

Sunset Village Voice

Your Neighborhood Newsletter

Spring 2021

Sunset Village Community Assoc.

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

Dear Neighbors

As we compose this greeting to you, we are reminded of Charles Dickens' famous opening sentence: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair."

As we slide out of our dark winter and glide into a new spring, we are reminded that nature keeps its promises of renewal and rejuvenation. As we slowly open up our restricted lives and move a bit closer to friends and neighbors, we feel an end to our pandemic lifestyle. As we put more of this past year behind us, we would like to hear from you, our Sunset Village neighbors, about your experiences during this most extraordinary year. How has the pandemic affected and changed your life? Your personal stories will serve as witness to the pandemic's broad impact on all of us. See details on how to submit your narrative inside this issue.

Looking forward - our next quarterly SVCA meeting is scheduled for May 18. It will again be conducted online via Zoom. You can also participate via phone. At that meeting, we will collectively make decisions about the status of the Ice Cream Social, the neighborhood-wide Garage Sale and the format of future meetings. We encourage you to join the SVCA Google Group where matters of interest may be posted and discussed. Get instructions at info@sunsetvillagecommunity.org

Stay well and let us hear from you.

Your Co-Presidents, Sue Reynard & Ulrike Dieterle



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Sunset Village Community Association Spring Meeting Will be on Zoom

Join your neighbors for a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, **May 18**, at 6:30 p.m. Look for the Zoom link by May 1 on the Google Group listserv or the Sunset Village Facebook page.

Items on the agenda will include SVCA donations to the Lincoln school playground renovation, as well as discussion of this year's Ice Cream Social and Garage Sales. Your input is encouraged.

[See website for minutes from the February 18 meeting.]

Sunset Village Neighborhood and Nearby Project Updates

Sunset Village Road Construction Project - Hillcrest Drive, Standish Court, Alden Drive

source: www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/sunset-village, updated 2/17/2021

The City of Madison held a virtual public information meeting on Feb. 16, 2021, via Zoom. Project details, as well as the PowerPoint presentation and meeting recording, are now available on the project website. Construction is projected to last from July to October 2021. www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/sunset-village

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

Kwik Trip site improvements and building remodel, at the 3401 University Avenue convenience store and gas station, are in full swing. Check out building plans at: www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/3401-university-avenue/3541/ [FYI: Kwik Trip (based in La Crosse) acquired the Madison-based Stop-N-Go chain in 2020.]

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. Summit-Smith Development plans to break ground in late spring 2021, with store opening towards the end of 2022, and Block 2 completion in early 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 3/12/2021

The purpose of the watershed study is to identify causes of existing flooding in the Willow Creek Watershed, and then look at potential solutions to try to reduce flooding. The study will use computer models to assist with the evaluations. The March 10, 2021 Public Information Meeting Recording is now available, as well as the PDF presentation slides.

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

University Avenue 2022 Road Construction

The City of Madison and the Village of Shorewood Hills held a third Public Information Meeting on March 11, 2021, by Zoom. Alternatives to improve pedestrian & bicycle connectivity, bus rapid transit initiatives, and stormwater drainage were reviewed, as well as plans for a new pedestrian & bike overpass over University Bay Dr., a widened sidewalk along the southerly side of University Ave., and a 96-inch storm sewer pipe to help improve drainage in the area.

The Public Information Meeting Recording and the PDF PowerPoint Presentation are now available on the project website: www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/university-avenue

Public Restrooms in Madison City Parks – Where to Go

If you visit, or bike past, Madison city parks, and need a pit stop, check out the Madison Parks website. Year-round restrooms are open at Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park - North, Warner Boat Launch, and Owen Conservation Park. Seasonal restrooms are generally open mid-April through mid-October, from approximately 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Find your park here: www.cityofmadison.com/parks/restroom



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

Westside Community Farmers Market

Saturdays, 7:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., **April 17-November 6**, 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. Website includes a vendor map, vendor list and purchasing options: www.westsidecommunitymarket.org
- 3. Sign up for the market e-newsletter

Hilldale Farmers Market

Wednesdays and Saturdays: 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., **May-October**, behind L.L. Bean, off Segoe Rd. COVID safety precautions in place, face masks required. More info: 608-209-7130, hilldalemkt@hotmail.com Check for updates at: www.facebook.com/HilldaleFarmersMarket and https://hilldale.com/events/

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

Bethany Church front lawn—not happening. (Look for the Community Fall Festival.) Lucia Crest Park, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Bring a chair, blanket, food and beverage! Register your event, find the music near you, and check for Covid updates at: www.makemusicmadison.org, and www.facebook.com/makemusicmadison



Save the Date for the 2021 Sunset Village Garage Sale!

This year's Sunset Village Neighborhood Garage Sale is tentatively scheduled for **Friday**, **August 13** and **Saturday**, **August 14** (officially National Garage Sale Day). 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 10 thru August 26.

Concerts are on hold - waiting for approval from Madison Parks and Dane County Public Health ruling due to the pandemic. It is likely we will have a later start than June 10. Watch for start date on the website, https://mmqccb.org, and Facebook page, www.facebook.com/capitolcityband



Earth Day Challenges on Saturday, April 24 – these events have passed

Quarry Park – Trash pickup and garlic mustard pulling from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Hoyt Park - An Earth Day Work Day will begin at 10:00 a.m.

If these events have passed, feel free to enjoy the parks and pull garlic mustard any time through May. Please pull garlic mustard below the crown, bag it, and remove bags or leave near a park entrance.

Madison School & Community Recreation programs in Lucia Crest and Sunset Parks

These programs will include the Art Cart and, possibly, FIT2GO-Youth. Check the MSCR website for the Summer Program Guide at www.mscr.org/our-programs. You can also find information about the LEARN 2 RIDE children's bike instruction program. Programmers are looking for volunteers for this event; please contact Martha Hutchinson at mlhutchinson@madison.k12.wi.us.

Midvale Heights Community Association Baseball

Midvale Heights Community Association Baseball is a fun baseball league for kids from 3 to 9. The season begins the week of June 8 and ends the week of July 27. We have T Ball on Tuesday, Major Coach Pitch on Wednesday, and Minor Coach Pitch on Thursday. Games are played at Piper and Segoe Parks and Midvale School. Players will receive a t-shirt, hat and baseball. Cost is \$50 for the first child and \$40 for the second. Applications will be available online at: www.midvaleheights.org. Any questions, please contact Mike Pressman at 288-0993 or mmpressman@charter.net.



More Random Observations of a Sunset Village Voice Deliverer

submitted by Tim Gruber, from January 26, 2021

On a sunny, crisp January morning I take a walk through the neighborhood to deliver the Sunset Village Voice. A foot of fluffy light snow has fallen overnight, leaving the neighborhood covered in a beautiful blanket of white. At one of the first few houses I deliver to, two young children are outside playing with their dad. The younger child is a toddler, and the snow is up to his neck, so he wants his dad to make paths through the snow. I chat with them for a bit and then continue my walk.

I see people outside shoveling and more kids outside playing. I say hi and chat with folks I know and folks I don't know. At one house, there are skeletons sitting at a table on the front porch, still there since Halloween. They look even spookier covered in snow. I wonder if they have run out of things to say to each other after sitting there so long.

I notice that on some sidewalks, someone has come by with a snow blower and done multiple sidewalks. My neighbor came by with their snow blower and did my sidewalk this morning as well. I like my neighbors!

Trudging through the snow, I think about the mail carriers who do this every day. I appreciate them because they bring me checks, cards, and my ballot. Last fall I left cookies (store bought, in the bag) for our mail carrier. The next day he left a thank you card. His name is Joe, I learned from the card.

Recently my daughter and I were coming home from picking up books curbside from the Sequoya Library (thank you Madison Public Library!) There was a woman that I didn't know in the driveway with her dog. I waited for her to walk to the sidewalk before pulling my car in the driveway, and when I got out she explained that she was delivering mail that was left at her house by mistake. She had left a note with the mail explaining that it had been delivered to the same house number on a different street. I opened the envelop and there was a check inside. I like my neighbors!

When I arrive home from delivering the Voice, I am a little tired, overheated and sweating. The temperature outside is 23 degrees. I make a cup of coffee and sit down with my coffee to read the latest issue of the Voice. The photo of the garbage truck fire on Blackhawk Ave reminds me of recent events in our nation. I'm glad to catch up on some good news from the neighborhood, sad to read about the passing of Maurice Jury at age 100, and happy to live in this wonderful neighborhood.



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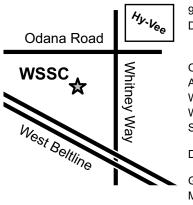
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Know Your City of Madison Ordinances

submitted by Ulrike Dieterle

As we have seen an uptick in pet adoptions during the pandemic, we have also noticed a few more of our four-legged friends wandering off to explore the world on their own. A Sunset Village neighbor (concerned for the pets and for the humans at large) asked us to again highlight Madison's ordinance on dogs and cats roaming without an owner or keeper present. Let's take a moment to review the City's ordinances on this topic.



23.32 - REGULATION OF DOGS AND CATS RUNNING AT LARGE.

(1) Except as provided under Section 8.195, it shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog or cat to permit the

same to run at large in the City of Madison. Any animal found at large shall be conclusively presumed to be so with the permission of its owner or keeper. A dog or cat shall be deemed to be at large when it is off the premises of its owner or keeper, unless under the control of a person and restrained by means of a chain, rope or cord of sufficient strength and of a length not to exceed six (6) feet to control the action of such dog or cat. This Ordinance is not intended to prohibit the keeping of dogs or cats within enclosed areas which will reasonably control the conduct of said dog or cat.

For the complete text of related sections 23.31 - 23.33, see the Code of Ordinances. The online version is easy to use with a number of helpful features, including keyword search. See:

https://library.municode.com/wi/madison/codes/code of ordinances

How has the Pandemic Year Affected Your Life? Share your Story with Neighbors

In the next issues of our Sunset Village Voice newsletter, we will highlight your personal stories from this past year. Your words will serve as witness to this tumultuous time. Please share a memorable snapshot from the past year by submitting a short narrative (approx. 225 words or less) describing an event, a new path, a change in your life, etc. You may add your name for publication or request the submission be printed anonymously. Please send your submissions by July 12 to our newsletter editor Liz Vowles at: lizlloyd@chorus.net. Here are a few to get you started.

walking in our parks, anonymous

When my gym shut down I realized I would have to learn a way to work out, outdoors. So I started walking in our parks between a mile and a mile and a half a day. I've missed only 10 days outside in the past year and figure I've now walked over 500 miles! The subtleties of the changing beauty in nature in our parks is something I will always treasure.

good times around the firepit, *Liz Vowles* (lucky to stay healthy and not lose anyone)

Best Halloween ever—around the firepit in the driveway, drinking beer and eating Reese's peanut butter cups, handing out candy on the end of a hockey stick.

Best breakfast ever—Knoche's natural casing hot dogs roasted over firepit, with telescoping roasting stick, eaten right off the stick.

Kudos to our Libraries!, Ulrike Dieterle

When the world stopped in March 2020, Madison Libraries retooled to provide access to collections. They instituted a new system of pick-up service that allowed us to order our materials remotely. After choosing a convenient pick-up time, we could come by the library and there, waiting for us, would be our bag of materials. Madison Libraries also canceled overdue fines knowing that life was no longer predictable. I will never forget this generous and convenient service during a time when so much is upside down. A shout out to all librarians/library staff who made this one of the happier highlights of the pandemic.







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Friends of Hoyt Park News

submitted by Anne Badey Raffa

The City Parks Department is still reviewing the Good Oak Ecological Services recommendations for vegetative management. A FHP subcommittee met to discuss this report. A pilot area was identified to focus public attention and education on restoration of the oak savannah and woodlands in the Park. The proposal includes the already cleared area on the Southwest side of the Overlook, adding the area north of the Overlook down to the two fireplaces and the newly installed bench. It would involve removing all trees 3" in diameter and less, leaving only Pagoda Dogwood, Oak and Hickory Trees. Removal of this tree canopy would let sunlight in to the understory to promote growth of oak trees. FHP would provide signage to explain the restoration process to park users.

The Ranger Hiring process in now beginning. At the February quarterly meeting SVCA approved a donation of \$500 to Friends of Hoyt Park to assist in the hire of the summer ranger.

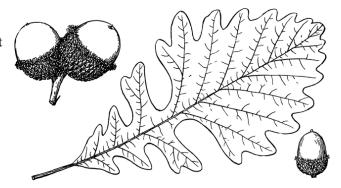
There will be an Earth Day Challenge Work Day at Hoyt Park on Saturday, April 24 beginning at 10:00; follow Covid

Precautions and meet at the Main Shelter. Our annual meeting is at the main shelter on July 25 from noon until 3:00 p.m.

There will be a business meeting and a to-be-determined family event. Check the list serve for details.

Enjoy the many trails as you watch the seasons unfold. Hoyt Park is indeed a treasure. Please visit our website:

www.hoytpark.org for updates.



Spring Pruning of the Lucia Crest Fruit Trees

submitted by Brian Andersen

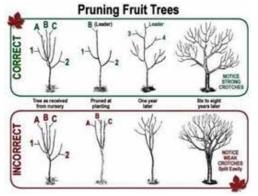
Many thanks to Liz Griffith for volunteering to demonstrate and lead the pruning of the 15 fruit trees in Lucia Crest Park that are now six years old. Liz is a Sunset Village resident and manager of her family business, Door Creek Orchard. She was joined by Jamie MacAlister, Dan Lindner, Ben Ringle, and Brian Andersen. Liz's expert touch was needed, as the trees have not had a major pruning since Jeff Epping's workshop in March 2018. (Jeff is also a Sunset Village resident and Director of Horticulture at Olbrich Gardens.)

The apple trees were pruned to have a structure with a central leader and scaffold branches every few feet up the tree. Many of the inner crossing branches were removed. The stone-fruit trees (cherry, peach, plum) were pruned to create a vase-shaped "open center." While the cuts made were initially very shocking, they were necessary for creating proper structure for better tree health and fruit production.

The extreme polar vortex in January 2019 damaged three trees. The moonglow pear tree died completely and will be replaced this year. Two peach trees were

also damaged, but are still alive and producing some fruit. However, they may only have one more year before needing replacement, probably with a different type of tree. This is because the orchard is in a low spot and can get extra cold,

which is not the best situation for the more cold-sensitive peach trees.



Stop down for yourself throughout the seasons to smell the spring blossoms and watch the fruits grow. Per city regulations we do not treat the trees with chemicals, so you may find them to be less than perfect in appearance. And when it comes time to pick the fruit feel free to sample a reasonable quantity depending on what's available, but please don't fill bags with excessive amounts (instead visit the beautiful Door Creek Orchard!!!). This allows for all neighbors to share and experience the harvest. If you have any questions or suggestions about the urban orchard, contact Brian Andersen at banderse@yahoo.com







Owl Family Hatches a Chick

as reported by Flor Mitchell on Nextdoor, April 10

A family of owls was spotted a couple of days ago between the 300 block of South Owen Drive and Karen Court.

Dan Pruski (S. Owen) comments, "Awesome! They were nesting in a white pine in my yard and the owlet left the nest last weekend."

photos by Tim Hansel and Rob Streiffer





Towards a Safer Spring, from Captain Jason Freedman

Despite the recent snow, spring is coming! Along with warmer weather, MMSD recently announced the return to in-person learning. The change of season and the re-opening of schools provide opportunities and challenges for Midtown PD and our district residents, and I want to talk about some steps both MPD and the community, working in partnership, can take to have a safe(r) spring season. For this post, I will focus on violent crime, property crime, and driving concerns.

Captain's Freedman's March 18 blog, which is too long for this newsletter, can be read here: www.cityofmadison.com/police/midtown/blotter.cfm



Place Your Bid at the Lincoln School Playground Silent Auction

submitted by Laura Baggett

Lincoln Elementary is SO CLOSE to getting a new and expanded playground! More money is needed and you can help by bidding on dozens of awesome silent auction items from May 13 to 23! Every dollar raised will go toward the purchase of new equipment to create safe, inclusive, and inspiring play opportunities for students at Lincoln as well as the community. Phase 1 of the playground will be built this year in order to expand the play areas at the school. With enough funding, Phase 2, which will replace the current equipment, can be completed this year as well and just in time for students to return to Lincoln in the fall after an incredibly challenging year. There's something for everyone at the silent auction so please treat yourself and know you are supporting the healthy growth and development of kids in our school community! Find the auction at this link:

https://www.32auctions.com/lincoln2020

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Streets Division's Plastic Bag Recycling Program Ends

source: City of Madison News & Updates, Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Residents should no longer place plastic film and plastic bags into their recycling carts, or bring plastic film to the Streets Division drop-off sites. Instead, residents who accumulate plastic bags and film should return them to the retailers that offer plastic bag and film recycling programs. Residents are encouraged to avoid creating plastic bag and film waste when possible, by refusing unnecessary bags for purchases, choosing reusable bags, or choosing recyclable paper bags.

Why did the program end? Plastic bag recycling has long been problematic for recyclable sorting systems. Plastic bags and film are a common source of recycling equipment problems throughout the entire industry. This material gets tangled in sorting equipment, leading to system shutdowns. The Madison program functioned only because the bags were bundled, and because there was a market for Pellitteri Waste Systems to sell these materials that it received from city collections. Unfortunately, the ability to sell the plastic film collected from our collection carts has hit a dead end. We will continue to work with our recycler to try to find an alternative way to provide plastic bag recycling. However, bundled bags are not likely ever to return to the collection carts.

Why should bags be returned to retailers? Plastic bags collected at retailers are preferred by the end users that can recycle them. Bags and film from retail takeback programs are cleaner and more consistent than that recovered from curbside collection carts.

What can you do about plastic bag and film waste? Current state law prohibits municipalities from banning plastic bags. Therefore, the best choice would be for you to avoid creating this waste whenever possible. Choose other options, such as reusable bags, which can be anything from canvas totes to reusable mesh produce bags to other reusable, durable containers. You can also choose paper bags for their ease of recycling. If you have plastic bags, look for ways to extend their useful life so they are not single-use, such as drying and reusing freezer bags.

More info at www.cityofmadison.com/recycling and Bryan Johnson, 608-267-2626, streets@cityofmadison.com

Sunset Village Community Association Tote Bags!

submitted by Kate Johnson, Sunset Village

Show your neighborhood pride and make an earth-friendly choice with a Sunset Village tote bag. Custom made by a Sunset Village resident, these lovely totes can carry your groceries, Target haul, kid stuff, or picnic fare in style. There are two colors available: Gray tote with white logo (pictured), and Natural/light tan tote with green logo. The bags are slightly larger than a plastic shopping bag (approx. 14"h x 17"w), and will serve you well for years to come.

Bags are \$20 each. All proceeds will go to SVCA for a neighborhood improvement project. To place an order, contact Kate Johnson, kate.lily.johnson@gmail.com or (608)359-2216 with your name, address, and which color you would like, and she will make and porch-deliver your custom Sunset Village bag!

Thank you for supporting SVCA!



NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

SVCA Spring Quarterly Meeting

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

Farmers Markets

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Thurs, 7-8 p.m., tentative start date June 10

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Lucia Crest Park, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Friends of Hoyt Park Annual Meeting

Sunday, July 25, noon to 3:00 p.m.

Ice Cream Social @ Lucia Crest Park

Saturday, **August 7**, 1:00-4:00 p.m. TENTATIVE - LOOK FOR UPDATES

Neighborhood Garage Sales

August 13 &14, ulrike.dieterle@gmail.com TENTATIVE - LOOK FOR UPDATES

SVCA Summer Quarterly Meeting

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

SVCA Fall Quarterly Meeting

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

Memorial Service for Maurice Jury

1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19th at Covenant Presbyterian Church (with safe distance seating and face masks).

Correction to print version of Winter newsletter: Maurice lived on N. Owen, not Blackhawk Ave.

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Deadline for newsletters:

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

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