

Sunset Village Voice

Your Neighborhood Newsletter

Winter 2023

Sunset Village Community Assoc. quarterly meeting: Thursday, February 16, 6:30 p.m. at Bethany Church

Dear Neighbors

Well, we have made it through another year. In the meantime, SVCA has not been idle. In October, SVCA sponsored its annual Halloween Parade on the 30th.

The City of Madison donated four compost bins to be given away to Sunset Village neighbors. We held a drawing at our November meeting to distribute the compost bins.

In conjunction with the Red Cross, SVCA sponsored a very successful blood drive on December 1 at the Sequoya Library. The goal was to obtain blood from 25 individuals and we exceeded that goal with 30 successful donations! Thanks to all who helped with checking people in and bringing wonderful snacks and drinks for the donors.

While Sunset Village does not appear to be facing any major building issues at this time, there is a lot of new development occurring on the periphery—on University Avenue, Midvale Boulevard, Speedway and Mineral Point. Our Hoyt Park Area Joint Neighborhood Plan helps guide physical change and decision-making to achieve an agreed vision for the future. The Plan can be found here: www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/documents/Hoyt_Neighborhood Plan010714.pdf

We are concerned about the lack of participation of our neighbors at our quarterly meetings. These meetings offer an opportunity to ask questions and express any concerns we may have. If any of you have ideas about what you would like to see on a future meeting agenda or about ways we might be able to increase attendance, please let us know. Remember, this is your association. We hope to see you on February 16. Have a very happy and healthy New Year.

Your Co-Presidents, Ulrike Dieterle & Jonathan Becker

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The Sunset Village Community Association Quarterly Meeting in February to Include Discussion of Neighborhood Sidewalks, Specifically on Harvey Street

Our next Sunset Village Community Association meeting will include a presentation by Rich Kedzior regarding the need for sidewalks along Harvey Street. One block of Harvey Street is in Sunset Village and the rest is in Rocky Bluff, but many of us walk along Harvey Street, which can get quite busy. Rich reports, "The purpose/subject of the agenda item is to discuss and approve a SVCA letter of support for construction of sidewalks on Harvey Street. I'll provide some background information on the project, a previous letter of support from Sunset Village residents, the city sidewalk development process, and the importance of sidewalks in neighborhoods."

Sunset Village Neighborhood and Nearby Project Updates

2023 South Owen Drive Reconstruction

The purpose of this project is to reconstruct S. Owen Drive from Hillcrest Drive to Regent Street. Proposed work includes replacement of the asphalt pavement and road base, replacement of the sanitary sewer main and laterals, replacement of the storm sewer and private storm connections, installation of new curb and gutter, and replacement of sidewalk and drive aprons as needed. The Estimated Schedule is 04/10/2023 to 08/04/2023. See the website for more details as well as the October 20 Zoom public meeting: www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/south-owen-drive-reconstruction

Blackhawk at University Intersection Improvements & Bike Connections

Safety improvements are still under consideration for the intersection of University Ave at N Blackhawk Ave to eliminate serious/fatal crashes and make it easier for people walking and biking to cross University Ave.

Proposed design and survey are at: www.cityofmadison.com/trafficEngineering/CurrentSafeStreetProjects.cfm

<u>3005 University Avenue – the Long-time Home of Smoky's</u>

Alder Vidaver reports, "I think the Smoky's site will likely be delayed from proceeding until Spring." See www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/3005-university-avenue/3752/ for plans and information.

Development at the Former Kwik Trip at 3734 Speedway-Site Razed and Ready to Go, or Not

See Project Plans, maps, Comments, and more on the Plan Commission Legistar site: https://bit.ly/3wErAdg excerpts from a submission by Alex Saloutos, a plaintiff in the circuit court lawsuit below

In March of 2022 the city's Plan Commission approved conditional use permits (CUPs) for redevelopment of 3734 Speedway Rd, formerly a Stop N Go convenience store, for a four-story, 49,476 square foot 31-unit multi-family building with structured parking and 816 square feet of commercial space on the first floor. While neighbors strongly support redevelopment of the site that's consistent with city ordinances, the comprehensive plan, the neighborhood plan, and the standards for approving a CUP, they feel the proposal failed in several ways to do so. Neighbors appealed the Plan Commission decision to the Common Council, which denied the appeal.

Five neighbors have filed suit in circuit court for certiorari review of the Plan Commission's decision. Litigation began with the neighbors filing their initial brief with the court on Friday, December 30. The city must file a response by January 27; the neighbors must file a reply by February 13; and there will be oral arguments before the court on February 22. For more information see the plaintiff's brief: bit.ly/3jRBB2j.

Capital High School Construction is Underway at the Former Hoyt School and MSCR Building

See current and upcoming construction activity at: bit.ly/3VYxu1K





Halloween Parade Photos from Sunset Park

submitted by Erin Courtenay (see also the Sunset Village Facebook page)





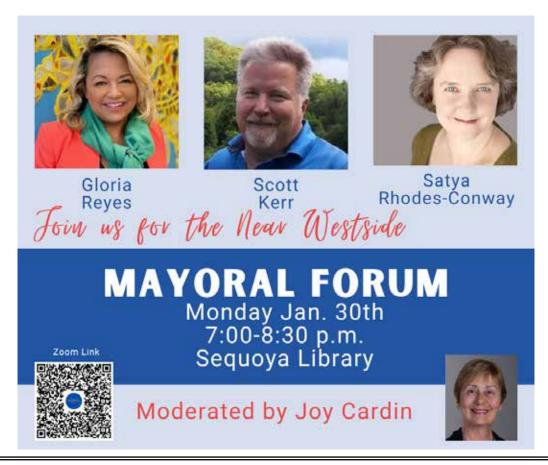












Tips for Preventing Ice Dams from Madison Gas and Electric

Wisconsin winters can bring the problem of ice buildup on roof eaves, often accompanied by icicles along the roof edge. You'll typically see them when outside temperatures remain below freezing for a week or two and we've received several inches of snow.

Ice Dam Causes

- Heat in the attic melts the snow on the roof.
- The water runs down the roof slope to the cold overhang where it refreezes.
- The ice starts to build up, holding water that can back up under the shingles.

Ways to Prevent Ice Dams

Stop warm air from leaking into your cold attic by sealing attic bypasses—the small holes and paths by which the heated air flows into the attic. Some typical warm air leak sources include leaky and poorly insulated heat ducts in the attic, electrical boxes, exhaust fans, lighting fixtures, chimneys, flue pipes and attic entrances.

Just adding fiberglass or cellulose insulation over the top of leak sources won't often fix

the problem—you need to find the holes and stop the air leaks first, using materials such as spray foam insulation.

Detecting and sealing air leaks is best accomplished by a contractor using a blower door. This device simulates a 20-mph wind on all sides of the house at once, allowing contractors to find and seal air leaks more effectively. While MGE does not provide blower door testing or home assessments, our statewide energy efficiency partner, Focus on Energy®, can provide a list of contractors who provide home assessments. Visit focusonenergy.com/residential to learn more.

Other ways to help prevent ice dams include adding more ceiling insulation, if needed, and improving attic ventilation to cool down the underside of the roof sheathing.

Free Energy Advice from MGE's Energy Experts

Have questions about air sealing? Call MGE's Home Energy Line at (608) 252-7117 or email Ask the Experts at askexperts@mge.com. MGE also has a video with information on attic air sealing available at mge.com/greenview.



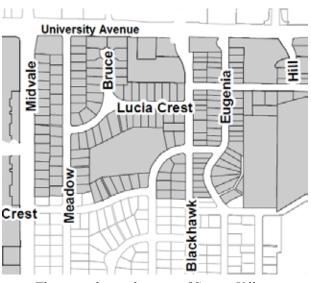
Transit-Oriented Development Will Allow More Housing Density Near BRT Stops

source: Alder Vidaver's blog www.cityofmadison.com/council/district5/blog/?Id=29321

Hello neighbors - Briefly, the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) proposal seeks to increase housing density in areas surrounding the planned bus rapid transit (BRT) stops. The purpose of this proposal is to create a more walkable and transit-oriented city, reducing our reliance on cars, and therefore fossil fuels, thus further moving towards our climate goals. For example, the Quarry development on University Avenue combines housing and retail in close proximity to where BRT will be easily available.

Some people may wonder what this zoning change will do to neighborhoods consisting primarily of single family homes. The short answer is, not much, and certainly not quickly. The zoning change will allow properties in these areas to be built as duplexes, instead of solely single family homes. But, there is very little open space available in our district, thus the impacts are unlikely to be seen until a home needs to be demolished if it becomes too costly to continue to repair. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) are already permitted where single family homes are zoned; ADUs may include a dwelling above a garage, for example, or by partitioning a portion of an existing home into a separate dwelling. The areas within our district where development is an option will be able to have a few more housing units – for example going from 24 to 36 on a given plot of land. There is an interactive map available to check if the area where you live is included in the TOD.

www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/page.cfm?id=3792



The map shows the part of Sunset Village in the proposed TOD zone.

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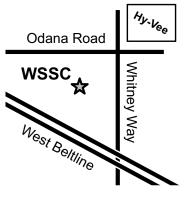
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Sunset Village Community Association Sponsored Blood Drive Exceeds Expectations

December 1, 2022			
GOAL	25		
People Presenting	31		
People Deferred	2		
Power Reds Collected	4		
First Time Donors	5!		
Successful Donations	30=120%!		



City Updates Salt Use Ordinance for Public Sidewalks

source: www.cityofmadison.com/news/city-updates-salt-use-ordinance-for-public-sidewalks-lots, Dec. 15, 2022

Property owners will need to remove snow and ice as usual from public sidewalks and lots on their property after each snow and/or ice event, but now could possibly face a new fine. The City of Madison new ordinance amended the existing snow and ice removal ordinance. The new change limits the use of salt or other melting agents to the amount necessary to treat the ice so it can be removed. The new change also allows the City to educate and enforce salt standards to property owners who use too much salt or melting agents.

SWEEP UP EXTRA SALT AFTER THE STORM TO USE NEXT TIME.

Reason for Change

The goal of the ordinance change is twofold. It will keep sidewalks safe for pedestrians and also help the community cut down on salt use, which helps our

area waterways. Excess use of salt and chemical melting agents not only creates its own hazard or impediment on the sidewalk, particularly for some people with disabilities, but the excess chemicals will eventually migrate into the City's storm and surface waters. When salt moves into local waters, it contributes to making the City's lakes and groundwater more salty, which is a public health concern.

Rules for Property Owners

- Excess salt and chemical melting agents may not accumulate on the sidewalk and must be removed following ice or snow melt.
- The owner of each lot or part of lot shall remove all snow and ice upon the sidewalk abutting the premises owned no later than noon of the day after the snow or ice has accumulated on the sidewalk.
- The owner of property abutting sidewalks on two intersecting streets shall remove all snow and ice from the sidewalks of both streets, including that portion of the sidewalks bordering the crosswalk, including the curb ramp, if any.
- First offense: \$124, Second offense: \$187

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Reduce Salt Use to Protect Our Lakes

source: Wisconsin Salt Wise

Salt can have many negative impacts on our lakes, including harming aquatic life. One of the best ways you can help our lakes in the winter is reducing (or eliminating) the use of salt. Here are three tips from Wisconsin Salt Wise to help reduce your salt impact:

Shovel: Clear walkways and other areas before the snow turns to ice. The more snow you remove, the less salt you have to use.

Scatter: If you use salt, scatter it so there is space between the grains. When the pavement dries, sweep up the excess salt to use in the future.

Switch: When pavement temperatures drop below 15 degrees, salt becomes ineffective. Switch to sand for traction.



Friends of Hoyt Park News and Activities

submitted by Anne Badey Raffa

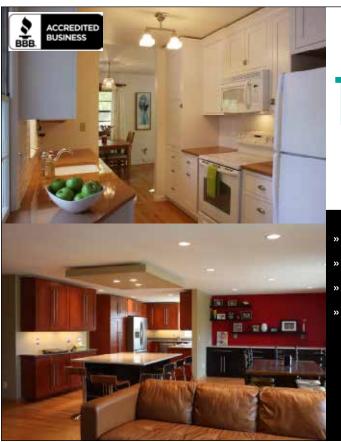
The Full Moon Owl walk was a huge success with approximately 175 people in attendance. We switched this event from February to November and that was a factor in our turnout. There were cookies, apple cider, and a warm fire.

There will be a Winter Sledding Party in February with the date to be determined based on snowfall. Look for this information on our website and the listsery.



Andy Gricevich was our 2022 park ranger. His focus for this 2022 season was on the management of invasive species, particularly garlic mustard, buckthorn, and Siberian Squill, which is a new plant of concern in the park because of its aggressive spread. He continued ongoing work in park maintenance, erosion control, and the introduction of native plants introducing seeds of native species that seem to hold up well against the plants that are being removed. Andy established a new trail just west of the main parking lot, to try to guide visitors away from the popular trail that runs along the fence; due to soil compaction, the old trail had caused erosion issues on the bluff below it. Andy enjoyed scouting at the beginning of each week noting what needs attention and observing the changes in natural communities from migrating birds in the spring to explosions of fungi in the fall. He also greeted visitors and enjoyed talking with them about different areas of the park and about ongoing projects.

Enjoy the beauty of Hoyt Park with its hiking, snowshoeing and biking trails, fireplaces, and picnic areas. Visit the prairie and note the birds overwintering there. Please visit our website www.hoytpark.org for updates. Consider becoming a member as well.



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Beautiful Night for the Full Moon Owl Walk in Hoyt Park

submitted by Cheri Swenson

The Friends of Hoyt Park had an overflow crowd for the Full Moon Owl Walk on November 7. The group of around 175 people enjoyed a night time walk in the park, cookies, apple cider, a warm fire and plenty of catching up with friends and neighbors. Unfortunately, no owls were heard tonight but keep listening around your neighborhoods as the owls search for mates. Thank you to all who came out on this beautiful night.





Act Soon to Apply for the 2023 Neighborhood Grant Program

The Department of Planning and Community & Economic Development, Planning Division, has a grant program designed to help neighborhood associations build capacity and beautify public places. The grant program helps to improve the quality of life within neighborhoods, and the City as a whole. More info at: www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/2023-neighborhood-grants/3739/

Grant Program Steps

- 1. Meet with your neighborhood to plan a project and share the project idea with your alderperson.
- 2. Review the Grant Program Guidelines on the website.
- 3. Contact Planning Division staff to discuss your project, determine eligibility, and ask questions about the program: Angela Puerta apuerta@cityofmadison.com and Linda Horvath lhorvath@cityofmadison.com
- 4. Attend an optional workshop. Check the webpage for details.
- 5. Submit your application by February 20, 2023, 4:30 p.m.



Previously funded Sunset Village projects include: the Sunset Village Neighborhood sign, Lucia Crest fruit trees, and the Sunset Park ice rink.







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Sunset Village Community - 2023 at a Glance

	Date	Event	Place
January	1/5/23	newsletter due date	
February	2/16/23	SVCA Quarterly Meeting	Bethany Church
	TBD	Hoyt Family Sledding Party	Hoyt Park
March			
April	4/5/23	newsletter due date	
May	5/17/23	SVCA Quarterly Meeting	Sequoya Library
June			
July	7/5/23	newsletter due date	
August	8/5/23	Ice Cream Social	Lucia Crest Park
	8/11&12/23	SVCA Garage Sales	
	8/16/23	SVCA Quarterly Meeting	Sequoya Library
September			
October	10/5/23	newsletter due date	
	10/29/23	Halloween Parade	Sunset Park
November	TBD	Hoyt Full Moon Owl Walk	Hoyt Park
	11/15/23	SVCA Quarterly Meeting	Sequoya Library

Where Do You Set Out Your Refuse Carts in the Winter?

source: Neighborhoods@cityofmadison.com, December 2, 2022

Friendly reminder [from the City of Madison Streets Division] that you should avoid placing your trash & recycling carts in the street gutter for pickup. Your carts in the street are an obstruction for plow trucks. The best place for your carts would be to use your driveway apron or the grassy spot between the sidewalk and the curb.







NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

SVCA Fall Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, February 16, 6:30 p.m. Bethany Church, 3910 Mineral Point Road

Hoyt Park Winter Sledding Party February TBD, www.hoytpark.org

Hoyt Park Events & Work Days 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.

Mayoral Candidate Forum

Monday, **January 30**, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Sequoya Library or via Zoom:

Zoom Meeting Link: https://cuwaa.zoom.

us/j/91242996181

Meeting ID: 912 4299 6181



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Deadline for newsletters:

January 5, April 5, July 5, October 5 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 (608) 238-2859

Pet Sitting, Babysitting, House Sitting, Yard Work

Hi! My name is Alexa Klodd. I am a junior at UW-Madison. I am interested in babysitting, pet sitting, house sitting, and yard work. Please feel free to reach out to me if you are looking for someone for any of these roles! My number is (608) 215-9616 (texting is preferred).

Babysitting (preschool and up) / pet-sitting /dog walking

Completed Red Cross babysitting course. Contact Dane (age 14) 608-354-4102

Pet Sit, Dog Walk, Babysit

Finnoulay Kaump Luedtke is 13. She is an experienced dog handler of both bully and small breeds. She is available for dog walking and pet sitting services. Finnoulay is also completing her American Red Cross Babysitters course and available for baby/Kid sitting! She can be reached at 773.426.1123 or Cynthia.Kaump@gmail.com

Pet Sitting, Babysitting

Fun, responsible, 14-year-old, West High freshman in Sunset Village available for babysitting and pet sitting. American Red Cross certified in Babysitting and Child Care. Experienced camp counselor. Loves kids! References available. Text or call Charlie at 608-209-3765.

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