



Sunset Village Voice

Your Neighborhood Newsletter

Summer 2020

Sunset Village Community Assoc.

quarterly meeting:

Thursday, **CANCELED** June 18, 6:30 p.m.

Midtown Station,

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Dear Neighbors

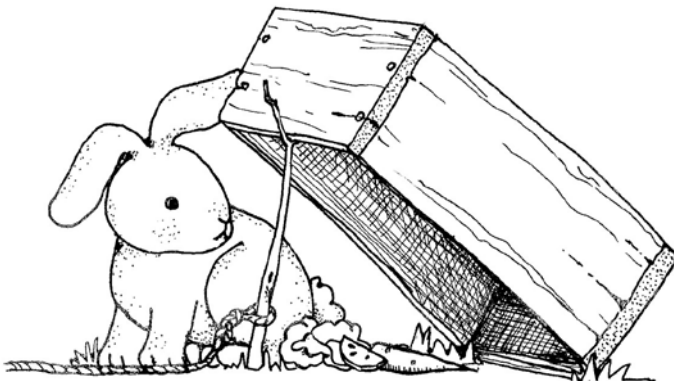
We're still here. That seems to be about the only sure thing anyone can say these days. Ironically, at our first (and so far only) SVCA meeting in February, we voted to launch an "Act Locally" theme for this year's activities, hoping to focus on what we as individuals could do to combat climate change. As it turns out, local action is about all that any of us can do this year, though the meaning has been broadened with the civil unrest following the death of George Floyd.

Like everyone and everything else, SVCA's activities are up in the air. We have naturally cancelled all the summer events, including the May and August meetings. We were slated to hold a meeting in November, and may try to do that virtually if holding an in-person meeting is still impossible at that time.

Our biggest event, the Ice Cream Social, is also cancelled this year and we urge you to support the vendors whose contributions helped make it so popular in the past (Chocolate Shoppe, Great Dane, and Luigi's).

If there are any issues you would like SVCA to address, you can reach us at our new email address (info@sunsetvillagecommunity.org) or by posting a message to our Facebook page.

Your Co-Presidents, Sue Reynard and Ulrike Dieterle



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Note to Our Readers

This newsletter is once again being delivered to all homes in Sunset Village, with as much caution as we can muster. If at all possible, carriers are putting it under doormats or folded into door handles, rather than inserting it inside your screen door. Your neighborhood officers and editors hope to, in some small measure, make up for the loss of togetherness fostered by the Ice Cream Social and Garage Sales.



Go Online to Check Out What You Missed in the Spring Newsletter

<https://sunsetvillagecommunity.org/>

articles include:

- SVCA Officers Elected for Two-Year Terms
- Why We Decided To Go Solar, by Dave Minden
- Neighborhood Scenes – four cool photos
- Hello Neighbors, from Dane County Supervisor Richelle Andrae
- Rules and Pointers for Pedestrians and Drivers from Wisconsin DOT
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Sunset Village Neighborhood and Nearby Project Updates

Willow Creek Watershed Study

source: www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/willow-creek-watershed-study, updated 7/7/2020

The City of Madison will be completing a watershed study in the Willow Creek watershed. The watershed drains to the north to Lake Mendota through Willow Creek, which runs through the University of Wisconsin - Madison campus. The watershed study will identify causes of existing flooding and then look at potential solutions to try to reduce flooding. The study will use computer models to assist with the evaluations. In April 2020, the City of Madison Engineering Division contracted with MSA Professional Services to complete the watershed study and report, including an existing and proposed conditions analysis. The estimated time to completion of the study and report is approximately 18 months.

The City of Madison Engineering Division anticipates that the first Public Informational Meeting for this project will take place in Summer 2020. Willow Creek watershed residents will be notified via City postcard when a date, time and location has been selected. The meeting will be open to all interested members of the public.

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. Look for info and updates from Gilbane Development Company at:

www.madisonyds.com/

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, contains cracking asphalt, and is showing signs of deterioration.

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

Missed Your Ice Cream Social Fix? – You Can Still Support SVCA and Local Businesses

We are SO sad to miss raising a glass of beer, or a cup of ice cream, or a slice of pizza to each other in the year 2020. Every summer the Chocolate Shoppe sells us ice cream at cost; Luigi's donates the first pizza delivery; and Great Dane donates kegs of beer. All these businesses have Covid-19 ordering options, so please do patronize them.

The annual Sunset Village Ice Cream Social is the largest neighborhood social event of the year, and it also marks the beginning of the coming year membership drive. Volunteers host a table with neighborhood information, maps, newsletters, and membership signup forms. The Fall newsletter will have a full-page membership form, but please consider getting the jump with a contribution at any time. Suggested annual membership is \$15 per household, and pays for social events, neighborhood improvement projects, and this newsletter. See mailing address on back page.



See you in 2021!

North Blackhawk Avenue Has New Tree Plantings

The City Forestry Department planted 24 new trees along North Blackhawk this spring, to complete the extensive 2019 roadworks project—eleven on both sides of the 500 block and thirteen along the east side of the 300 and 400 blocks.

Forestry Program Assistant, Aaron Leair, supplied the list of trees planted:

- Japanese Tree Lilac 'Ivory Silk' [grows to 20-30 feet tall]
- Crabapple 'Red Jewel' [grows to 15 feet tall]
- Tatarian Maple 'Hot Wings' [grows to 15-18 feet tall]
- Elm 'New Harmony' [grows to 60 feet tall]
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- Pear 'Cleveland Select' [grows to 30-40 feet tall]





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Tim Gruber and Family Offer a Strolling Concert on the Summer Solstice

Tim Gruber, former alder and current music teacher at Midvale Elementary, offered a Covid-19 variation on the Make Music Madison/Summer Solstice concerts he has hosted at Lucia Crest Park the past several years. Tim, on marimba, was joined on his porch, across the street from the park, by his daughter Tamara on cello and son Martin on guitar. Neighbors listened from the grass and curb on the other side of the street. In the photo to the right they are performing Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring.



photos by Mary Stelletello



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 safety precautions: wear a mask, one shopper per household, follow foot traffic directions, maintain social distance, pre-order and pay by card if possible. Here is how to find market updates:

1. Westside Community Market on Facebook: **www.facebook.com/WestsideCommunityMarket**
2. Our website, includes a vendor map, vendor list and purchasing options: **www.westsidecommunitymarket.org**
3. Sign up for the market e-newsletter

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, behind L.L. Bean, off Segoe Rd.

608-209-7130, hilldalemkt@hotmail.com

COVID safety precautions in place, face masks required.

Check the Facebook page for updates: www.facebook.com/HilldaleFarmersMarket

and the website: [**https://hilldale.com/events/**](https://hilldale.com/events/)



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

Tim Astfalk led the group on a successful grant application which was recently approved. The Dane County Environmental Council awarded him this grant in the amount of \$1000. It involves a project for conducting a prescribed burn in the prairies of Hoyt Park to take place in 2021. Congratulations, Tim on all of your hard work!

Throughout the duration of this pandemic, all events here are cancelled, the playground is off limits, and group gatherings are not permitted. Please do hike on the many trails in Hoyt Park, bird watch, key out wild flowers, and explore all the beauty that this magical place offers. 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

Learn How to Go Solar with MadiSUN

submitted by Morgan Kamholz, MadiSUN

Hello Sunset Village Neighbors,

MadiSUN is a program sponsored by the City of Madison to make going solar easy and affordable. Since 2016, the MadiSUN Group Buy Program has helped homeowners across the area install solar-electric systems on their rooftops. Nearly 150 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!



Neighborhood Scenes



Coyote in Quarry Park in May
(photo by Laura Novak on Nextdoor)



monster burdock at Harvey and Eugenia



giant morel from Eugenia yard



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Tips to Manage Your Summertime Energy Use

From Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE)

Being energy efficient and conserving resources is something we all can do at home to help save energy every day. Here are some actions you can take to track your energy use at home, save energy and help manage costs.

Track Your Energy Use

Knowing what your use patterns are for natural gas and electricity is a great first step in helping you target ways to save! MGE's online feature, My Account, lets you compare your electricity and natural gas use with others in the greater Madison area. Visit www.mge.com/myaccount to learn more.

Complete an Energy Audit Online

Complete your own energy audit from the comfort of your home using the Home Energy Saver™ tool from the U.S. Department of Energy. This online tool—available online at www.hes.lbl.gov—helps to identify and prioritize household energy-saving projects.

Unplug

Take a few moments to unplug your phone chargers, printers, computers and other electronics. Devices can still use energy when not in use and can account for 5% to 10% of your total energy use.

Run Appliances With Full Loads

Conserve resources by waiting until you have a full load to run your clothes washer, dryer and dishwasher. Also, running appliances during “off-peak” hours later in the evening—when electric demand is typically lower—helps us manage our community grid and, long-term, can help us manage costs to all customers.

Get Free Energy Advice From MGE

MGE can provide tips and answer your questions about saving energy at home. Email your questions to MGE's Energy Experts at AskExperts@mge.com.



Go green.

Power your home or business with solar energy from Madison Gas and Electric.

MGE is planning a new Shared Solar installation at Morey Field in Middleton. Join the program to get locally generated solar energy for your home or business. It's easy, affordable, and it helps grow renewable energy in our community.

Shared Solar—Make it your energy.

Visit energy2030together.com/SharedSolar to learn how to participate.

Online Pollinator Habitat Assessment Tool Now Available for Dane County Residents

Ariana Vruwink, County Executive press release, July 6, 2020

You can help support insect pollinators, such as bees and butterflies, through habitat you provide on your property or in your gardens. Pollinators need shelter and food to thrive, but how do you know if your property is achieving this potential? To help promote local habitat for pollinators, the University of Wisconsin-Madison Gratton Lab in the Department of Entomology and the Dane County Environmental Council have launched a new, free online tool to help you assess any site for the quality of its pollinator habitat. Whether you have a single garden bed, a yard, or a multi-acre property, the tool helps you to identify the opportunities you have to support pollinators. The assessment tool is suitable to use for any property throughout Wisconsin and neighboring states.



“Pollinators such as honeybees play a critical part in our environment, but can face adversity from challenges like pesticides and climate change,” said Dane County Executive Joe Parisi. “This new tool will be available for anyone in Dane County to use and is one step we can all take to support pollinator habitat.”

The Wisconsin Online Pollinator Habitat Assessment is available at www.pollinators.wisc.edu/habitat and takes less than 20 minutes to complete. It’s a simple evaluation designed to be completed on a smartphone or tablet, so you can walk around a garden or property and observe features like how many species of flowers are blooming at different times of year, and what undisturbed nesting habitat is available to insect pollinators. With descriptive photos and links to resources built into the tool, it’s an educational resource that can be used by anyone, including families with kids.

One of the major reasons for declining populations of bees, butterflies and other pollinators is the loss of food and nesting habitat across our landscapes to sustain them. While doing your assessment of your site, you will learn about the sorts of features on your property that can help pollinators, such as having native flowering plants that bloom, or dead wood and undisturbed ground for pollinators to create their nests. The tool can help you make a quick evaluation of opportunities you have on your particular site to support pollinators.

For more information contact: Mindy Habecker, Dane County Environmental Council, at habecker@countyofdane.com

A Most Unfortunate Cautionary Tale

source: email from Hillcrest neighbor - July 11, 2020

Our Hillcrest neighbor reports: What happened is, I opened my garage at 8:15. I pulled my garbage cans next to the garage, and worked on my flower garden, also next to the garage. I just went into my house for less than 5 minutes to get my purse, keys, and change of shoes. When I went to my car (which was inside my garage), I saw that the glove compartment and arm rest console were rifled through, along with maps that were stored in the side pocket of the car. Only change was taken, but also my garage door remote. Through my garage you can access my kitchen via the garage door. I keep this door locked.

Needless to say, I was really shook. I wasn’t hurt but felt violated. I take precautions & usually have the garage door closed. I mowed my lawn on Thursday. I closed the garage door because I was in the backyard. I guess you can only safeguard as best as you can. The good part is, I was able to talk this over with neighbors & got comfort. I am going to get new garage door unit. I still love my neighborhood.

Maurice Jury is One Hundred Years Old in 2020

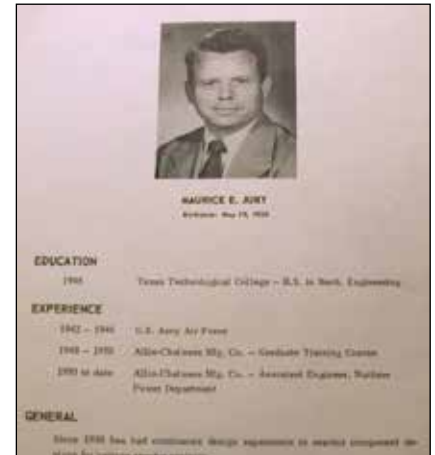


Maurice Jury celebrated his 100th birthday on May 18. Many Sunset Village residents will remember the array of lawnmowers in Maurice's front yard on North Owen Avenue, where he repaired and refurbished anything with a small engine until a few years ago. After Maurice's second wife, Josephine, died in 2007, a long time Sunset Village neighbor and friend, Lana Holland, became his caretaker. She and Maurice bought a house in her hometown of Shawano, WI, with a view of the Wolf River, and there they quietly celebrated his birthday.

Maurice worked at a number of engineering jobs, including the U.S. Army Air Corps and Allis-Chalmers in Milwaukee, but he took special pride in his accomplishment at the Oscar Mayer meat packing plant in Madison—as principal engineer for the Continuous

Large Sausage Process. In Maurice's words, "There was raw pork in and came out as a long, frozen stick of bologna." Various of Maurice's neighbors over the years had the privilege of a tour of his gadget-filled basement, and a look at the several feet long original blueprint of the sausage machine.

One of those former neighbors, Jon Rosenblum, accompanied Maurice to the Oscar Mayer plant on its last day of production, June 29, 2017. Matt Johanning, another former Sunset Village resident and film maker, made a short movie of that visit. In it Jon says, "This guy is America. He's ancient. He's absorbed over the years all these experiences. But not just that—he can report still on every one of them." Matt Johanning's video is currently online at: <https://xlnvideo.com/video/maurice/>



Jon organized a concert in 2014 to dedicate Maurice's new AstroTurf porch carpeting at his N. Owen home. Folk musicians Fred Newman on fiddle and Carolyn Hegeler on banjo were joined by Jonathan Rosenblum on fiddle and his son, Simon Rosenblum-Larson, on guitar, Andrew Bernhardt on banjo and Marie Nordeng on vocals. Among Maurice's engineering accomplishments at the time was to help design a pitching mound on Jon's front terrace across the street, so that Jon's son could practice his pitching. (That son, Simon, has advanced to the Tampa Bay Rays.)

Several Sunset Village neighbors participated in a Zoom call on Maurice's birthday (also organized by Jon), which Maurice was able to view on Lana Holland's iPhone. Participants included: Fred Newman, Jon Rosenblum and his mother, Marie and Brad Nordeng, Liz Vowles, Suki Keniston and Jim Warring, and Kate Johnson. You can listen to the group try to stay together to sing Happy Birthday at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=a8ckrHgw6Tk



Read more about Maurice's life in a May 18, 2020 article in the Shawano Leader: www.newmedia-wi.com/content/retired-96-maurice-jury-celebrates-100-years

Manhole Cover Pops Off?– Contact Madison Water Utility

submitted by Geri Naymick, Hillcrest Drive

On June 25th, we had a sudden downpour. The manhole cover that was on my terrace was bubbling with overflowing water. When I looked a bit later, one half of the cover was missing, exposing the water sewer. I was concerned about a child or animal falling into the hole.

1. Under the website www.cityofmadison.com/engineering, there is Report a Problem: Sewer Access Covers. Select: 22" Sewer Access Cover. Though this describes a round manhole cover, under Message, I entered details. The water drainage cover is composed of 2 rectangular halves, total size of about 2 feet by 5 feet. Under location, I stated my terrace or parkway and address.

2. I also called Madison Water Utility emergency number: 266-4665. The water utility staff called me in less than 15 minutes and they were over with 2 trucks in about 45 minutes. By describing the size and shape of the cover, their truck came equipped with spare covers. It took 2 men to pick up and replace the cover. I think the missing manhole cover flipped and fell into the water sewer and was carried into the drainage "ditch" next to my property.

I noticed another cover missing in my neighborhood. It took several days for it to be replaced. The neighbor may not have known about these emergency notifications.



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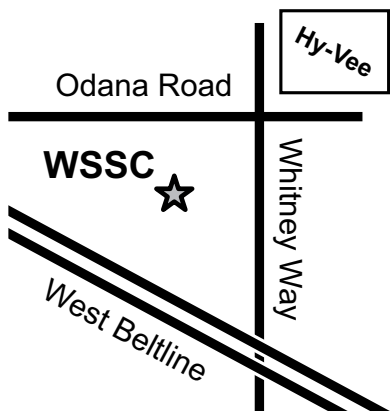
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Saturday, Aug. 1, 1-4 p.m.
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August 7 & 8, ulrike.dieterle@gmail.com
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Farmers Markets

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

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