

# Sunset Village Voice

Your Neighborhood Newsletter

Fall 2023

# **Sunset Village Community Assoc.**

fall quarterly meeting: Wednesday, November 15, 6:30 p.m. Midtown Station, 4020 Mineral Point Rd.

## **Greetings Neighbors,**

Sunset Village Community Association (SVCA) needs

your help. We are looking for a new Co-President as Ulrike Dieterle transitions off after serving two terms. We welcome interested persons for this or any SVCA position at our last quarterly SVCA meeting on November 15. Involvement in



SVCA is a great way to become more familiar with our neighborhood, our neighbors, and their concerns. It is an opportunity to work with a dedicated team to support neighborhood activities and identify short-term and long-range initiatives. You also communicate with the City of Madison at various levels as well as with adjacent neighborhood associations.

To find out more, have a look at the SVCA Bylaws available from our SVCA website at **sunsetvillagecommunity.org**. There you will also be able to browse meeting minutes and past newsletters. Feel free to contact any of the current or past SVCA officers for more information. Let us hear from you.

Your Co-Presidents,

Ulrike Dieterle & Jonathan Becker

# **Renew Your Membership in** the Sunset Village Community

See inside this newsletter for a full-page membership form for 2024. Suggested annual membership is \$15 per household, and pays for social events, neighborhood improvement projects, and this newsletter.

# In this issue:

- Neighborhood Project Updates
- SVCA Officer Elections for 2024
- SVCA August 16 Quarterly Meeting
- SVCA Membership Form for 2024
- Friends of Hoyt Park News
- Ice Cream Social Photos
- Alder Vidaver on Child Care
- Respect Your Newsletter Carriers
- Geneva Church/ West High Partnership
- Bird-Safe Glass Ordinance
- Midvale/Lincoln Bucky Books
- Carl Baumann 1933-2023

### **Halloween Parade in Sunset Park**

Sunday, October 29, 2 p.m. at Sunset Park

Find your best costume and join your neighbors for 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!

Prizes will be given to the best costumes. New this

year, a prize for the best family/group costume!

If you are interested in helping with the event – making treats, staffing games, helping with the craft table, set-up, clean-up, etc. – please contact Alice Yuroff, alice@yuroff.com, or Erin Courtenay, erin. courtenay@gmail.com



# Sunset Village Community Association August 16, 2023 Quarterly Meeting

This quarterly meeting was at Midtown Station on Mineral Point Road.

Brant Olson attended with a request for funds for the Sunset Park ice rink. The neighborhood association allocated \$700 toward the purchase of a new rink liner. The Sunset Park ice rink will open this winter with a new NiceRink liner, probably sometime in December. If rink users would like to contribute individually, they can use the Venmo QR code. And ice volunteers, always welcome, can contact Brant at brantolson@hotmail.com



AHEAD

Note that at the upcoming meeting on November 15 we will discuss raising newsletter ad rates starting in 2024.

### 2024 Election of Sunset Village Community Association Officers

Ulrike Dieterle is nearing the end of her second two-year term as **SVCA Co-President** and is ready to step down.

#### PLEASE TRY TO FILL HER SHOES!

- Jonathan Becker is nearing the end of his first two-year term as **SVCA Co-President** and is willing to continue.
- Anne Badey Raffa is nearing the end of her second two-year term as **SVCA Secretary** and says that she will continue.
- Rich Kedzior is nearing the end of his second 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 15, or in writing to the secretary *at least one month* prior to the Annual Meeting in February, 2024. Nominations should preferably be submitted by January 5, 2024 so that candidates may be introduced in the Winter 2024 newsletter, which will also include voting instructions.

# **The Boss Says Respect Your Carriers**

Winter is coming and your 13 intrepid newsletter carriers would appreciate it if you clear your driveways, sidewalks, stairs, and stoops.

If your newsletter didn't get delivered, or blew away, or is wet or crumpled, or if we have made you famous and you want extras—contact your editors.

photo—Newsletters counted out by route before delivery to carriers, supervised by the Boss



# Advent & Christmas AT GENEVA CAMPUS CHURCH

O3	10 AM Worship for the First Sunday of Advent
O9	<sup>4 PM</sup>
DEC	Children's Christmas Pageant & Carol Sing
10	10 AM
DEC	Worship for the Second Sunday of Advent
SUN 17 DEC	10 AM Worship for the Third Sunday of Advent
24	10 AM
DEC	A Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

**401 NORTH BLACKHAWK AVENUE** 

## Sunset Village Neighborhood and Nearby Project Updates

### Midvale Blvd (University Ave to Mineral Point Rd) Safe Streets Improvements

source: Renee Callaway, Pedestrian Bicycle Administrator, City of Madison Traffic Engineering

This section of Midvale Blvd has been identified for review with the goal of improving overall traffic safety and improving walking and biking connections. The crossing improvements, all of which add continental crosswalks, are at: Vernon Blvd., Heather Crest, Hillcrest Drive, Regent, and the Hilldale entrance.

Another part of the project, to convert street parking on both sides of Midvale Blvd. to bicycle lanes, came out of the first Neighborhood Meeting on May 3. A second Neighborhood Meeting has been scheduled to review this proposal, discuss the impacts, answer questions, and hear more from residents. It will be on Monday, October 30 at 6:30 p.m. and be via Zoom. Registration is online now. The Transportation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on the parking changes after the second Neighborhood Meeting has been held.

Review the first Neighborhood Meeting presentation and public comments; and <u>register for the second Neighborhood</u>
Meeting at: www.cityofmadison.com/trafficEngineering/CurrentSafeStreetProjects.cfm

### Schmitt Place Reconstruction and Harvey Street Sidewalks: Spring and Summer 2024

This project, to reconstruct Schmitt Place from University Avenue to Harvey Street, and Harvey Street from Schmitt Place to Ridge Street, originally scheduled for 2023, has been postponed to Spring-Summer 2024.

The City has added the <u>Harvey Street sidewalk project</u> to the Schmitt/Harvey project. Harvey Street, from Hill Street to N. Blackhawk Avenue, will add 5-ft sidewalk on both sides of the street. As proposed, the project will remove nearly all the mature tree canopy for a block and a half on the west end of Harvey Street. City Engineering held a Zoom public information meeting on October 4 to present the sidewalk project, and to explain reasons for the tree removals. Neighbors held a walkabout with City staff on October 10, to discuss ways to save each tree. The project went before the Transportation Commission on October 11, and will go to the Board of Public Works on October 18, for final approval. Read more and watch the recorded public meetings on the project website:

www.citvofmadison.com/engineering/projects/schmitt-place-reconstruction

### **Blackhawk at University Intersection Improvements**

Safety improvements for the intersection of University Avenue at N. Blackhawk Avenue were approved at the September 13 Transportation Commission, with tentative construction date Summer 2024.

www.cityofmadison.com/trafficEngineering/CurrentSafeStreetProjects.cfm

### City Tree Survey Underway, source: Alder Vidaver

Representatives from a company named Davey will begin performing terrace tree inventory work for the Urban Forestry section of the Streets Division. This is contracted work to update our understanding of the terrace tree canopy. Workers will note the size and species of trees on the terrace on a tablet. The survey work will take several months to complete.

### Madison Metro to Remove Blackhawk and University Ave. Bus Stop

The Transportation Commission approved Madison Metros's request to remove the University Avenue bus stop at Blackhawk Avenue (as well as at Ridge Street) at their September 13 meeting; the change will take place in December. According to Metro staff, "Metro's initial plan was to close all local stops along this corridor when the BRT line begins operation in late 2024. However, due to the pressing need to improve on-time performance for our passengers, Metro is proposing the closure of local stops on this corridor that are not located adjacent to a planned BRT station. All local stops that are located adjacent to a planned BRT station will stay open until the BRT stations are operational in late 2024."

### **Whole Foods to Open in Madison Yards on December 13**

The University Ave. store will close on December 10, after clearing-out bargains while stock lasts. No word yet, at least for this newsletter, about what will take its place on University Avenue.

# Overcoming Obstacles in Obtaining Child Care: One Approach from Alder Vidaver

Those of you who know me personally know that I'm a mom. While my kids are young adults now, I remember how challenging it was to find child care for them when they were too young for school, especially when they were under two years old. The difficulty in finding quality, affordable child care has only worsened in Madison over time.

Having early child care available within our community is critically important for us to be a resilient City. Working parents have two choices when they decide to have children: find and pay for child care, or have one parent remain out of the workforce, often for an extended period of time. Parents opting out of the workforce not only exacerbates the labor shortages our community is facing across all employment fields, but also reduces the earning power of that individual, and the family as a whole. Having one parent out of the workforce also reduces the likelihood that individual will move forward with entrepreneurial pursuits, thus robbing our community of innovative new businesses that could enhance our overall health, wellbeing, and resilience. Thus, child care availability is something we should all care about.

There are multiple reasons why early child care has become both so expensive and so hard to access, even for those who can pay for it. These challenges include, but are not limited to:

- <u>Staffing shortages</u> It is very difficult for early child care providers to find qualified child care workers willing to accept the modest wage and benefit packages they are able to offer.
- <u>Inflation</u> Inflationary pressures affect businesses directly, in increased costs for everything from rent, to utilities, to building repairs. But, these same inflationary pressures also impact child care workers who need to pay for their own rent, food, transportation, and continuing education. The mismatch between the pay scale for child care providers and their basic needs often means staff move on to other, higher-paying jobs outside of the child care sector.
- <u>Staff Retention</u> The burnout our child care providers face is real. Quality child care is a demanding profession, and these are caring individuals. But the demands placed on them, and the limited opportunities for vacation and sick leave take their toll on even the most committed workers. Thus, as difficult as it is to find good staff, it is just as hard to keep them.
- <u>Licensing and Certification</u> We all want our children cared for in safe and competently run settings. That said, regulatory requirements are time consuming, particular, and demanding. They can trip up even the most conscientious provider.

While staffing is perhaps the most challenging aspect of the current child care shortage, there are also home-based and center-based businesses that could use help when it comes to their physical spaces. For a home-based business, one needs space, of course, but that space has to be safe and functional – free of radon and lead-based paint, and with appropriate railings on stairs, and an enclosed backyard. The expenses a home-based provider might need to incur to establish or maintain their home as a licensed child care provider could prevent them from ever opening their dream business. And, center-based providers often struggle to add space, make HVAC upgrades, or upgrade fencing or parking in order to expand the number of children they can serve. To help with these challenges, I have introduced a \$250,000 amendment to the City's capital budget that will help child care providers pay for needed improvements, particularly when those improvements are likely to increase the number of children that will be served. My proposal will create a zero interest, forgivable loan program for child care operators who want to create new space for child care, or update or expand their existing space. The program will begin on an experimental basis and be evaluated after the first year to determine if it is meeting the goal of increasing the number of child care slots available in our City. If it works, it can be continued, or even expanded in future years. And if not, we can end it and look to other potential solutions for increasing child care access.

I would love to hear from you about this or other ideas you have about how we can expand access to quality child care and ensure parents have the opportunity to stay in the workforce through their child-rearing years if that's what they want to do. We'll be a better City for it if they can.

Sincerely, Regina Vidaver, District 5 Alder District5@cityofmadison.com, (608) 616-0669

## Madison West High School and Geneva Campus Church Partnership

submitted by Marcia Bosscher, Sunset Village resident on Vaughn Court

Since fall of 2018, Geneva Campus Church (then located on campus, now at 401 N. Blackhawk) has been a partner with Madison West High School through the Madison Public School Foundation's Adopt-a-School program. Geneva has served the school with tutors, volunteers with the AVID program, and by responding to staff requests for volunteers and supplies. Since September 19, following renovations, volunteers are serving in the library at West, helping to inventory and shelve the 27,000 items.

At the beginning of August, Geneva was approached about helping to coordinate a breakfast for the Welcome Back Staff Conference at the end of August. With donations from area businesses and church members, breakfast was supplied on August 29 for 200 returning teachers and staff. Shoutout to: University Avenue Starbucks for coffee; Hilldale Metcalfe's for gift cards to purchase pastries; Whole Foods for boxes of bananas, Honey Crisp apples, and cinnamon rolls. Thank you for supporting our school staff! Additional donations from Geneva supplied bagels and cream cheese and numerous snack foods.



With the Adopt-A-School connection in mind, fifteen volunteers from Geneva choose West as their site to participate in the Collaboration Project's *For Dane*, an opportunity for churches in Dane County to unite in service to the greater community. Clearing an overgrown section of landscaping along the school's front entry, they placed mulch and floral plantings—a welcome sight for all returning to school, where much of the landscape is still a construction zone.

Our public schools welcome volunteers. Sunset Village neighbors are welcome to join the volunteer opportunities available through Geneva Church's Adopt-a-School partnership at West High School. To learn more about current and future opportunities, contact office@genevacampuschurch.org.



# **Kathy Smith Epping**

Broker Associate - 608 Homes



#### 608 HOMES

Providing exceptional Real Estate services for Buyers and Sellers in the 608!

### (608) 333-4406

kepping@restainohomes.com kepping608homes.com





# JOIN US!

Check out the Afro-Brazilian martial art combining movement and music.

Teen/adult classes and kids classes available. First class is free!

For more information: www.madisoncapoeira.org fi @madisoncapoeira @@omulucapoeiramadison madcapoeira@gmail.com text/call (608) 492-1919

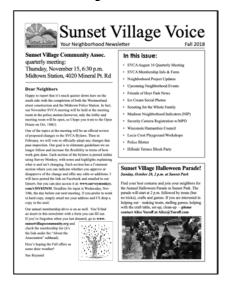




# **Sunset Village Community Association**

# Membership Form

# **Quarterly Newsletter**



# **Playground Upgrades**



Sunset Park

## **Social Events**





Ice Cream Social



Halloween Parade

# Neighborhood Improvement Projects



Perennial Garden at Midtown



Adopting the ash tree that guards the Lucia Crest playground





Ice Rink at Sunset Park

Suggested Contribution: \$15/household	Mail to: SVCA, PO Box 5635, Madison, WI 53705		
Name:			
Address:			
Email and/or Phone:			
Amount enclosed:	Cash	Chack	

### 2023 Ice Cream Social in Lucia Crest Park – Another Good One

A sunny August 5 saw a large gathering of neighbors for the Ice Cream Social, a free annual event with generous contributions from neighborhood sponsors. The **Chocolate Shoppe** provided ice cream at wholesale cost; **Luigi's** provided pizzas at 30 percent discount; **Great Dane** donated kegs of beer. Please support and thank these local businesses. Balloon twister, Joe Beck, of Twist N Shout, did his magic along with his daughter. And the Station #9 fire engine pulled up to delight the kids. See the SVCA Facebook page for MANY more photos (in color).













### **Friends of Hoyt Park News**

submitted by Anne Badey Raffa

Our Thursday nature walks are continuing through the end of October; meet in the parking lot by the main shelter at 10:00 a.m. Our workdays are on the third Saturdays of each month, through the end of November; meet at 10:00 a.m. in the parking lot. Our October workday involves planting native shrubs as part of our restoration work in the park. Both these activities provide an opportunity to learn new things and make new friends. We hope you can come.

At the request of the Friends of Hoyt Park, the City of Madison Parks Department has begun repairing the historic fireplaces in Hoyt Park. The fireplaces and shelters were originally partly constructed during the Great Depression by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and the Works Progress Administration (WPA). Additionally, and significantly among these laborers, were the Italian masons from the local Greenbush Neighborhood, who were responsible for constructing these stone fireplaces and tables using materials from the Park's quarry, often working without pay when the money for this building project had been exhausted. Because Hoyt Park is on the National Historic Register of Places, repairing the fireplaces aligns with maintaining the historical status of the park and will ensure that the fireplaces remain in working condition. Hoyt Park has such a rich history.



The <u>Full Moon Night Walk</u> will be held on Monday, November 27 with the time to be determined. We will gather at the Main Shelter to enjoy a fire, cider, and snacks. The Full Moon Owl Walk has been rebranded as a guided night time walk in the park; there was an issue of not seeing owls, yet people enjoyed being in the park at night. There will also be a <u>Winter Sledding Party</u> with a date to be determined.

Please consider joining Friends of Hoyt Park. There is so much to see and do for everyone from hiking, keying out the many wildflowers, picnicking by the many fireplaces, bird watching, as well as playground and basketball fun. We host a variety of seasonal planned events. Visit us at **www.hoytpark.org** for the latest information.



# **Know Your City of Madison Ordinance** – **Bird-Safe Glass Requirements**

New buildings are springing up all over Madison, with heavy use of exterior glass. In 2020 Madison adopted an ordinance requiring buildings over 10,000 square feet to use glass with bird safety features, such as dots and lines, to reduce the risk of bird collisions. Since then, in 2021, a group of Madison-area developers mounted a legal challenge to the ordinance, and in 2022 a Dane County judge ruled in favor of the ordinance. And so...the developers filed an appeal, which is where things stand now.

# https://library.municode.com/wi/madison/codes/code\_of\_ordinances

CHAPTER 28 – ZONING CODE ORDINANCE, SUBCHAPTER 28.129



# Curious about CBD?

Get help from a Certified Cannabis & Health Coach!





For personalized advice on what CBD products and doses are best for you, book a Personal Cannabis Consultation and start feeling better fast!

yourkushcoach.com



Pam Mache, DVM Tom Bach, DVM Amelia Fairchild, DVM Megan Arce', DVM Mason Oakes, DVM

-`@;

3518 Monroe St. Madison, WI 53711 ph. 608-236-4570 Lakeviewvetclinic.com

re right in your neighborhood.



Looks like it's.....

# TIME 2 AEMODEL, (

608-212-0633

curt@time2remodel.com www.time2remodel.com



- » Exceptional Customer Service
- » Award winning designer with 25+ years of experience
- » One stop remodeling shop from concept thru completion

Thanks for the great work on our bathroom.

It looks fabulous and we're very pleased!

Rep. Mark Pocan



# **Genin's NAPA GOLD Autocare**



Services Include: Full Auto & Truck Repair Shop, Seasonal Maintenance Program, Air Conditioning Repair, Brake Repair & Service, Oil Changes, Transmission Repair & Service, Vehicle Inspections, Tires & Service, Steering Repair, Wheel Alignments, Muffler & Exhaust Repairs.

3505 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, 608-238-1088, Rgenins.com "Anything we can do to Help" Call Keri jo

# PROPERTY CRIME YOU CAN HELP PREVENT IT



## LOCK IT

Ensure your car doors and all doors to your residence are kept locked.



## REMOVE IT

Removing valuables from your car is better than hiding them. This includes garage door openers and spare keys.



### LIGHT IT

Leave exterior residence lights on at night or utilize motion detecting lights.



### **CLOSE IT**

Keep your garage door closed and double-check it is closed at night.



### HIDE IT

Keep valuables in your garage, car, and home out of sight.



# REPORT IT

Report all criminal & suspicious activity immediately.



MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT NON-EMERGENCY DISPATCH | (608)255-2345

www.madisonpolice.com

### Midvale-Lincoln SCO is Selling Bucky Books

The Midvale-Lincoln School Community Organization (SCO) is selling Bucky Books again this year. Buying one is a great way to save money on products and services, and to support your Midvale-Lincoln Community. A portion of the proceeds goes directly to the Midvale Lincoln SCO General Fund to help support Midvale-Lincoln students, staff, and families. Purchase one online at www.midvalelincolnpto.org/bucky-book.html. A book costs \$35 and you may pay by cash, check, or credit card. A board member will arrange delivery for you. Thank you for your support!



Find other ways to support the Midvale Lincoln PTO: www.midvalelincolnpto.org/fundraising.html



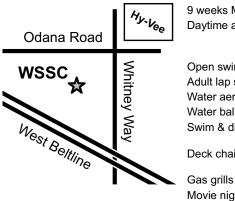




# Summer Swim Lessons at the West Side Swim Club

Members enjoy free swim lessons for whole family
Ask about new member discount rates
Try us for FREE on Memorial Day Weekend!

#### Member Benefits:



9 weeks Mon-Fri swim lessons Daytime and evening lessons available

Open swimming Adult lap swim lanes Water aerobics Water ballet Swim & dive teams

Deck chairs waiting for you

Gas grills for cooking

Movie nights and parties

5533 W. Odana Rd.

www.westsideswimclub.com

## NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

### **SVCA Fall Quarterly Meeting**

Wednesday, **November 15**, 6:30 p.m. Midtown Station, 4020 Mineral Point Rd.

### **Halloween Parade in Sunset Park**

Sunday, Oct. 29, 2:00 p.m. sharp!

### Hoyt Park Full Moon Night Walk

Monday, Nov. 27, time TBD, main shelter

### **Hoyt Park Winter Sledding Party**

TBD, www.hoytpark.org

### **Carl Baumann 1933-2023**

Carl Baumann lived for many years on Bagley Parkway in Sunset Village. He came to most Sunset Village quarterly meetings, and enjoyed many an Ice Cream Social.



### 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

### **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**

### 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 14. 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, 15-year-old, West High sophomore 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.

### Dog-walking, Pet-sitting and Babysitting

I am a high school freshman (14 yrs old) who wants to care for your kids and pets! I speak Spanish too. Please contact Iris Wayland at wayland@tds.net if you are interested.

### Snow shoveling, Spring mulch and Summer lawn mowing

I'm a 13yr old that lives near Hillcrest and Westmorland Blvd. Text or call (608) 722-8992 for a quote!

#### **Book Club**

Meet your neighbors, enjoy great conversation, and discuss a wide range of books. Contact Linda Fahy, lbfahy 27@hotmail.com



## Your neighborhood info:

Co-Presidents: Ulrike Dieterle 233-9151 & Jonathan Becker

info@sunsetvillagecommunity.org

Secretary: Anne Badey Raffa, dancinthrulife14@gmail.com

Treasurer: Rich Kedzior, rkedz@hotmail.com

Newsletter Editors: Liz Vowles 608-658-9726, lizlloyd@chorus. net & Clark Kellogg 770-2156, clarkkellogg65@yahoo.com

Neighborhood Website: www.sunsetvillagecommunity.org

Online Message Board: https://groups.google.com/g/sunsetvil-

lagecommunityassociation

District 5 Alder: Regina Vidaver, district5@cityofmadison.com 608-616-0669, www.cityofmadison.com/council/district5/

County Board: Richelle Andrae, (414) 469-6664

Andrae.Richelle@CountyofDane.com www.facebook.com/Richelle4DaneCounty

Facebook page: "Sunset Village Community Association"