



# Sunset Village Voice

Your Neighborhood Newsletter

Fall 2021

**Sunset Village Community Assoc.**  
quarterly meeting:  
Tuesday, November 16, 6:30 p.m.  
**LIVE on Zoom!**  
Information on the back page

## Dear Neighbors

After many cancellations and uncertainties, August provided some light at the end of the pandemic tunnel. We had a surprisingly robust turnout to our annual Ice Cream Social. Approximately 100 hearty souls braved intermittent rain to enjoy ice cream from the Chocolate Shoppe, pizzas from Luigi's, libations from the Great Dane, Joe Beck of Twist N Shout Balloons, games, and a visit from Fire Station #9 folks. Our annual garage sale also took place in August with over 20 households participating. Thanks to all for pitching in and helping out.

We are happy to report our quarterly meetings have continued albeit via Zoom. We encourage you to join us for our last meeting of the year on Tuesday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m. Look for the Zoom link posted to our SVCA Google Group or request it by emailing [info@sunsetvillagecommunity.org](mailto:info@sunsetvillagecommunity.org). We hope to meet in person again in 2022.

We are always eager to hear from you. Feel free to contact us with ideas about programming, projects or other initiatives. We encourage you to continue to submit your pandemic stories and to complete our SVCA survey which is linked to our SVCA Facebook page.

Best regards,

Your Co-Presidents,

Sue Reynard & Ulrike Dieterle



## Renew Your Membership in the Sunset Village Community Association

See inside this newsletter for a full-page membership form for 2022. Suggested annual membership is \$15 per household, and pays for social events, neighborhood improvement projects, and this newsletter.

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## Halloween Parade and Celebration Returns to Sunset Park

*Sunday, October 31, 2 p.m. at Sunset Park*

Find your best costume and join your neighbors for the return of the Annual Halloween Parade in Sunset Park. The parade will start promptly at 2 p.m., followed by treats (but no tricks), crafts and games! Masks requested.

Traditional trick or treating is back on this year. Last year we discovered what fun it can be when we are outside and welcoming the kiddos - sometimes with clever candy dispensing "tricks." We encourage neighbors to do that again if they like. Set up the firepit in the driveway, mingle with neighbors and treat the ghosties and goblins from 5:30-6:30



## 2022 Election of Sunset Village Community Association Officers

Sue Reynard and Ulrike Dieterle are nearing the end of their two-year terms as **SVCA Co-Presidents** and are willing to serve again.

Anne Badey Raffa is nearing the end of her second two-year term as **SVCA Secretary** and says that she “would be truly happy to continue.”

Rich Kedzior is nearing the end of his first two-year term as **SVCA Treasurer** and is also willing to continue in office.



Nominations may be made at the last SVCA meeting of the year on November 16, or in writing to the secretary at least one month prior to the Annual Meeting in February, 2022. Nominations should preferably be submitted by January 12, 2022 so that candidates may be introduced in the Winter 2022 newsletter, which will also include voting instructions.

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## City of Madison Redistricting Will Put Sunset Village in Alder District #5

*source and excerpts from: [www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/page.cfm?id=3670](http://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/page.cfm?id=3670)*

### What is Redistricting?

Redistricting is the process of adjusting voting districts based on population changes between the Federal Government’s decennial censuses. The City of Madison’s process of redrawing alder districts is based on population changes between the 2010 and 2020 Census. For the City of Madison and its residents, this means adjusting ward and alder districts to balance city population growth so each resident has equal representation on the Common Council.

The City has created an Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee, comprised of four Alders and three residents, to lead the redistricting process. Following criteria outlined in State law, the Committee will develop an updated ward and alder district map to submit to Common Council for approval.

### Redistricting Criteria

In addition to equalizing population, the Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee will be redrawing alder district boundaries using the four following criteria, which are required by State and Federal law:

- Districts must enhance the participation of communities of color and communities that primarily use a language other than English.
- Districts must be compact.
- Districts must be contiguous.
- Districts must account for Communities of Interest (COIs).
  - Neighborhoods and neighborhood associations
  - Elementary school attendance areas
  - College students
  - Housing tenure/transience
  - Income distribution

Through redistricting, Madison will do 3 things:

1. Reconfigure the 20 alder districts so they contain an equal number of residents (targeted at 13,739).
2. Split wards that have over 4,000 people and combine some wards that have fewer than 1,000 people.
3. Establish polling places based on the reconfigured ward map.

*As of this writing, the Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee is favoring Alder District Concept 7a. If Concept 7a is adopted, Sunset Village Community Association would move from alder District 11 to District 5, with the exception of Hillcrest Drive and Merlham Drive on the west side of Midvale Boulevard, which would remain in District 11.*



## 2021 Ice Cream Social in Lucia Crest Park – Neighbors Together Again

The Sunset Village Ice Cream Social in Lucia Crest Park once again brought people together on a rainy August 7. This is a free annual event, thanks to generous contributions from our neighborhood sponsors. The **Chocolate Shoppe** provided ice cream at wholesale cost; **Luigi's** donated pizzas; **Great Dane** donated kegs of beer. Please support and thank these local businesses. Focus Church members helped throughout. The Station #9 fire engine was there as usual, as well as balloon twister, Joe Beck, of Twist N Shout. See the SVCA Facebook page for MANY more photos (in color).



# Sunset Village Neighborhood and Nearby Project Updates

## Willow Creek Watershed Study

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. Project overview and updates are on the website, as well as an additional information page specifically for the Watershed Studies based on questions from the community in the process so far: [www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/willow-creek-watershed-study](http://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/willow-creek-watershed-study)

## University Avenue 2022 Road Construction

City of Madison 9/24/2021 update: The Common Council approved the project on July 6, 2021, and the project team has continued to work on final design and planning. It has been determined that it will not be feasible to complete all of the construction work with this project in a single season, so construction on this project will be completed in the summer of 2023. The current construction schedule is to begin work in May of 2022 and complete all work on the northerly side, which will include the westbound travel lanes and sidewalk, the 96" storm sewer, the sanitary sewer interceptor line, and work on University Bay Dr., including the pedestrian/bike overpass structure. The area will then be restored and re-opened to all lanes of traffic for the winter. In 2023, work will consist of reconstructing the southern half of University Ave., which will include reconstructing the local sanitary sewer and water mains, the eastbound travel lanes and sidewalk. Project overview and maps are on the website: [www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/university-avenue](http://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/university-avenue)

## Let's Talk Streets Campaign Seeks Additional Input

City of Madison Department of Transportation 2021 initiative update on September 23, 2021: "The City of Madison has been connecting with members of the community to learn what is important to them when it comes to streets throughout the city. The goal is to create an equitable process to design and construct streets – including roadways, sidewalks, terrace trees, and everything in between – based on YOUR shared community values. We are now seeking additional input to ensure that we have heard you correctly."

Take the Phase 2 Community Survey at: [www.cityofmadison.com/transportation/initiatives/lets-talk-streets](http://www.cityofmadison.com/transportation/initiatives/lets-talk-streets)

## Capital High School at Hoyt School Update

The Madison Common Council has unanimously rejected an appeal to the Plan Commission of siting Capital High at the Hoyt School building. Renovations will move forward as planned over the next two years, and Capital High, which is one of the Madison Metropolitan School District's two alternative high schools, will begin instruction at the site by fall 2023. The appeal, filed by 12 neighbors living within 200 feet of the school property, cited three concerns: (A) The uses, values and enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood for purposes already established will be substantially impaired or diminished; (B) Adequate access roads and parking supply, including but not limited to vehicular, pedestrian, bicycle and public transit are not being provided; (C) Transportation management measures have not been taken to provide adequate ingress and egress so as to minimize traffic congestion and to ensure public safety and adequate traffic flow on the public streets in the area. More info and FAQ on the District 5 alder blog: [www.cityofmadison.com/council/district5/blog](http://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district5/blog)

## Friends of Hoyt Park Projects and Opportunities, submitted by Anne Badey Raffa

Tim Astfalk, our chair, received the Dane County Environmental Council Grant for \$1000 - for prescribed burns of the Ready Prairie (Fall of 2022) and Sunset Point Overlook Prairie (Spring of 2022). Tim was selected from a large number of applicants. Ranger Andy has been spending many hours in garlic mustard, dames rocket and poison ivy removal.

Please volunteer in Hoyt Park on the third Saturday of each month through November; meet at the main shelter at 10:00 a.m. Enjoy the beauty of this treasured park with its many hiking trails, basketball court, playgrounds, shelters and historic fireplaces. Note the birds and wild flowers as well. Consider becoming a member. *At this time we are hoping to have our annual Family Sledding Party in January and our Full Moon Owl Walk in February.* Stay tuned by checking our website: [www.hoytpark.org](http://www.hoytpark.org)





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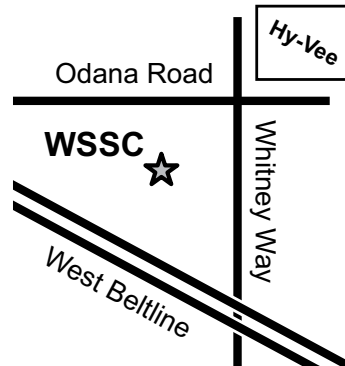


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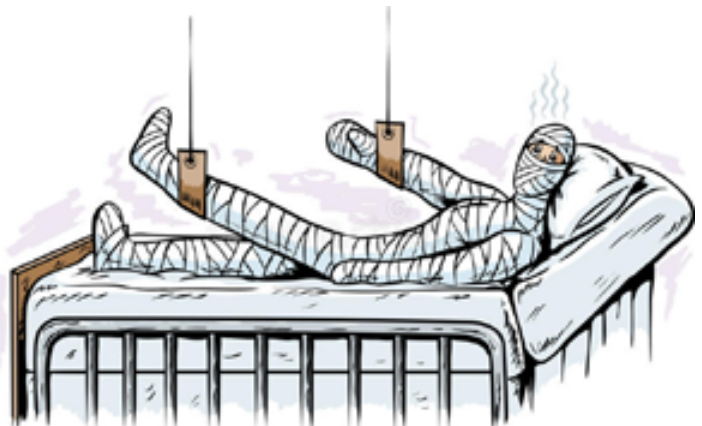


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## Please Keep Sidewalks Clear of Ice and Snow for Newsletter Carriers

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# Sunset Village Community Association

## 2021-2022 Membership Form

(This year in hopes of having in-person events again!)

### Quarterly Newsletter



### Social Events



*Ice Cream Social*



*Halloween Parade*



*Westmorland July 4th Celebration*

### Playground Upgrades



*Ice Rink at Sunset Park*



*Sunset Park*



*Perennial Garden  
at Midtown*



*Adopting the ash tree that  
guards the Lucia Crest playground*



**Suggested Contribution: \$15/household**

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Email and/or Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_



# The Playing Field's New Sensory Play Path at Bethany

*submitted by Tom Popp, Board member of The Playing Field and Sunset Village Resident*

The Playing Field is a school for children ages 0-5 right here in Sunset Village. It enrolls private pay, scholarship, and Early Head Start kids of all races, including those who have and those who have not been affected by trauma and adverse childhood experiences. It has become a national model for how to address these issues – and how to benefit all children – through love and bonding, respect and safety for all, and a program called Conscious Discipline.

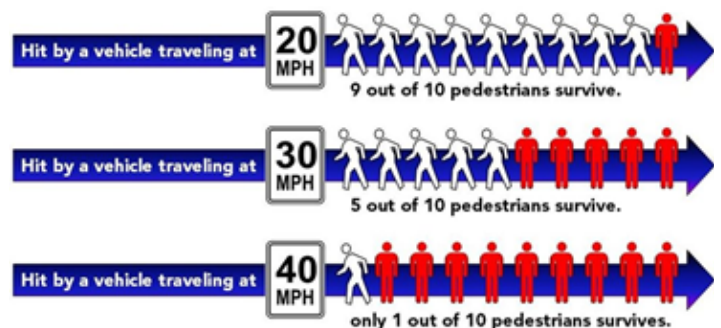
Recently The Playing Field designed and built a new Sensory Play Path to assist children in recognizing and coping with emotions. This Sensory Play Path is the first of its kind in the country. The stations of the path provide sensory input and lead the children in management of emotions, self-regulation, and resiliency. For more information, go to [playingfieldmadison.org](http://playingfieldmadison.org).

Although it is not church-related, The Playing Field is located at the Bethany United Methodist Church on Mineral Point Road. If you would like a tour of the new Sensory Play Path, please contact the site director, Michelle Henner, at [mhenner1982@gmail.com](mailto:mhenner1982@gmail.com).



## What are Your Chances if You're Hit by a Car?

*source: <https://www.theurbanist.org>*



# Know Your City of Madison Ordinances - Noise

*submitted by Ulrike Dieterle*

We would probably all agree that our world is becoming noisier. The planes, the trains and the automobiles! The car alarms that beep mysteriously and endlessly! The construction sites both large and small! Leaf blowers and lawn mowers! There is unwanted music that invades your space and loud parties to which you haven't been invited. But wait a minute, could one person's noise be another person's symphony?

If you have a concern about noise, consult this City of Madison webpage for an overview of your rights and links to solutions: [www.cityofmadison.com/live-work/noise-complaints](http://www.cityofmadison.com/live-work/noise-complaints)



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## Neighborhood Scenes



upper left - Bethany oak tree felled by August 10 evening storm

left - Bill Pomraning, Liz Vowles, Rica Dieterle cleaning the Sunset Village sign on September 29

above - Quarry Park barred owl, photo by Harvey St. neighbor, Rob Gundermann on September 10

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## City Staff Find Cost-Saving Alternative – But No More Leaf Bales

*City of Madison Parks Division blog, September 22, 2021 ([www.cityofmadison.com/parks/blog/?Id=24337](http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/blog/?Id=24337))*

As autumn begins, park visitors will begin to see pops of beautiful reds, oranges, and golds. One notable location is Forest Hill Cemetery, with its majestic oaks, maples, and other species forming shaded tunnels throughout the winding roads. While fall is especially beautiful and peaceful at the Cemetery, it is also a tremendous undertaking for staff to keep up and remove the many fallen leaves. For many years, staff used a baler to compact the leaves and provide leaf bales at no charge to the public. In the nearly 20 years of service, the baler was known to be finicky and would too frequently break down.

In November of 2020, the leaf baler sadly made its final run. With repair estimates at more than \$10K and replacement equipment near \$25K, Parks staff looked for an alternative solution and worked with the Streets Division to find a creative solution and an offer we could not refuse. Our good friends at Streets loaned Parks a leaf pan to use on the Parks packing truck, saving the Parks Division more than \$20,000. The pan, which installs in mere minutes, is typically used to collect leaves and yard waste. For Parks, it's not only a cost-savings but is also a more efficient method to move and remove the many fallen leaves in the Cemetery. This method does, however, eliminate the large leaf bales as the collected leaves are provided to locally-owned Purple Cow Organics, for composting.



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## NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

### SVCA Fall Quarterly Meeting

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

Live on Zoom (see below)

### Halloween Parade in Sunset Park

Sunday, Oct. 31, 2:00 p.m. sharp!

### Hoyt Park Full Moon Owl Walk

January, date TBD, Main Shelter

### Hoyt Park Winter Sledding Party

February, date TBD, Main Shelter

### Hoyt Park Events & Work Days

[www.hoytpark.org](http://www.hoytpark.org)

### Visit the SVCA website and Facebook page

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



**Fall Quarterly Meeting on November 16** will be on Zoom again, at 6:30 p.m., for want of a suitable indoor space. Look for the Zoom link by November 1—check the Google Group listserv or email [info@sunsetvillagecommunity.org](mailto:info@sunsetvillagecommunity.org)

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