

In the memo line write: Lincoln Grow Your World Fund

Mail to: Foundation for Madison's Public Schools, 101 Nob Hill Rd, Suite 300, Madison, WI 53713

****All donations are VERY appreciated. If you or your business can donate \$500 or more, the PTO will provide extra recognition of your generosity, including recognition on a permanent sign at the playground.**



Sunset Village Neighborhood and Nearby Project Updates

Willow Creek Watershed Study

There is no longer a defined timeline for this project. Check for updates at:
www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/willow-creek-watershed-study

University Avenue 2022 Road Construction

Information, maps, and the presentations from public meetings may be found here:
www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/university-avenue

Whole Foods Will Move to Madison Yards

Whole Foods will relocate to the northeast corner of the Madison Yards development, at the corner of University Avenue and Segoe Road, into a 50,000-square-foot space, with 235 free parking stalls. Planners anticipate ground breaking in late summer 2020, and opening in early 2022. A Google search for Whole Foods at Madison Yards will yield Madison.com articles with more information.

Sunset Park Basketball Court Replacement

City Parks Division is reconstructing the basketball court at Sunset Park in 2020. The existing court is in poor condition, contained cracking asphalt, and is showing signs of deterioration.

More info at: www.cityofmadison.com/parks/projects/sunset-park-basketball-court-replacement

Sunset Village Engineering Projects

The final phase of the eight-year utility improvements and street construction project—Alden, Hammersley, Standish—will take place in 2021. More info at: www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/sunset-village

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

Westside Community Farmers Market behind UW Digestive Health

Saturdays, 7:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., **early May-November 7**, behind UW Digestive Health, 750 University Row.

COVID update: Market Manager, Ben Zimmerman, reports that the market is delaying the opening day until the Safer at Home order is lifted. Early May is tentative. Meanwhile, here is how to find market updates:

1. Westside Community Market on Facebook: www.facebook.com/WestsideCommunityMarket
2. Sign up for the market e-newsletter
3. Our website: www.westsidecommunitymarket.org

Hilldale Farmers Market behind L.L.Bean, off Segoe Road

Wednesday and Saturday: 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., **May 16-October 31**, 608-209-7130, hilldalemkt@hotmail.com

COVID update: As noted, the starting date has been postponed. Hilldale Market contact, Lisa Lewis, suggests that a drive-thru market is under consideration. Check the Facebook page for updates: www.facebook.com/HilldaleFarmersMarket

Make Music Madison on the Summer Solstice, Sunday, June 21

Bethany Church front lawn, 4:00-8:00 p.m. Event possibly canceled.

Lucia Crest Park, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Event possibly canceled.

COVID updates: www.makemusicmadison.org, and www.facebook.com/makemusicmadison

Friends of Hoyt Park: upcoming activities, *submitted by Anne Badey Raffa*

Throughout the duration of this pandemic, all events here are cancelled, the playground is off limits, and group gatherings are not permitted. Our summer ranger hire is proceeding but we have no news on a final hire at this time. The wildflowers are starting to bloom so treat yourself to a walk through the park. Please visit our website www.hoytpark.org for updates. And go to a nice article about Friends of Hoyt Park in the Spring edition of the Madison Parks newsletter.

www.cityofmadison.com/parks/about/documents/OutAbout2020spring.pdf

Mark your calendars for the 2020 Sunset Village Garage Sale!

It's not too early to start digging through your basement, your attic and garage to find those treasures for this year's Sunset Village Neighborhood Garage Sale, to be held on: **Friday, August 7 and Saturday, August 8** (officially National Garage Sale Day). Last year, dozens of Sunset Village households participated. Help us make this year bigger and better!

Here are a few helpful sites to consult while pondering your participation:

www.bhgre.com/bhgre/have-a-successful-garage-sale-before-the-big-move

www.bhgre.com/bhgre/a-charitable-twist-to-your-next-yard-sale

www.wisebread.com/12-garage-sale-items-that-sell-like-hotcakes

Sunset Village Community Association will take care of advertising through print and online sources. More information to come as we approach August. If you have any questions about the garage sale, please contact Ulrike Dieterle at:

ulrike.dieterle@gmail.com



Capitol City Band concerts in Rennebohm Park

Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m., **June 11 thru August 27**. Guests at July 2 concert: VFW Post 7591 – Black Knights Color Guard and Auxiliary— in cooperation with VFW Post 1318 and the Madison Veterans Council

COVID update: check website, <https://mmqccb.org>, and Facebook page, www.facebook.com/capitolcityband

Let's Eat Out food carts, Tuesdays on Midvale Blvd, are discontinued

Read about it at: <https://isthmus.com/food-drink/lets-eat-out-discontinues-dinners-in-city-parks>

Living Sustainably Includes Using Energy Wisely

Tips From Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE)

Do you wash clothes only in cold water? Perhaps you're committed to shutting off lights when you leave the room? Or maybe you have a low-flow faucet in your sink? Many of us recycle. Maybe you also compost to reduce food waste? These actions all contribute to a more sustainable lifestyle.

Living more sustainably includes making smart choices about energy. If we all use less energy, we can help to reduce carbon emissions, which contribute to climate change. Together, we can create a healthier community with individual, eco-friendly actions. We've put together a list of tips and MGE programs to get started.

Lower Your Energy Use

- Use energy-efficient products. LED lights provide better lighting, last longer, and use less energy than incandescent bulbs.
- Use a smart thermostat. They make adjusting the temperature of your home almost effortless, helping you to save on heating and cooling costs.
- Take shorter showers. Your water heater will run less. And lowering the temperature on your water heater by a few degrees also will help to reduce your energy use.
- Take advantage of free energy-saving products and incentives. Focus on Energy, our partner in energy efficiency, provides free energy conservation kits containing items like LED bulbs and low-flow showerheads. Learn more at www.focusonenergy.com/simple. For information on a \$75 incentive for upgrading to a smart thermostat, visit www.focusonenergy.com/smart.
- Use more renewable energy. Consider MGE programs like **Green Power Tomorrow** and **Shared Solar**. Clean energy is part of MGE's energy mix for all customers. These programs give customers the option of adding more renewable energy to their household's energy mix. Learn more about Green Power Tomorrow at www.mge.com/gpt and more about Shared Solar at www.mge.com/sharedsolar.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

- Use less paper. For a faster, easier, and paperless way to pay your MGE bill, consider paying online with My Bill Pay. Learn more at www.mge.com/mybillpay.
- Reuse bottles, cups, and utensils. Refill a reusable bottle or mug when you need water or coffee. Use silverware instead of plastic utensils.
- Recycle. If you do use plastic items, dispose of them in the proper recycling bin. The same goes for aluminum and paper.

Rethink Your Commute

- Go electric. If it's time to replace your existing vehicle, consider an electric vehicle (EV). MGE can help you fuel it with our Charge@Home program. We also offer a network of more than 30 public charging stations. All of our public charging stations are powered by green energy. Visit www.mge.com/LovEV for more information about electric vehicles and charging.
- Carpool. Partner with coworkers who live nearby to ride-share. Carpooling helps to reduce emissions. Transportation accounts for more than 25% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions.
- Walk or ride your bike. Walking and cycling are not only green options but healthy ones too!

To learn more about saving energy, visit energy2030together.com/energyuse.

City of Madison Website Has a New Look for COVID

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/>

Service Impacts

Learn about services that have been impacted by Coronavirus. [Español](#)



Elections & Voting

Vote absentee, or vote at the curb to reduce risk.



Water Utility

Tap water is safe. Late fees are exempt until further notice.



Parking

Some parking restrictions are relaxed.



Treasurer

The Treasurer's Office is **open**. [ePayment](#) is also available.



Groceries

Grocery stores are **open**.



Internet Access

View resources for accessing the Internet.



City Hall

Virtual offices are open. Most public buildings are **closed**.



City Meetings

Essential City meetings are being held virtually.



Metro Transit

Metro Transit is running **reduced service**.



Public Health Madison & Dane County

Offices are **closed**. Some phone and telehealth services are available.



Refuse, Recycling, & Large Items

Collection starts at 6:30 am. Drop-off sites are **closed**.



Brush, Leaf, & Yard Waste

Collection continues normally. Drop-off sites are **closed**.



Parks

Parks are **open**. Playgrounds and fields are **closed**.



Restaurants

Restaurants are **closed** except takeout and delivery.



Schools

Public Schools are **closed**.



Libraries

Madison Public Libraries are **closed**.

Capitol City Band 2020 🎵 Rain or Shine!

Bring a friend! – enjoy the music
Jim Latimer, conductor
Dave Pedracine, associate conductor

June

Thur. June 11 7 pm Rennebohm Park

Thur. June 18 7 pm Rennebohm Park

Thur. June 25 7 pm Rennebohm Park

July

Thur. July 02 7 pm Rennebohm Park

Tribute to the Troops – then and now

🎆Fireworks in Sound 🌟!🎆

Sat. July 04 10:30 am Capitol

Square South Hamilton Street Walkway

Tribute to the Troops – then and now

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Thur. July 09 7 pm Rennebohm Park

Thur. July 16 7 pm Rennebohm Park

Thur. July 23 7 pm Rennebohm Park

Thur. July 30 7 pm Rennebohm Park

August

Thur. Aug 06 7 pm Rennebohm Park

Thur. Aug 13 7 pm Rennebohm Park

Thur. Aug 20 7 pm Rennebohm Park

Thur. Aug 27 7 pm Rennebohm Park

For information: Tel. 608 835-9861 or

Email: bands.latimer@outlook.com

please allow 24 hours for a response

Guests at July 2 and July 4 concerts: VFW Post 7591 – Black Knights Color Guard and Auxiliary– in cooperation with VFW Post 1318 and the Madison Veterans Council

Find Energy Savings Here.



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- Use calculators to estimate your savings.
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Summer Swim Lessons at the West Side Swim Club

Members enjoy free swim lessons for whole family
Ask about new member discount rates
Try us for FREE on Memorial Day Weekend!

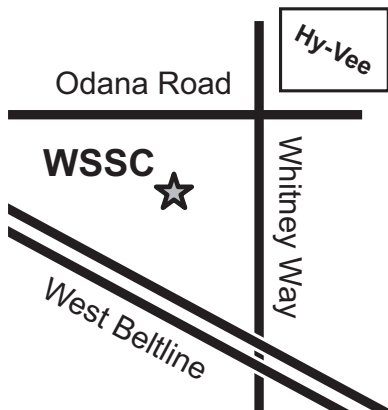
Member Benefits:

9 weeks Mon-Fri swim lessons
Daytime and evening lessons available

Open swimming
Adult lap swim lanes
Water aerobics
Water ballet
Swim & dive teams

Deck chairs waiting for you

Gas grills for cooking
Movie nights and parties



5533 W. Odana Rd. www.westsideswimclub.com

Monroe Street Arts Center

2526 Monroe Street, Madison, WI
608.232.1510

Create art!

Play Music!

Explore!



monroestreetarts.org

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

note: any event may be postponed or canceled

SVCA Quarterly Meeting

May 19 meeting is **canceled**

Tuesday, **August 18**, 6:30 p.m.

Midtown Station, 4020 Mineral Point Rd.

Farmers Markets

Hilldale-Wed. and Sat., 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

May 16-Oct. 31, behind L.L. Bean, off Segoe Rd.

Westside-Sat., 7:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Early May-Nov. 7 @UW Digestive Health Ctr

Capitol City Band Concerts

Thursdays, 7-8 p.m., **June 11 thru August 27**

Rennebohm Park, 115 N. Eau Claire Ave.

Make Music Madison on June 21

Bethany Church, 4-8 p.m.

Lucia Crest Park, 6:30-8 p.m.

Westmorland July 4

Saturday, **July 4**, Westmorland ParkMake Music

Ice Cream Social @ Lucia Crest Park

Saturday, **Aug. 1**, 1-4 p.m., Luigi's pizza,

Chocolate Shoppe ice cream, Great Dane beer

Neighborhood Garage Sales

August 7 & 8, ulrike.dieterle@gmail.com

Friends of Hoyt Park Events

<http://www.hoytpark.org/>

Visit the SVCA website and Facebook Page

Read your newsletter (in color) and see the many photos that didn't fit in the newsletter.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Yard Work, Snow Removal, Pet Care, Odd Jobs

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

Pet Sitting, Babysitting

Alexa Klodd and Ella Klodd: H.S. age, experienced at babysitting and pet sitting; neighborhood references available; please call 238-2859

Babysitting and Mother's Helper

Ivory Nordeng 16, with 2 younger sibs, experience with other children. Will babysit at your house or mine. 608-628-5553

James Nordeng 14, experience with toddlers and preschoolers.

Bilingual Spanish speaker. 608-960-3305

Both Nordeng teens have completed the babysitter safety course. \$7 per hour.

Hey kids, YOUR AD HERE

Yard work, pet sitting, dog walking, babysitting, snow shoveling, tutoring, mother's helper, light housework, and more.

Book Club

Meet your neighbors, enjoy great conversation, and discuss a wide range of books. Contact Linda Fahy, lbfahy_27@hotmail.com



Advertise in the Village Voice!

Reach 1100+ households, area businesses and the Sequoya 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 Clark at clarkkellogg65@yahoo.com

Mail contributions, dues, or ad payments to:
SVCA, P.O. Box 5635, Madison, WI 53705

Your neighborhood info:

Co-President: Sue Reynard 238-0745, sereynard@aol.com

Co-President: Ulrike Dieterle, ulrike.dieterle@gmail.com

Secretary: Anne Badey Raffa, 238-3266,

dancinthrulife14@gmail.com

Treasurer: Rich Kedzior, rkedz@hotmail.com

Newsletter Editors: Liz Vowles 231-0481, lizlloyd@chorus.net
& Clark Kellogg 770-2156, clarkkellogg65@gmail.com

Neighborhood Website: www.sunsetvillagecommunity.org

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

District 11 Alder: Arvina Martin, district11@cityofmadison
238-4547, www.cityofmadison.com/council/district11/blog

Facebook page: "Sunset Village Community Association"