

City of Madison Permits: What, when, and how? - Part Two

submitted by Regina Vidaver, District 5 Alder

If you've ever needed to get a new roof on your house, or build a deck, you might know that you need a building permit to do so. But what else in Madison requires a permit? When do you need one? How do you go about getting one? This article aims to serve as a primer. [Part One was in the Spring newsletter.]

Street usage

Terrace: Let's say you want to add some paving stones to your terrace, plant a rain garden, or re-do your driveway apron. These activities all occur in the right of way, and are therefore subject to a permitting process. Please follow directions at this site: www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/permits/street-terrace-permit

Make sure never to allow materials to conceal water or sewer access, or plantings that overhang a sidewalk, or restrict visibility of cars, particularly at intersections.

Excavate in the Right of Way: Any utility work done on the terrace, sidewalk, or in the street requires a permit to excavate in the right of way. These permits are required prior to work being undertaken by any property owner or developer:

www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/permits/excavation-in-the-right-of-way-permit

Street use: Block parties are wonderful opportunities to bring neighborhoods together and build community. If you want to block off the street for the event, you'll need a Street Use Permit: www.cityofmadison.com/SpecialEvents/StreetEvents/index.cfm. Be sure to follow all the steps in the permitting process, and get the application in at least 30 days in advance of the event.

Street occupancy: When homeowners need temporary street occupancy permits, such as for placing moving containers, there is a \$50 fee, and a 5-day limit. These permits can be obtained by following the directions at this site: www.cityofmadison.com/parking/permits/street-occupancy. Additional fees may apply if a metered parking space is blocked, or if temporary no parking signs are required.

When a development or other project requires the blocking of sidewalks, terraces, or portions of streets, a street occupancy permit is required. These permits are provided by the Traffic Engineering Division, which has a number of requirements that need to be met in order to block these public areas: www.cityofmadison.com/traffic-engineering/permits/street-occupancy-permit

Several development projects around the city are reducing pedestrian and traffic access, thus these permits are heavily scrutinized, and may be periodically adjusted by City staff during construction due to changing conditions. Each day of sidewalk or street occupancy requires a fee, ensuring the City reaps some benefits of these access reductions and disincentivizes unneeded lane and sidewalk closures.

When in doubt, contact city staff!

If you don't know where to start, please contact city staff at BInspection@cityofmadison.com or call 608-266-4551 ext. 3 for guidance. They aim to serve!

Jonathan Rosenblum 1958-2026

Jon Rosenblum lived on Owen Drive for several years, across from Maurice Jury. He was one of the select few who got the Maurice basement tour, complete with viewing of the blueprints for the Oscar Mayer Continuous Large Sausage bologna machine. Jon was an organizer and musician at the 2014 AstroTurf party on Maurice's front porch.





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SVCA Summer Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, Aug. 19, 6:30 p.m.,
Midtown Station, 4020 Mineral Point Rd.
Zoom link will be on the Google Group

Farmers Markets

Hilldale-Wed. and Sat., 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

May 2-Oct. 31, behind L.L. Bean, off Segoe Rd.

Westside-Sat., 7:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

April 11-early November, 505 S. Rosa Road

Monroe Street-Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

May-October, Edgewood H.S. parking lot

Capitol City Band at Rennebohm Park

Thursdays, 7-8 p.m., **June 18 to August 20**

Summer Nights at Segoe Park

July 10, 17, 24, and 31, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Westmorland Summer Nights-one more on 9/12

Music for All Ages and a variety of food carts.

<https://westmorland-neighborhood.net/>

Ice Cream Social @ Lucia Crest Park

Saturday, **Aug. 1**, 1-4 p.m., Glass Nickel pizza,
Chocolate Shoppe ice cream, and Great Dane beer

Neighborhood Garage Sales

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Bethany Ice Cream Social

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NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Pet Sit, Dog Walk, Babysit

Finnoulay Kaump Luedtke is 17. She is an experienced dog handler of both bully and small breeds. She is available for dog walking and pet sitting services. Finnoulay has completed her American Red Cross Babysitters course and is available for baby/Kid sitting! She can be reached at 773.426.1123 or Cynthia.Kaump@gmail.com

Pet Sitting, Babysitting

Fun, responsible, 17-year-old, Malcolm Shabazz HS senior in Sunset Village available for babysitting and pet sitting. American Red Cross certified in Babysitting and Child Care. Experienced camp counselor and life guard. Loves kids! References available. Text or call Charlie at 608-209-3765

Dog-walking, Pet-sitting and Babysitting

Hi, I am a West HS junior who wants to take care of your kids and pets! I have completed the Red Cross babysitting course and can speak Spanish. Please contact Iris Wayland at wayland@tds.net or (608) 598-9816 if you are interested.

Snow shoveling, Spring mulch and Summer lawn mowing

I'm a 16yr old that lives near Hillcrest and Westmorland Blvd.

Text or call (608) 722-8992 for a quote!

Pet Care

I'm William - a 12 year old kid that loves animals, especially dogs. I am available for walking dogs or simple pet care activities if you are busy or want some extra love for your pet. You can text my mom for information 608-770-3783.

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Neighborhood Website: www.sunsetvillagecommunity.org

Online Message Board: <https://groups.google.com/g/sunsetvillagecommunityassociation>

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