

Sunset Village Voice

Your Neighborhood Newsletter

Fall 2020

Sunset Village Community Assoc.

quarterly meeting: Thursday WCE 5.30 p.m. Midt C A Station, 4020 Mineral Point Road

Dear Neighbors

What we thought might be the twilight of the pandemic this fall has instead turned into our "new normal." Life continues to present us with challenges. Routines have been rearranged. Priorities redirected. While life is certainly different and, for many, more difficult, each of us has had to make some accommodations to our altered existence. And it continues...

In the spirit of our annual theme of "Acting Locally," we showcase a number of topics in this issue that have local impact, not the least of which is the November 3 election which looms large before us.

SVCA is currently looking for someone interested in outreach to local businesses and organizations. By increasing exposure in our newsletter, we hope neighbors will consider "going local" first and foremost. If you find this challenge appealing, please let us know. We need your help.

SVCA officers are also thinking how to improve communication with neighbors and encourage your input. Soon we hope to offer the virtual option for participation at our quarterly SVCA meetings. This will allow you the convenience of joining meetings online or, when again possible, onsite. Let us know if this is of interest to you. We will post progress updates on Facebook, the SVCA listserv, and future newsletters.

You can always communicate with us through the SVCA Facebook page or via our email at info@ sunsetvillagecommunity.org. Or you can contact any of us directly with concerns. Let us know how we can work together through this new normal.

If you have not already voted, please do so on November 3! Mask up and stay well.

Your Co-Presidents, Sue Reynard & Ulrike Dieterle



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It's Time -2021 Membership in your Sunset Village Community Association

The annual Sunset Village Ice Cream Social is always the largest neighborhood social event of the year, and it also marks the beginning of the coming year membership drive. We missed it in 2020, but this

WE NEED YOU!



newsletter has a full-page membership form for 2021. Suggested annual membership is \$15 per household, and pays for social events, neighborhood improvement projects, and this newsletter.

Sunset Village Neighborhood and Nearby Project Updates

Willow Creek Watershed Study

The City of Madison Engineering Division held a Zoom PUBLIC INPUT MEETING #1 for this project on September 17. Willow Creek watershed residents were notified via City postcard and the meeting was open to all interested members of the public. The presentation is available on the project's webpage:

www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/willow-creek-watershed-study

Sunset Park Basketball Court Replacement

City Parks Division has completed reconstructing the basketball court at the south end of Sunset Park. The project consisted of the following: removal of the existing basketball court and standard, installation of a new standard half-court basketball area, striping of the new court to half-court standards, installation of a new asphalt path spur to serve the court.

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

If you have questions or comments please contact Corey Stelljes at (608) 266-6518 or cstelljes@cityofmadison.com.

Capital High—Finding a Home at Hoyt School

The Madison Metropolitan School District [MMSD] has included funding for this project in its Referendum 2020 Proposed Projects, for the November 2020 election. MMSD has held live Facebook sessions on each of the high schools included in the referendum, including two sessions to discuss Capital High School. Watch the Future Ready Capital High: The 2020 Referenda! Facebook forum at: **www.facebook.com/MadisonSchoolsWI**/

Wisconsin Humanities Gives Grants to Cultural Organizations

submitted by Shoshauna Schey

This past summer, your local non-profit, the Wisconsin Humanities on Regent Street near Hoyt Park, provided emergency funding to other non-profit cultural organizations facing financial hardship resulting from the impact of COVID-19. These grants were funded by the federal CARES Act via the National Endowment for the Humanities. From villages as small as Cobb in Iowa County with a population of 458 to cities as large as Milwaukee, \$548,000 total was given to folklore, arts and nature centers, and libraries, museums, historical societies, and literacy councils. Grants ranged from around \$700 to \$7,500 apiece. The funds were to help keep staff on salary, pay the rent, and weather the months of closure.

Over 80 different agencies benefited from these grants. Madison Reading Project, an agency on the far west side that distributes books to children in Dane County, was among them. In the last six months, MRP has provided over 30,000 books to children, and with Wisconsin Humanities' help, they are continuing to provide them during the new school year this fall.

The Wisconsin Humanities is a resource for cultural organizations statewide that provide public programming to strengthen community life. *Might there be an organization in the Sunset Village neighborhood that would like to explore receiving funding for a public program?*

Go to **www.WisconsinHumanities.org** for a complete listing of the CARES recipients, and information about our grant program. If you have questions, contact Shoshauna Schey: 608-852-6876.



Polling Location Change: Ward 82

source: Arvina Martin's blog, August 6, 2020

Due to COVID-19, Ward 82's polling location has moved from the Midtown Police Station to Bethany United Methodist Church, 3910 Mineral Point Rd. Why did our polling place change again? Election workers discovered that the Midtown Police Station was not big enough to accommodate the 6 feet of social distancing required for safety during the Coronavirus pandemic. We want to make sure that voting is as safe as possible for voters and Election Day staff. Poll workers also had a difficult time with deliveries of supplies (like more ballots) due to the fact that the front desk staff often has to frequently be away from the desk for their daily work.

New Leaf and Yard Waste Collection Schedule Begins October 11

source: www.cityofmadison.com/news/new-leaf-and-yard-waste-collection-schedule-now-available

The Streets Division will be using a brand-new leaf collection schedule for the fall of 2020. All Madison neighborhoods have assigned days to set leaves and yard waste out for curbside collection, beginning October 11, 2020.

The leaves and yard waste collection schedule is now available at **www.cityofmadison.com/yardwaste**. Enter your address into the form provided, and you will see **three dates** to set out leaves and yard waste. Each of the dates listed on the website is a Sunday. Collection crews will be working through the scheduled neighborhoods the week following the date listed on the website. Residents without internet access can contact the Streets Division office that services their home to receive the set-out dates for their home (608 266-4681 for Sunset Village).

Why was the leaf collection system changed?

Due to the budget hole caused by the pandemic, the Streets Division was unable to hire the usual number of seasonal employees. Fewer employees will mean crews collecting leaves will be smaller. Smaller crews mean collection speed will be slower. And slower collection means fewer opportunities to have leaves picked up at the curb. Crews will also need to be sure to practice social distancing while pulling leaves from the terraces, which is also likely to slow crews down. The new schedule is an effort to deploy personnel strategically and provide residents with the exact date when to set their leaves out for pickup so no one misses their curbside collection opportunities.

All collection rules remain the same. Do not place yard waste into the street. Placing yard waste into the street creates

a nutrient-rich runoff that goes into the storm drains that lead to our lakes, causing algae blooms and other problems. When the collection season is underway, you can pile leaves and yard waste loose on the terrace, or place the material into bags. If bagging yard waste, compostable paper leaf bags are preferred. All bags should be kept open at the top so crews can identify what is inside. More information about how to set leaves out for pickup can be found on the Streets Division's website.

For additional information regarding yard waste collection or other Streets Division services, please visit our website: www.cityofmadison.com/streets. Or contact Bryan Johnson, 608-267-2626, streets@cityofmadison.com







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Friends of Hoyt Park News

submitted by Anne Badey Raffa

We were fortunate to have an intern, Joe Holdreith, working in Hoyt Park this summer. Joe, a University of Minnesota undergraduate in Environmental Education, worked on several summer projects, including brush removal, trail maintenance, and collection of wildflower seeds.

Workdays, physically distanced, are still the third Saturday of the month through November. Meet at 10:00 by the main shelter. Check the website for additional information. Our Saturday work days in 2020 have included the cleaning of the fireplaces and interpretive trail signs, and maintenance of the trails. There has been a lot of washout due to earlier heavier rains and our president, Tim Astfalk, recently contacted the city to have gravel delivered.

Sandwich boards have been placed in the park to encourage new donations and members. Due to the pandemic, we have no upcoming events scheduled at this time except our work days. Please hike on the many beautiful trails, enjoy the seasonal color, bird watch, picnic at the fireplaces and shelters, and take in the magic that this park has to offer. Please visit our website for updates: **www.hoytpark.org**.

Remove Street Leaves Before the Rain

submitted by Christal Campbell, Dane County Land & Water Resources Department

Sunset Village is fortunate to have an abundance of beautiful large trees throughout the neighborhood. These trees provide welcome shade in the summer, but also drop lots of leaves in the street come fall, which can be harmful to our lakes. When it rains, stormwater flows through leaves that collect in the street creating a "leaf tea" rich in dissolved phosphorus. This "leaf tea" washes down neighborhood storm drains, eventually making its way to either Lake Mendota or Lake Wingra.

When stormwater runoff contains too much phosphorus it can lead to toxic algal blooms, low oxygen levels, and green murky waters, none of which are good for animals living in the water or those of us who use it for recreation. The good news is that removing street leaves before a storm can help protect our waters. In the fall, timely removal of street leaf litter can reduce the amount of phosphorus in urban stormwater by 80% compared to no leaf removal!



Join us in keeping streets leaf-free this fall! It's easy! Before the rain...

- 1. Safely remove leaves from the street in front of your home and nearby storm drains.
- 2. Pile collected street leaves on terrace next to the street or recycle leaves on your property.

Visit www.cityofmadison.com/streets/leavetheleaf/ for more information.

3. Sign up to receive Leaf-free Streets Rain Alerts this fall (Oct. 1- Nov. 30). Alerts will be issued (via text or email) 1-2 days before a significant rain event reminding you that it's time to remove street leaves.

4. Put up a sign in your yard and encourage your neighbors to join you in removing street leaves before the rain. To request a sign contact Christal Campbell: campbell.christal@ countyofdane.com or (608) 224-3746.

To learn more or to sign up for Leaf-free Streets Rain Alerts visit: **www.ripple-effects.com.** A few minutes before the storm can have **Ripple Effects** on our waters all year long.

See the new City yard waste collection schedule on the Streets Division's website: **www.cityofmadison.com/streets**



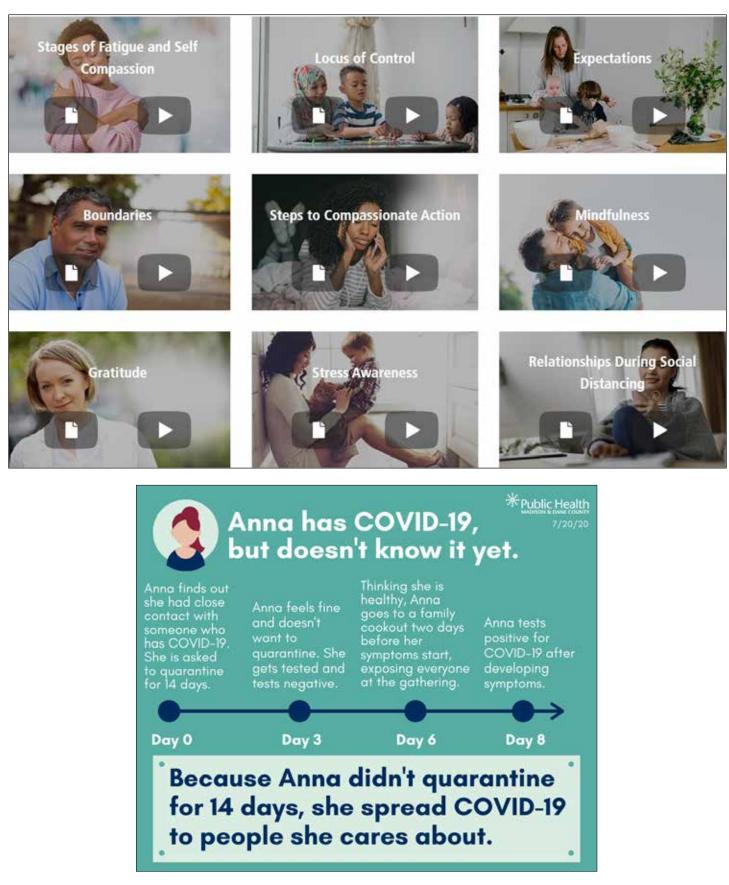
Dog People – Please Control Your Dog

A Lucia Crest resident reported to Nextdoor on September 18, "Sad day. Today our family cat was mauled to death by a dog while she was on a leash in our front yard." He goes on to say, "Chloe was a rescue cat that's been part of our family for 15 years." The dog owner, who left his name, was not known to Chloe's family.

COVID-19: Resilient Wisconsin

source: Wisconsin Department of Health Services

With so many things happening in our state and across the country, it's easy to feel overwhelmed. Some stress is natural. And remember, you're not alone. Get coping tips: www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/resilient/index.htm





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Sunset Village Community Association

2020-2021 Membership Form (This year in hopes of having in-person events again!)

Quarterly Newsletter



Playground Upgrades



Ice Rink at Sunset Park



Sunset Park







Ice Cream Social



Halloween Parade



Hillside Terrace Block Party



Westmorland July 4th Celebration Neighborhood Improvement Projects —



Perennial Garden at Midtown



Adopting the ash tree that guards the Lucia Crest playground

Suggested Contribution: \$15/household Mail to: SVCA, PO Box 5635, Madison, WI 53705

Name: ____ Address:

Email and/or Phone: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Spooky Sunset Stroll - A Socially Distanced Halloween

submitted by Erin Courtenay

Sunset Village neighbors are welcome for a "Spooky Sunset Stroll" in Sunset Court between 5:30-6:30 on Saturday, October 31. This is not a gathering or a parade, but rather an alternative to door-to-door Trick Or Treating during the pandemic. This will take place in a one-hour window so that there is ample time for groups to walk through without crowding and to give residents a clearly designated time during which to participate.

Children from throughout Sunset Village are invited stroll around the Court in their costumes, maintaining distance from other family groups. As they stroll there will be opportunities to collect candy at intervals around the court, and small grab bag prizes will be safely shared at the park entrance by the bridge. Strollers should walk counterclockwise around the court to help avoid merging groups.

Sunset Court residents are invited to be outside in their driveway or front lawn to greet children and to offer candy in a safe way (bowls of candy set out away from group, candy chutes, boo bags, etc.). Neighbors and families are expected to follow Covid protocol and use masks and social distance measures, reminding children to stay within their family group. All families that feel comfortable participating are welcome. It is also understandable if neighbors on the Court would prefer not to participate. We kindly request that no traditional door knocking take place that evening.



Questions can be directed to unofficial neighborhood Halloween committee members Erin Courtenay (erin.courtenay@gmail.com) and Alice Yuroff (alice@yuroff.com)

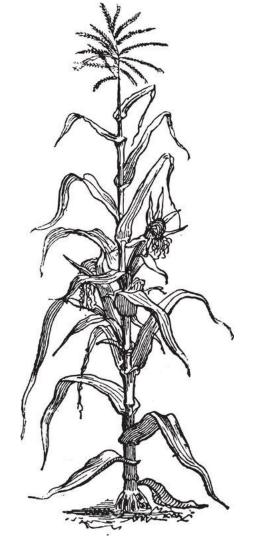
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Neighborhood Scenes



Autumn Spice clematis on Owen Drive



Max, the Eugenia Avenue tortoise



Toddler chicken-viewing gallery on Owen Drive



Genin's Autocare 3505 University Avenue 2018 AAA Top Shop Award Napa **GOLD** Autocare 608-238-1088 Rgenins.com Est June 1992 "Anything we can do to help" CALL Keri jo or Brooke New Tires Batteries Brakes Oil Change Air Conditioning Alignment Clutches Electrical Starters Alternators Welding

Happy Fall SVCA Neighbors!

submitted by Alder Arvina Martin, September 30, 2020

To say that the last few months have been difficult is an understatement. As we continue to navigate this new normal, at least for the time being, please know that the city is working to come up with innovative solutions to our problems. That said, we are facing issues as a City right now. We've seen an increase in certain crimes that are cause for concern. Please see recent statistics for our district that I am including here:

SHOTS FIRED: In August of 2020 there have been 3 shots fired in MIDTOWN. BURGLARIES: In MIDTOWN in August of 2020 there were 32 burglaries; in 2017, 16; 2018, 23; 2019, 8. STOLEN AUTOS: There were four stolen autos in MIDTOWN in August of 2020, compared with two in 2019. THEFT FROM AUTOS: In MIDTOWN there were 23 theft from autos in August compared to 29 in 2019.

This rise in crime is not unique to us here in Madison. It has been noted across the country. We don't yet know why this rise is happening, though there are many theories ranging from the COVID pandemic to a bad economy. Without understanding the root causes of this crime spike, I have been looking at ways to interrupt this cycle of violence, from immediate, to intermediate and long-range responses.

Diverting City funds directly from MPD doesn't seem to be an appropriate solution to the problems we face. I have worked with MPD, MFD, and Dane County to find a way to divert certain metal health calls away from MPD, where even the most compassionate and trained officer can escalate a crisis by showing up in a police uniform. We are taking a serious look at programs that not only provide better solutions for those who suffer these emergencies, but also do it while saving money for the city and the county. We are giving consideration to models like CAHOOTS in Eugene, Oregon, and the STAR model from Denver, Co.

We continue to look at immediate interventions, like the ones that work to eliminate violent retaliations in response to crimes. And I also continue to work with our Community Development Office to fund programs that will help create long range opportunities for youth who may not have many options otherwise. This isn't a problem that can easily be solved by throwing money at enforcement, but I will continue to look at evidence-based solutions to continue to reduce crime in Madison, and the Midtown District.

Westside Community Conversation about Crime in our Neighborhoods

Madison West District alders hosted a video conference on Thursday, September 24 to address crime in our neighborhoods. Participants included Judge Everett Mitchell, Presiding Judge for the Juvenile Division; District Attorney Ismael Ozanne; Chief Victor Wahl of the MPD; Midtown Captain Jason Freedman; and several Westside alders.

To watch, go to: https://bit.ly/2EVnPHW (This is a Bitly shortened form of a long awkward website link.)

Don't Let This Be You!

source: www.cityofmadison.com/police/chief/blog/?Id=22876, September 21, 2020

MIDTOWN: Residential Burglary -6:30 a.m. A suspect entered an unlocked vehicle in the driveway and used the garage door opener to gain access to the garage/home. Items such as a laptop, keys and backpacks were stolen from the home. A vehicle was stolen. Attempt to locate aired. The vehicle has been listed as stolen in the appropriate databases.



In-Person Absentee Voting is an Option at Sequoya Library

source: City of Madison Clerk's Office

For the November 3, 2020, Presidential Election, we will offer In-Person Absentee Voting October 20 - November 1 (no voter registration on October 31 or November 1, per state law). Our in-person absentee voting sites will primarily be drive-up or outdoors. We need to make sure the ballots do not get wet. On days we have inclement weather, please check the website (see below) or call the Clerk's Office at 608-266-4601 before heading out to vote.

Drive-Up/Walk-Up In-Person Absentee Procedure

- 1. If you have your own ballpoint pen to use, please wave it at the absentee clerk as they approach you at a drive-up/ walk-up absentee voting site. The absentee clerk will be wearing a reflective vest and a face mask.
- 2. The absentee clerk will give you an absentee envelope to fill out on a clipboard that is disinfected after each use.
- 3. The absentee clerk will need to check your voter ID. You may hold your ID up to your window.
- 4. Once you mark your ballot, you will seal it in the absentee envelope.
- 5. You will sign your envelope in the presence of the absentee clerk. The absentee clerk will sign as your witness.
- 6. At the end of the drive-up/walk-up voting shift for the day, your absentee will be brought to the Clerk's Office in a courier bag with a tamper-evident seal. The unique serial number on the tamper-evident seal is documented on a chain-of-custody form, as is the number of absentee envelopes sealed in the courier bag.
- 7. The Clerk's Office will verify the serial number on the tamper-evident seal, and the number of absentee envelopes sealed inside the courier bag.
- 8. Your absentee will remain sealed in its envelope and secure in the Clerk's Office until it is delivered to your polling place to be processed on Election Day.
- 9. On Election Day, the poll workers at your polling place will check your envelope into the poll book, and will feed your ballot into the tabulator to be counted.

Sequoya Library In-Person hours

October 20-31 12-6 weekdays, 1-4 Saturdays

Check the website for more in-person absentee voting locations:

www.cityofmadison.com/clerk/elections-voting/voting/vote-absentee/in-person-absentee-voting-hours-and-locations Poll workers will also accept your absentee ballot and serve as your witness at the above locations, as well as other sites: www.cityofmadison.com/clerk/elections-voting/voting/vote-absentee/ballot-drop-off-sites

Democracy in the Park

source: www.cityofmadison.com/clerk

City of Madison poll workers were in every Madison park, including Lucia Crest Park and Sunset Park, on September 26 and October 3, to register voters and accept delivery of absentee ballots; and, if needed, sign as witness for absentee voters. After the event poll workers secured the absentee envelopes with a tamper-evident seal and documented the seal number and the number of absentee ballots. Poll workers then took ballots straight to the City Clerk's Office, where both the seal number and the number of absentee ballots were verified. The Clerk's Office scanned the barcode on each returned absentee envelope, so voters were able to check https://MyVote.wi.gov on Monday to verify that their ballot is ready to be counted at the polls on November 3.



Lucia Crest Park. photo by Tim Gruber

Change is Happening at Genin's Autocare

email from Rick Genin

Change is happening at Genin's Autocare! In late August 2020, Genin's will operate solely as a 6 bay Napa Gold Autocare Center. We will discontinue to operate as a Mobil Gas Station. No more Gas.

I, Rick Genin, have pumped gasoline on this one mile stretch of University Avenue for the best part of the last 44 years. The past 28 years have been here at Genin's, 3505 University Avenue. I certainly have enjoyed pumping gas, especially in the spring, summer, and fall. My dad, Bill Genin, was born in this neighborhood (Sunset Village Neighborhood), bought his first house with his wife Lucy, and raised 8 children in their home he still owns not far from where Genin's Autocare is located.

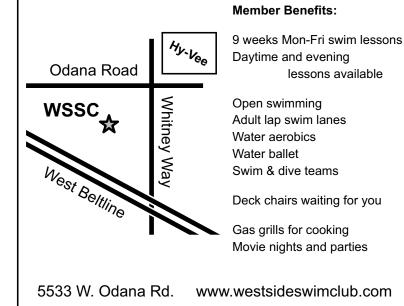
We are eternally grateful for your business and our customer relationship. We are here, and we are open. We continue to have an impressive World-Famous Crew to assist you and to help you navigate the Service, Repair and Maintenance of your vehicles. We still and always will have a FREE outdoor self-serve air supply.

It is my understanding (wait and see) Kwik Trip will be next door in the Bill's Shell location, 3401 University Avenue, starting in 2021. Kwik Trip does a fabulous job! At Kwik Trip the phone number for assistance, if you need it, is on the pump. Call the number and tell them which pump you are at.



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!





NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

Halloween Spooky Sunset Stroll

Saturday, **October 31**, 5:30-6:30 p.m. *see details inside newsletter*

SVCA Fall Quarterly Meeting CANCELED

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.

Friends of Hoyt Park Events

http://www.hoytpark.org/

Visit the SVCA Website

Read your newsletter in color.

Looking for the Right Person to Drum up Ads for the Newsletter

Your Neighborhood Association could use a few more newsletter ads to help pay the printing cost for the Sunset Village Voice. How about it? There are businesses in the vicinity that might benefit from exposure in this fine rag, or would simply be willing to support the neighborhood. Contact Liz or Clark if this calls to you.

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

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

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.

Pet Sit, Dog Walk, Babysit

Hello, my name is Ruby Wayland. I am a Junior at West in 2020. I am available to pet sit, dog walk, and babysit. Contact me at rxwayland@gmail.com for more information.

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



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Neighborhood Website: www.sunsetvillagecommunity.org

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

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238-4547, www.cityofmadison.com/council/district11/blog

Facebook page: "Sunset Village Community Association"