

# Sunset Village Voice

Your Neighborhood Newsletter

Winter 2021

## Sunset Village Community Assoc.

quarterly meeting: Thursday, Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m. LIVE on Zoom! Information below

## **Dear Neighbors**

We'd like to start off thanking all of you who so generously donated to SVCA this past year. It's been very encouraging to see the widespread support throughout the neighborhood.

We're still playing it by ear in terms of what types of inperson events we can hold this year—anyone up for an Ice Cream Social in September if we don't have the all clear by August? Or maybe a really blow-out Halloween party? We'll keep you posted through our various media when we can get back to something resembling the old normal.

In the meantime, we're going to try going virtual with our quarterly meetings. We're setting up a Zoom account for the organization that we will test out on the February 18th meeting.

We also encourage you to follow our Facebook page ("Sunset Village Community Association") and join our new SVCA Google Group, a replacement for the nowdefunct Yahoo listserv. Details about the Google group are elsewhere in this issue. We'll continue to use these outlets to keep you informed of SVCA activities.

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 questions and concerns. Let us know if you have ideas for how we can work together through this new normal.

And please keep supporting local businesses, especially Great Dane, Luigi's, and Chocolate Shoppe, who have all been very generous to SVCA in the past.



Your Co-Presidents, Sue Reynard & Ulrike Dieterle

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## Sunset Village Community Association Winter Meeting Will be on Zoom

Come together for a Zoom meeting on Thursday, **February 18**, at 6:30 p.m. Look for the Zoom link on the new Google Group listserv (more info in



this newsletter), or the Sunset Village Facebook page. Hope to "see" you all again.

## Your New Google Group Replaces the Yahoo Group Listserv

As of December 15, 2020 the Yahoo Groups website shut down and members were no longer able to send or receive emails from Yahoo Groups. The Sunset Village Community Association, like many organizations, has turned to Google Groups for our new listserv. After educating herself, and a couple of tries, SVCA co-president, Ulrike Dieterle, created the Google Group— SunsetVillageCommunityAssociation.



YOU are invited to join the new Sunset Village Community Association (SVCA) Google Group. To join, go to **https://groups.google.com/g/sunsetvillagecommunityassociation**. You will see a prompt to join. Click and enter info into the pop-up box. Once this is done, you will be in the new system. Google should send you a confirming email.

Once you are a member you can sign in to **https://groups.google.com/g/sunsetvillagecommunityassociation** and edit your Display name, Email used for membership, and email frequency preference. When you create a Google Account, you automatically get a Gmail address. But if you'd rather use another email address to sign in, you can link a non-Gmail email address to the account and use it to sign in, recover your password, get notifications, and more.

If you have any questions, please contact info@sunsetvillagecommunity.org

## **Random Observations of a Sunset Village Voice Deliverer**

submitted by Tim Gruber, October 15, 2020

On a beautiful, cool, sunny, fall day I walk through the neighborhood to deliver the Sunset Village Voice.

The trees are gorgeous in their fall colors. I feel blessed to live in a neighborhood with so many trees.

I notice people's yards, what plants are still growing, in front yard gardens, like kale and collards, what flowers are still blooming, what landscaping people have, and get ideas for my yard. I notice the scary Halloween decorations people have. At one house, I leave the Sunset Village Voice under the hand of a skeleton. I figure he is going to be there for a while so he might want some reading material.

I notice Black Lives Matter signs, a giant vote sign, and signs for candidates in the upcoming election. There are hundreds of signs for one candidate but I don't see any for the other candidate. (Thank you everyone!)

I walk on streets that have sidewalk on both sides and on streets that have sidewalk on only one side, except for a short little segment that I have never noticed, even though I have lived in this neighborhood for so long. (North Meadow Lane)

There are so many pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns!

It is fun walking and good exercise too. When I start walking from my house the bag of newsletters is heavy but it gets lighter as I go, imperceptibly so, until it is empty and weightless at the end. When I get home I'm really warm, even though the temperature is 52 degrees. I'm tired but happy after having a nice walk through this beautiful neighborhood on a beautiful day.

[Editor's note: If you want to partake in the magic, starting Spring 2021, the S. Midvale route (70 newsletters) from Regent to Mineral Point is open.]

## Sunset Village Neighborhood and Nearby Project Updates

## Sunset Village Road Construction Project

#### source: www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/sunset-village, updated 1/15/2021

The project includes the reconstruction of Hillcrest Drive (Westmorland to Larkin), Standish Ct (Hammersley to Hillcrest), Alden Drive (Hammersley to Hillcrest), and the resurfacing of Standish Ct. Sidewalk will not be added along the north side of Hillcrest Dr, or along Standish Ct or Alden Dr. The project will install sanitary sewer and water main in the street along Standish Ct and Alden Dr and replace the outdated utilities in the rear of the lots. Sanitary sewer and water main will be replaced along Hillcrest Dr. Storm sewer will be added throughout the project to convey storm water from the street and away from properties. Street lighting will not be added with the project. Construction will begin mid-Summer 2021 and be completed in late October 2021.

A virtual public information meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m., Feb. 16, 2021, via Zoom; register on the project website. **www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/sunset-village** 

#### Kwik Trip/Stop-N-Go in Former Mobile/Shell Station Location

Kwik Trip is planning site improvements and building remodel at the convenience store and gas station at 3401 University Avenue, including demolition to the façade facing Blackhawk Avenue, new concrete drives, utility line replacements, new landscaping, and new fuel tanks & lines. The existing gas pumps will remain, and the convenience store will sell fresh produce, bakery and dairy, hot and cold food and beverages, fresh meat and groceries, tobacco products, lotto, alcohol, gasoline, ice and propane. In response to questions by SVCA co-president, Ulrike Dieterle, Project Assistant Lydia Greenfield says, "Regarding the new landscaping, the three existing ash trees along University Avenue will be kept. New deciduous and evergreen shrubs will be added between the sidewalk and the back of the curb along University Avenue. On the east side of the remaining entrance along University Avenue, there will be two Red maple trees added and one Elm tree as well as shrubbery. Along Eugenia Avenue there will be shrubs added along the back side of the curb and one Skyline Honey Locust tree added in the corner."

Building plans are at: www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/3401-university-avenue/3541/

## Whole Foods Move to Madison Yards

Whole Foods will relocate to Block 2 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. The hotel originally planned for the northeast corner is now a 15-story apartment tower. Tim Parks, City of Madison Planner, reports, "Summit-Smith plans to break ground on Block 2 in late spring 2021. I believe the Whole Foods will open towards the end of 2022, with the remainder of the Block 2 project to be completed in the first quarter of 2023."



Find detailed Project Plans at: www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/701-gardener-road-/3532/

#### Willow Creek Watershed Study

## source: www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/willow-creek-watershed-study, updated 10/12/2020

The City of Madison Engineering Division held a Zoom PUBLIC INPUT MEETING #1 for this project on September 17, 2020. 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, as well as updates:

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



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## Support the Midvale-Lincoln School Community

submitted by Erica Throneburg, Midvale-Lincoln PTO, December 17, 2020

Hello, neighbors! This has been a difficult year and there are challenges everywhere we look. Close to home, there are many families attending Midvale-Lincoln Elementary who are struggling to pay for rent, food, clothing, utilities, etc. The PTO has been providing financial assistance to families for months and we're appealing to our school community as well as the wider neighborhood for help. If you have the ability to support the school, please check out the many opportunities below and participate in whatever ways you can. Thank you so much!

#### **Direct Appeal**

Midvale-Lincoln PTO's largest fundraiser of the year is ongoing! This is the time each year when we directly ask families to consider contributing to the PTO so we can fund the many projects that benefit children in our schools. This year, funds will be used to help families in the Midvale-Lincoln community impacted by the pandemic and to facilitate teacher grants.

Go to **midvalelincolnpto.org/fundraising** and donate online. Donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law. Midvale-Lincoln PTO is a 501c3 organization. Thank you so much for supporting our neighborhood school!

## **PTO Dining Nights**

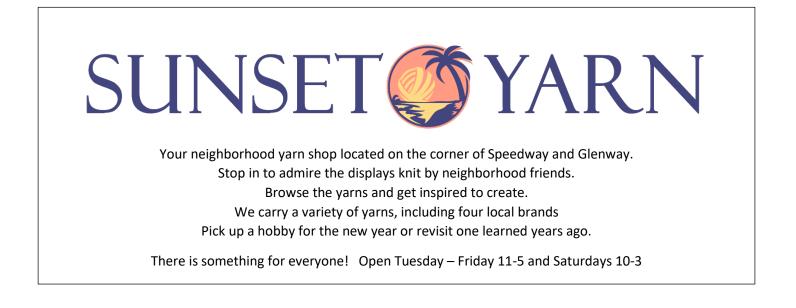
Get dinner to go and help Midvale-Lincoln...it's a win-win! There will be a dining night fundraiser benefiting the PTO each month through April. Please get these dates on your calendar and thank you for supporting Midvale-Lincoln!

- Feb. 2- Chipotle on University Ave.
- Mar. 3- MOD Pizza on Sligo Dr.
- Apr. 6- El Pastor on Park St.
- April- Metcalfe's Market donations benefit Midvale-Lincoln all month



#### **Buy a Bucky Book!**

We have a few Bucky Books available. For \$35 you'll get a Bucky Book full of great deals around the area- on groceries, golfing, food, activities, and more! This book pays for itself after you use a few coupons and it's a great way to support the PTO and local businesses. Buy one at **midvalelincolnpto.org/bucky-book** 





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## Spring 2021 Election – Get Out There and Vote Again

source: www.cityofmadison.com/clerk/elections-voting

All City of Madison Aldermanic Seats and City of Madison Municipal Judge will be up for election in 2021. Seats 1 and 2 of the Madison Metropolitan School District Board of Education will also be on the ballot in 2021.

Seats 3, 4, and 5 of the Madison Metropolitan School District Board of Education will be on the ballot in 2022. In 2023, all City of Madison Aldermanic Seats, City of Madison Mayor, and Seats 6 and 7 of the Madison Metropolitan School District Board of Education will be on the ballot.

#### **Important 2021 Dates**

- January 5 was the deadline to submit nomination papers to the City Clerk.
- January 26 Absentee ballots mailed to all voters with requests on file.
- February 16 Spring Primary, for State Superintendent
- March 16 Absentee ballots mailed to all voters with requests on file.
- March 17 Last day to register to vote through the mail.
- April 6 Spring Election

## **Friends of Hoyt Park News**

submitted by Anne Badey Raffa

Our first scheduled work day will be in late spring. The planned activity is prairie seed spreading that can hopefully be accomplished by a small group of volunteers as well as the girl scouts, pending pandemic health guidelines.

Frank Hassler, of Good Oak Ecological Services, toured the park with Paul Quinlan, Conservation Resource Supervisor, to discuss vegetation management in the park. A written report is expected soon but the main points of the walk were to identify areas for restoration, both ongoing to expanding, plus new projects. One focus was the Overlook that is on the opposite side of the fence from the private property.

There will be, at a later time, a draft workday schedule beginning in late spring until early fall. Work days are always on the third Saturday of the month beginning at 10:00 and with a meeting point being the Main Shelter.

Due to the pandemic, we have no scheduled activities at this time. Please enjoy the many hiking trails, the prairie and children's playground. Please visit our website for updates: **www.hoytpark.org** 

## **Neighborhood Scenes**



Garbage truck fire on Blackhawk Avenue, January 14



Turkeys on Thanksgiving Day, 2020



## 'Hello!' from Supervisor Andrae

submitted by Richelle Andrae, County Board Supervisor, District 11

Greetings, Sunset Village neighbors! I was elected to the Dane County Board of Supervisors in April 2020, and now represent about 15,000 residents on the near West side of Madison – including Sunset Village. I know that this past year has been an unprecedented challenge for many of us – financially, physically, and emotionally – and living in daily uncertainty is more difficult than I had imagined possible. But the resilience, ingenuity, and camaraderie of our community during this pandemic gives me hope. While campaigning during a pandemic, I did not have the opportunity to meet as many residents of District 11 as I would have liked, but I look forward to this opportunity to share what the County Board is up to, and re-introduce myself to you.



I've lived in Madison for about 10 years, currently on the corner of Regent and Segoe. During the day, I am an advocate for safety net clinics in our state, working with state

policymakers and partners to ensure that all residents have access to quality health care, regardless of their ability to pay or insurance status. On the County Board, I serve on the Public Protection & Judiciary Committee, the Area Agency on Aging Board, and as a liaison with the Vera Institute of Justice. When I'm not at work or engaged in Board activities, you can find me at the Odana dog park with my rescue, Roux. If you see us, please say hi!

Now on to County Board business... While responding to the pandemic has been our priority since March, we just wrapped up the budget season. The county has an annual budget of over \$600 million in operating costs, and \$70 million in our capital budget. This year's budget includes flood mitigation and land conservation efforts, a new Behavioral Health Resource Center, and significant dedication to health and human needs.

Beyond the budget, we are working through multiple criminal and racial justice reform initiatives, and recently passed a resolution that will serve as a blueprint forward – including efforts like reducing the use of cash bail, expanding the Community Restorative Court, planning for a Community Justice Center, and pursuing a partnership with the City of Madison to implement non-law-enforcement emergency response for those in crisis.

The County Board will continue to convene virtually for the near term, but there are many opportunities to engage with decision-making. We hold our biweekly public meetings over Zoom where you are able to provide comment to the Board on any agenda item, via Zoom or phone. Meeting information is available at https://dane.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx.





## "The Best Halloween Ever" in Sunset Village

submitted by Erin Courtenay

Villagers rallied together to give children (and their parents) a Halloween to remember, using their creative talents to provide socially distanced methods for giving out candy. In one case a cowboy used a slingshot to send sweets flying into a designated zone, another home devised a super-distanced candy chute complete with levers and a chortling group of jack o' lanterns. There were remote control delivery cars, individual candy baskets, a candy catapult, and thoughtfully placed bags, bowls and tables for kids to retrieve their treats. Children reported that it was "the best Halloween ever!" and neighbors commented on how much they enjoyed the spectacle of families delighting in the fun and surprise of it all. Many thanks to everyone that participated and brought a little light to a challenging time. [More photos on Facebook]













## Maurice Jury, Engineer Extraordinaire, Has Died

excerpted from: www.swedbergfuneralhome.com/obituary/maurice-jury

Maurice Eugene Jury, age 100, passed away on January 5, 2021 of natural causes in Shawano, WI. Maurice was born, the first of five children, to Albin E. and Bessie Katheryn (Byrum) Jury on May 19, 1920 in Bard, NM.

The family moved to Borger, TX in 1925 and Maurice's father established a dairy farm. Maurice graduated from Borger High School and started a correspondence course to learn refrigeration. Those skills and his inborn engineering skills were utilized to make a cooler for refrigerating the milk. Maurice worked on the dairy for one year before enrolling in Texas Tech University in Lubbock, TX to pursue a degree in electrical engineering. America was involved in World War II at that time, so he enlisted in the Army Air Corp.

Maurice serviced C-47 airplanes and gliders in the South Pacific Islands and Australia, flying with the planes and servicing them when on the ground. Maurice survived the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre with 4 Bronze Stars, and the Philippine Liberation with 1 Bronze Star and a Victory

Medal for Good Conduct. Maurice then returned to Texas Tech University and graduated in 1949 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, which led to a position with Allis-Chalmers in West Allis, WI working in the nuclear power department. He assisted with the development of a high-pressure water pump and control rod mechanism for a power plant in Sioux Falls, SD.

When the nuclear program ended, Maurice moved to Madison, WI and started a job as a design engineer with Oscar Mayer meat processing plant and was instrumental in the development of the mechanical process which turned raw pork into long 37-pound sticks of bologna, which cooked, sliced, packaged and froze the product from beginning to end, a 9-hour process.

When he turned 65 years old in 1985, he retired from Oscar Mayer and started a small engine repair business [from his home on N. Owen Dr.] fixing neighbors' lawn mowers, snow blowers, weed whackers, dehumidifiers, and anything with a motor. Maurice also traveled the world with his last wife Josephine.

A memorial service is scheduled on Maurice's birthday, May 19, 2021, at 1:00pm, at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Madison, WI (pending COVID clearance). See the following article featuring Maurice's 100th birthday –

www.newmedia-wi.com/content/retired-96-maurice-jury-celebrates-100-years

## **Know your City of Madison Ordinances**

submitted by Ulrike Dieterle

This is the first in a series of articles highlighting sections of Madison's Code of Ordinances.

Since this is the season of snow and ice, we will highlight the section of the code which deals with keeping our sidewalks clean and free of ice/snow and safe for pedestrians.

It is the property owner's obligation to remove snow and ice on sidewalks abutting the property s/he owns by 12 noon of the day after the snow/ice has accumulated. This responsibility also extends to clearing the curb ramps. If ice cannot be totally removed, sand or other suitable treatments should be used to prevent the ice from being dangerous. Remember, free sand is

available at Glenway Golf Course. For exact wording of this section, see: 10.28 - SNOW AND ICE TO BE REMOVED FROM SIDEWALKS. The online version of the Code of Ordinance is easy to use with a number of helpful features, including keyword searching, at: https://library.municode.com/wi/madison/codes/code\_of\_ordinances

More info about snow and ice removal from sidewalks: www.cityofmadison.com/residents/winter/SnowIce/sand.cfm





## Have You Checked Out the Sunset Park Ice Rink this Winter?

submitted by Elise Uphoff

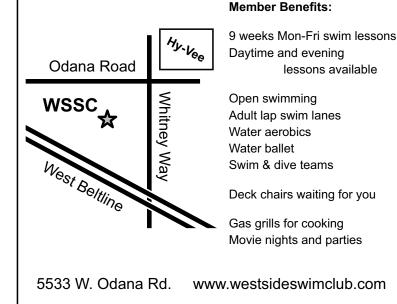
The rink sits at the south end of the pocket park, with a playground and little library nearby. Skating has been a great outdoor activity amidst the pandemic this winter. The rink is just the right size to practice with a hockey puck, for kids to learn to skate, or for adults to refresh their skating. The rink has two metal walkers that are just the right size for young children, and stand-in as hockey goals when not in use. Parking is available if you drive over, with the closest spots on South Sunset. The rink is a volunteer effort. If you are interested in helping please contact Jason Symes at symes.jason@ gmail.com or Elise Uphoff at iverson.elise@gmail.com





# 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!



## One 12-ounce coffee mug of salt is enough to treat an entire 20-foot driveway or 10 sidewalk squares.



# NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

#### **SVCA Winter Quarterly Meeting**

Thursday, **February 18**, 6:30 p.m. Live on Zoom (see page one)

## Friends of the Arboretum Plant Sale

order online by March 15, 2021 https://foamadison.org/

## **SVCA Spring Quarterly Meeting**

Tuesday, May 18, 6:30 p.m.

## **SVCA Summer Quarterly Meeting**

Thursday, August 19, 6:30 p.m.

## **SVCA Fall Quarterly Meeting**

Tuesday, November 16, 6:30 p.m.

#### **Friends of Hoyt Park Events**

http://www.hoytpark.org/

#### **Madison Senior Center Programs**

www.cityofmadison.com/senior-center

#### Visit the SVCA website

Read the newsletter in color, going back to 2012. Check out the SVCA membership list, to be updated later in February.

#### <u>Looking for the Right Person to Drum up</u> <u>Ads for the Newsletter</u>

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!

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#### **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

## Pet Sitting, Babysitting

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

## Pet Sit, Dog Walk, Babysit

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## 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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