

Hi, Neighbor!

A Quarterly Newsletter for the Eastmorland Community Association

First Quarter 2015



Left to Right: Front Row (kneeling): Jenny Connolly, Gabriel, Amanda Hammatt, Jennifer Moore, Blake Johnson, Patrick Soukup, Mark Johnson. Second Row: Alison Ahlgrim, Kate Behrens, Tim Lynch, Dan Zimmerman, Pam Stangl, Gail Henslin, Candy Phelps, Dora, Nina, Caleb. Third Row: Bob Aspinwall, Pat Blair, Steph Wilson, David Ahrens, Holly Fortier, Pam Blair, Greg Straub, Tom Theisen, Tim Phelps, Rick Tvedt, Troy Rutter, Alex Grant, Kris Whitman. Back Row: Matt Covert, Doug Wilson, Steve Skwarek, Ed Woolsey, Rick Henslin, Joey Connaughty, Bob Bates, Anna Grant, August.

What a Day! Another Great Raking Event

The 2014 Fall Raking Event, ECA's 10th annual, was endowed with more volunteer rakers than any previous raking events. The larger numbers shortened the overall time it took to rake all of the lawns. Pictured above are the rakers (others showed up to rake, but too late for the picture). After the raking was completed, all of the rakers returned to the Johnson/Whitman residence for pizza, various food, and goodies and treats. All had a good time, good conversations, and happiness for a job well done!

How to be a Good Witness

When calling the 9-1-1 Center or when speaking with a police officer, the following information is important:

In describing someone:

Gender (male or female), Age, Race, Complexion, Height,

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Please Take Care of Your Dog!

Some ECA neighbors have informed me that the rules and information we printed in the November newsletter are still not being followed. PLEASE be a good neighbor, be respectful and clean up after your dog! — Kathy

Madison Dog Owners, the following Madison General Ordinances (M.G.O.) pertain to your responsibilities for cleaning up after your dog:

ALWAYS carry equipment sufficient to clean up your dog's feces whenever you and your dog are off your property. M.G.O. 7.322(2).

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Do not allow dog feces to accumulate on your property. M.G.O. 7.37(8).

Dog feces can pose health risks to people and pets. The fine for violating any of these ordinances is \$100.00.

Kathy's Komments



Last year became very interesting about the time that Linda Hagland Lynch's favorite Ash tree behind her home at the edge of O.B. Sherry Park was cut down and she called the Parks Dept. and complained. Then she called me. This set off a movement that has spread from ECA across Madison. There was no money in the Parks Division budget to treat any of the thousands of healthy park Ash trees around Madison. The healthy street Ash trees would be treated, but the rest would be cut down, which included all the park Ash trees. Everyone has noticed the large yellow or orange painted circles on trees indicating that those trees will be cut down.

Linda and I wanted to ribbon the park Ash trees – but not without permission from the Parks Division, whom we contacted. Finally, we ribboned O.B. Sherry Ash trees and people noticed. Media noticed also. Finally, after two months we got okayed to 'green ribbon' all of ECA's parks – including: Ontario, O.B. Sherry, Eastmorland and Olbrich parks.

In the meantime, we set up a special bank account: ECA Save the Park Ash Trees Fund. Checks sent to our P.O. Box with that information on the envelope or check were deposited into the ECA Save account. Next, we added a PayPal link to our website. As of December 31, 2014, we have enough money to treat 9 of our park Ash trees. Much of the money has come in from our ECA neighbors and for that I thank you; some money has come from others in Madison, Middleton, Monona, Shorewood, Rio, Fitchburg and Tel Aviv, Israel. One group from the Energy Center of Wisconsin in Madison, and 2 of our neighbor families have each given money for a specific park Ash tree – two in O.B. Sherry Park and one in Olbrich Park. Thank You

We have to wait for the park Ash trees to leaf out and be inspected by Parks Division before we know that the trees we picked out are healthy and made it through the winter okay, but then we get to hire an approved contractor to treat the Ash trees we chose (or choose another Ash). Other neighborhoods are following our lead and planning to ribbon their park Ash trees. It is very exciting! It has also been quite exhausting! We know we cannot save all of the park Ash trees – even all the 288 in our parks, but we do want to try to save as many as we can. (See Linda's article on page 10)

We are inviting our area Madison Police Officer to come to our next ECA meeting. So, mark your calendar for the 2nd Tuesday in February and plan to attend our meeting at Lakeview Moravian Church at 7:00 pm. You may have some concerns about things

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Kathy's Komments — *from previous page*

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On our home front: our adorable small grandkiddos, Diego and Katia, were in a family wedding in Puerto Rico right after Christmas – Diego as a ring bearer, Katia with her two girl cousins, were flower girls. When Patrick and I finally saw the pictures from the wedding, we laughed hard and long! I have sent several of the photos out to friends and enjoyed their reactions also. When an almost 5 yr. old Diego, and his almost 3 yr. old sister Katia, who have never attended a wedding before are

asked to participate... Well, they changed the rules as they went along. All the guests enjoyed the added touches, with smiles and very loud laughter along their path. Let me put it this way – there were no pink flower petals on the white carpet when they were finished. The rings must have been tied onto the pillow very well, as the pillow was carried some of the time stuffed in Diego's left arm pit. :) — *Kathy*

Bicyclists Should . . .

Most bicyclists take precautions when riding after dark. But there are always those few that for whatever the reason are taking a big risk when they ride without a light or reflectors and wear black clothing. Let's hope that those few change their habits. We want you to live!



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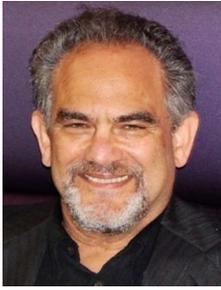
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From Our Alder



David Ahrens
15th District

Eastmorland Benefits from City Budget:

For the first time in some years, Eastmorland will receive what I believe to be its fair share of benefits from the City in the next year or so.

First, we will begin planning the Pinney Library which will be located at the corner of Dempsey and Cottage Grove Rd. The library will be twice as large as the current building, have more computer kiosks, meeting spaces and children's books. The

planning and designing of the new library will begin in 2016. We have budgeted \$15 million and plan to have construction to begin in 2017.

Second, as you may have seen, construction has begun on the Royster's Corners Project. Much of the "underground" work was completed by laying new sewerage, water and utility lines. By the end of next summer, we should begin seeing the first

residential building constructed. Over the next two years there will be major transformation of that section of our community.

Third, there will be a substantial reconstruction of Cottage Grove Road from Highway 51 to Monona Dr. This will include widening the road, adding a bike lane, adding a median strip for pedestrians and most important, burying the many overhead utility wires and replacing them with trees. This will create an entirely different look for the street and spur commercial development in addition to that of Royster's Corners. This is an expensive project of \$2-3 million and will largely be repaid by the developer of Royster's Corners.

Fourth, we will continue to have on-going street and underground replacements. This is necessary because the water and sewerage lines are more than 60 years old and have outlived their useful life, as indicated by the large number of main breaks last winter. While some of the costs are directly paid by homeowners, street and line replacements are paid by through our utility fees and taxes.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens and City Parks:

Olbrich Botanical Gardens is a major asset of our community. With the exception of the Bolz Conservatory it has been free to all visitors since its inception. While the admission to the general gardens is free, the City provides over \$1.2 million for general operating revenue. That comes to about \$12 per household.

However, most of the visitors to Olbrich Gardens are not residents of the City. Their admission is truly free while residents pay their fee through property taxes. While this is a great deal for non-residents, we have many needs in the City that are not met for lack of funds. This is particularly the case in regard to Parks Dept. projects.

In order to establish a fund for the improvement of neighborhood parks that will address some of these needs (e.g. volunteer projects that require funds, treating some Park Ash trees, youth conservation efforts, etc.). I will propose that a small admission fee be established for non-residents visitors to the park. Small children and members of the Olbrich Botanical Society will not be charged. It will also be free for all for certain hours in the summer.

This will, no doubt, be controversial because it will require change to a long-standing practice. However, providing funds for long-needed Parks Projects initiated by communities will bring many of the benefits of Olbrich Gardens to residents throughout the city.

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When should I call a Non- Emergency number: (255-2345 or 266-4887 – East District Police Station)

To report other problems: animal complaints, parking complaints, noise complaints, neighbor problems, fender-bender crashes, report drug or prostitution activity, damage to property, disorderly conduct, trespass, suspicious activity

Other useful numbers:

Speeders hotline 266-4624, Abandoned vehicle report 266-4624, Bike recovery 267-8611, Crime Stoppers 266-6014, East District 266-4887, East Park Ranger 235-0448, Ranger Josh Schmitt 395-8945, not sure who to call: can call an ECA Director and she/he will direct your call.



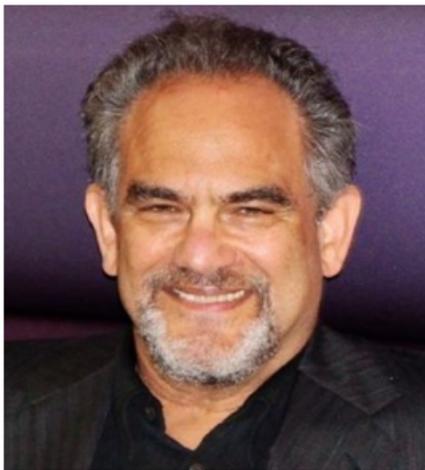
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Accomplishments:

- Ensured that Royster Corners- with new homes, shops and jobs- gets underway!
- Fought for a new Pinney Library which is double the size for 2016.
- Led the fight to stop the City from spending tens of millions of dollars on another downtown hotel.
- Organized opposition to MGE's doubling of flat rate fees and attack on energy efficiency.
- Advocated for improvements in parks, street repair, and fire services.
- Worked to stop unnecessary City building projects and unsustainable debt.

From Our County Supervisor



Jeff Pertl
District 17

Happy Winter! **2015 Budget:** Last fall brought the end of another long budget season. Unfortunately, tight state-imposed levy limits continue to strangle funding for road maintenance, services for seniors and adults with disabilities, as well as lake and waterway cleanup efforts.

However, Dane County continues to focus our scarce resources on tackling the most pressing issues: reducing racial disparities, protecting public safety, reducing homelessness and improving our transportation infrastructure.

The 2015 county operating budget totals \$532.7 million and the capital budget borrowing totals \$42.4 million. County taxes make up a relatively small share (roughly 15%) of our property tax bills, and the 2015 budget equates to a \$23.14 increase on the average Madison home (valued at \$237,678).

Budget highlights include

(Courtesy of Dane County Executive Parisi's office):

46 miles of additional roads being plowed 24-hours-a-day when needed and seven new compressed natural gas snowplows that help combat climate change and save taxpayer money on fuel

A partnership with the Dane County Medical Examiner and Rock County, formalized in this budget that produces revenue for the county and allows for funding top-notch staff to conduct death investigations

Unprecedented \$10 million in efforts to clean up Dane County lakes and waters, realized through new partnerships and such programs as manure storage, expanded conservation practices and high-tech removal of 100% phosphorus from manure

Development of new bike paths and recreational spaces, including the Lower Yahara Trail and a PARC-and-Ride bike program

A focus on investments to get families out of homeless shelters and into affordable housing as well as building on job training and employment services for youth with Operation Fresh Start and Project Big Step.

Upgrades to the DaneCom radio system, eight new 911 communicator pre-hires, five new Sheriff pre-hires and \$100,000 for upgrades to Emergency Management's Incident Command Vehicle, used during such events as the Verona tornado

Pilot environmental projects that can protect Dane County's environment, including solar at the medical examiner's new building and the landfill, and a CO2 elimination system to be tested at the landfill that could result in marketable commodities

\$750,000 for improvements to bring more concerts and shows to the Coliseum

\$20,000 for outreach to Dane County's growing Latino population on opportunities for both economic development and access to affordable housing.

"This budget is all about progress," Dane County Board Chair Sharon Corrigan said when the budget was signed into law. "It addresses our most pressing needs, moving Dane County forward toward better emergency response, fewer people in homelessness and smarter criminal justice while keeping up our infrastructure, caring for our most vulnerable citizens and remaining respectful of our hardworking taxpayers."

Possible Jail Renovations Spark Racial Equity Conversation: Racial equity, criminal justice and any possible renovations of the Dane County Jail will continue to be hot topics this year. In 2013, Dane County set aside up to \$8 million to explore the renovation or relocation of the Dane County Jail. The outdated, aging jail infrastructure presents significant mental health and physical safety issues for inmates. — *Continued on next page*

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However, any conversation around the jail necessitates a community conversation around the significantly disproportionate incarcerate rates for people of color. These are complex issues that involve enforcement policies, policing strategies, prosecution decisions, and diversion courts—in addition to the jail safety issues. The pressing safety issues present in the jail need to be addressed; however, I have always been concerned about the implications and costs associated with previous renovation or relocation proposals.

I will keep everyone posted throughout the year, and the county will be engaging neighborhood associations and community leaders around this issue. I would love to hear from all of you on this issue as we consider the best way to move forward.

Airport Improvements: The Dane County Regional Airport is one of the best regional airports in the county, with short wait times, great service and convenient route options. Recently, the airport received a \$5.6 million grant to improve taxiway and de-icing equipment, which will improve service and keep things running smoothly all winter long.

Home Prices Rise, Sales Stagnant: Last year, Dane County home prices increased (good news!), although home sales slowed down a bit compared to the previous year. The median 2014 sale price for a home in Dane County rose last December to \$225,000, up \$20,000 (9.8%) over the prior year. The number of home sales were down slightly in 2014; however, but were still considered a significant comeback.

As always, you can contact me for questions or concerns you have on any Dane County issues.

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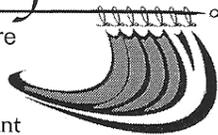
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From Our State Representative



Melissa Sargent
48th State Assembly

Silver Alerts save Lives

If you've driven on any Wisconsin highway recently, you may have noticed the digital signs displaying an announcement for a 'Silver Alert'.

The Silver Alert program is a new statewide resource to protect Wisconsin's seniors. Silver Alerts will go out by email, text message, or fax through the Wisconsin Crime Alert Network to notify the public that an adult with Alzheimer's, dementia, or other permanent cognitive impairment is missing.

I am proud to serve as the ranking Democratic member of the Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care in the State Assembly. This committee works on the important issues facing the elderly in our state.

Last session, we worked in a bi-partisan manner on the Silver Alert legislation. We heard moving testimony from people all over our state who had experiences with an elderly family member going missing due to a cognitive issue. As I'm sure many of you have a personal story about an experience like this, my grandmother once went missing for hours due to dementia. Thankfully she was found, but the Silver Alert program

could have saved valuable time during this period of crisis.

The Silver Alert program was unanimously approved by both the Assembly and Senate, and was signed into law in 2014, finally going into effect in August. This common sense measure will help to keep family members safe, and increase communication between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

Silver Alert legislation has been effective in other states where it has been passed. In North Carolina, 128 Silver Alerts were issued in the first year of implementation. Of these, 118 seniors were safely recovered.

According to the Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin, at least 116,000 people with dementia reside in Wisconsin, and approximately 60 percent will wander at some point as their condition progresses. If not found within 24 hours, up to half of wandering seniors with dementia suffer serious injury or death. We owe it to our seniors and their families to provide the security in knowing there are mechanisms in place should someone go missing.

As I continue my work on the Aging and Long-Term Care committee, I am confident this legislation will help Wisconsin seniors and save lives.

ECA Membership

By Carrie Ezzell, 244-3117

Last fall a survey was sent out to ECA Volunteers as to what they would like to do for a "THANK YOU" Event which they so deserve. Several ideas were set out to be voted on and a space was added for new ideas. First place turned out to be to have a Pizza party, having a Potluck or a Dinner out tied for second. The Movie night, Picnic, Hay Ride, Ice Cream Social, or Card party all tied for third place. New suggestions of a Bingo Party or a trip to the moon also surfaced.

We are now getting a committee together to discuss when, where and settle on an event for this early May. If you have some time to help, please call Carrie at 244-3117. Thank You and God Bless.

Note: The event will be to acknowledge our 60 plus volunteers and their families, but will be open so anyone can join us.

Additional Note: Just a friendly reminder that it is now that time again (if you have not done so already) for all Eastmorland Residents to mail in their annual \$10.00 contribution to:

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Some schools need major renovations to make them accessible to all students, staff, families, and community. Others need modifications to make building entrances secure. A small number need classroom additions.

Finally, this referendum will guarantee a 21st century education for our 21st century students. Old infrastructures will be updated in ALL buildings to facilitate use of the latest education technology.

Nan Brien - former Board of Education member & current LaFollette area resident. 222-1798

Keep Your Neighbor Happy

1. Do not allow your dog to bark and disturb the peace.
2. Keep your property free of dog waste accumulation.
3. Pick up after your dog while out on walks.
4. Do not allow your dog to roam.
5. Curb your dog, do not allow it to urinate on flowers or shrubs in other yards

ECA is looking for Active Members

Eastmorland Community Association needs to fill the vacancy of Vice President and two block captains.. If interested please contact anyone of the directors listed on page two.

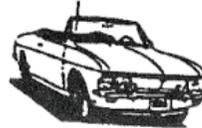
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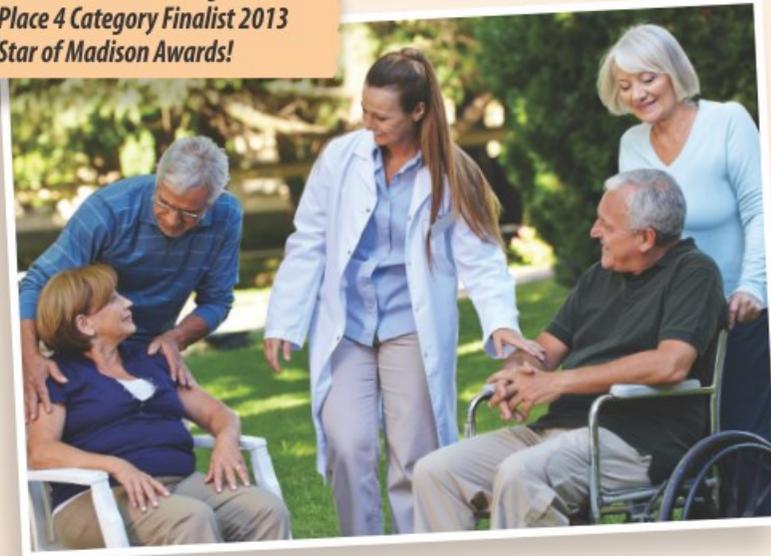
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The Eastmorland Community Association along with many supportive neighbors and generous donors have been working hard this winter to save our park ash trees from emerald ash borer. The ECA and friends put ribbons on 288 Park Ash Trees in October, 2014. This was to let everyone know how many ash trees we have in Olbrich Park, O.B. Sherry Park, Eastmorland Park and Ontario Park. We will have treated a total of nine Ash trees in Eastmorland come late spring. This is only a start, but it will make an important difference to the future of our parks. These trees shade our bike trails, children's play areas and family picnic areas.

Our parks are a beautiful escape enjoyed by thousands of Madison residents, visitors, and U.W. students everyday year round. (We have received donations from all over. See Kathy's Komments for more information.) We give a very heartfelt "Thank You" to all who have donated. You are helping preserve the beauty of our parks now and into the future.

The Parks Division has told ECA that only park ash trees adopted and treated or "applied for" through their Adopt-A- Park tree Program will be spared. The trees applied for cannot be assessed for health and treated until May or June. So we believe

no healthy, large potentially treatable park ash trees should be cut down before July 2015.

Park ash tree policy is unlikely to change in time to save our largest most beautiful Ash trees in our parks. Please help us reach our goal of saving fifty ash trees in our neighborhood parks. Save your favorite shade tree for your family picnic. Help us save the oldest ash tree in ECA parks as a legacy for the future. It is 100-150 years old and eleven and a half feet around, it was healthy and strong in Olbrich Park in October 2014. Look for its picture on our website and nextdoor.com.

Cutting of park ash trees has already started in infested parks like Warner Park. Large ash trees in Olbrich Gardens have been treated but several by their parking lot were cut down in mid-January. The Parks division has not been specific on how long we have to apply to treat ash trees in ECA parks. They only said cutting will start in east side parks after infested areas. Let's join together to save our most valuable park ash trees and protect the quality of our parks. Donate at www.eastmorland.org/save, or mail to ECA P.O. box 14584, Madison, WI 53708, {memo: save the park ash trees fund}

Call or write our city officials: Paul R. Soglin, Mayor, Katie Crawley, Assistant to the Mayor and Liaison to parks: 266-4611, mayor@cityofmadison.com

allalders@cityofmadison.com, 266-4071, David Wallner and Madelyn Leopold Board of Parks Commissioners, annedave@chorus.net, madelyn.leopold@gmail.com Eric Knepp, Parks superintendent, 266-4207 eknepp@cityofmadison.com (See Kathy's article on page 2)

— Linda Hagland Lynch

Gail's Banana Bread Recipe

Makes 1 9x5" loaf pan Bake at 350 degrees – 1 hour

½ cup oil 1 cup sugar 2 eggs
1 teaspoon Vanilla 2 cups sifted flour
½ teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon baking soda
3 mushy bananas

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Raising Chicks

Thinking about raising chickens in your back yard? If so, now is a great time to start planning for your new flock. A fun way to begin is by raising your own baby chicks. While incubating fertilized eggs is an option, many folks choose to purchase newly hatched chicks from a local farmer or farm supply store. You can even buy them online and have them shipped! And newly hatched chicks are cheap... often as low as \$1.99 each!

Before you get your chicks, make sure to be prepared for their arrival. First, you'll need a brooder. This is simply a sturdy pen (such as a large box or storage tub) that will house and protect the chicks. A heat lamp should be securely attached to the brooder to maintain proper temperatures. In the first week, chicks will need the temperature at about 90-100 degrees! For the floor, use pine shavings or a similar material to cushion and help absorb moisture. Food and fresh water should be kept in the brooder so the chicks can eat and drink at will. Finally, interact with them as much as possible to get them used to being around people.

You may decide you want to raise 4 hens (the maximum allowed in the city of Madison) or prefer to start with just a couple. Either way, consider purchasing a few more chicks than you plan on raising. A chick may not be fully healthy when it arrives at your home and may not be strong enough to survive. Also, even when purchasing chicks being sold as "female", there may still be males in the bunch. Since roosters are not allowed in town, you would have to find a new home for any accidental males. Lastly, as the chicks develop, you'll start to

notice character differences. Some will be more aggressive or skittish, while others seem more friendly and calm. A flock that gets along can really make it a more enjoyable experience for you and your visitors.

After they hatch, the new chicks will need about 6 weeks of TLC until they are feathered out and ready for the outdoors. A common time to get baby chicks is early-mid March. After those 6 weeks, they're ready to head outside, just in time for spring!

— Tim and Candy Phelps

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News from Our Schools

Schenk Elementary

Any family interested in receiving news about Schenk Elementary and PTO events is encouraged to send an email to schenkpto@gmail.com to be added to the PTO listserve. The PTO sponsors activities throughout the year and we are always looking for new energy and ideas. All families are automatically members of the PTO and there is no membership fee!

Interested in getting involved?

AmeriCorps' program at Schenk is looking for volunteers! Their main objective is to close the achievement gap. Training is provided. Even a small commitment can make a huge difference in our children! Contact

Johanna Gulke (jgulke@madison.k12.wi.us) for more information.

Ways to support Schenk:

Whether or not you have a child at Schenk, there are ways you can support your community school, and many don't even cost you money!

1) Schenk collects General Mills Boxtops for Education (we receive 10 cents for each one!) and Labels for Education (which are used to purchase much needed equipment). Even if you don't have a child at the school, donations of these items are much appreciated. They can be dropped off at school, or given to a neighbor whose child attends Schenk, or send an email to schenkpto@gmail.com so someone can arrange to pick them up.

2) We are proud to continue our partnership with Just Coffee and offer high-quality, fair trade products while supporting one of Madison's favorite local businesses. In addition to nine varieties of coffee, we sell tea (both loose and bagged), hot cocoa mix and chocolate bars. Coffee orders are due monthly and you can obtain an order form (or ask any questions) by emailing the PTO at schenkpto@gmail.com.

3) Schenk is participating in the Terracycle program (<http://www.terracycle.com/en-US/brigades.html>) to reduce waste and earn money for educational programs and supplies at Schenk. Below is the list of items we are collecting:

- a. Aluminum or plastic Caprisun or Honest Kids drink pouches (no need to remove straws)
- b. Ella's kitchen, Earth's Best or other baby food pouches and plastic tops
- c. Cell phones: Cell phones of all types (remove data first if you can).
- d. Mom's Brand Cereals (Malt-O-Meal®, Spooners®, Three Sisters®, Bear River Valley®, and Sally's® brand) cereal bags.
- e. Plastic lined paper Better Oats & I love Oats hot cereal pouches.
- f. Toothpaste Tubes/tops, old toothbrushes, floss containers, toothbrush outer packaging
- g. Writing Instruments: Pens and pen caps; Mechanical pencils; Markers and marker caps; Permanent markers and permanent marker caps.
- h. Energy Bar Packaging: Foil-lined energy bar wrappers; Foil-lined granola bar wrappers; Foil-lined protein bar wrappers; All



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Thank you for supporting Schenk!

— Amanda Hammatt

A Big “Thank You” for the Elves

Thank you to all our elves this Christmas. We all had a great time baking, plating, delivering, and helping Santa. We would love to see more of you try it out next year. We helped make 55 households a little happier this Christmas.

Santa was also at the Lakeview Moravian Church in our neighborhood to greet the children who came to our Holiday Party. All of you who assisted in any way were very much appreciated. Following are the elves that helped out: Jan Van Lysel, Sandra Fleck, Marla Shoop, Sandra, Ben and Joey Houseman, Karen Dellinger, Kathy and Pat Soukup, Carrie Ezzell, Colleen Hermans, Linda Haglund Lynch, Ed Woolsey, Tim and Candy Phelps, Kris Whitman, Raeann Maly, Breanna Ezzell, Matt Covert, Pam Showers, Chandra Bakken, Wayne Niebuhr, Tom Theisen, Isabella Graffin, Olivia Slovacek, Cecelia Buckland, Laura Bush, and Bernie Hanson. *Thank you again!*

Next ECA Meeting

Save the date: At our next ECA meeting; February 10, 7:00 pm at Lakeview Moravian Church (use the south side entrance) we will have our Madison East District police officer coming.

At our March meeting, we have invited Craig Klinke, East Division Supervisor. At our April meeting, we plan to have Dr. Chris Williamson come and speak about Emerald Ash Borer. Please come! Our meetings are open to any wishing to attend.

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Pinney Branch Library Events

Pinney Adult Book Group

Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 7pm: The Spymistress by Jennifer Chiaverini
 Tuesday, Mar 24 at 7pm: A Moveable Feast by Ernest Hemingway
 Tuesday, Apr 28 at 7pm: Beautiful Ruins by Jess Walter
 Tuesday, May 26 at 7pm: Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger
 Stop by the library for a copy of next month's book.

First Friday Flicks

First Friday of the month – more titles TBA*

Gone Girl (R) – Feb 6 at 6:15

Room for 50 viewers, first come first serve. Door opens 30 mins before start.
 Children 16 and under must be with an adult

Wisconsin Film Festival Sneak Peek

Friday, Mar 20 at 6:30pm

Come to Pinney tonight for a FREE sneak peek at what is showing this year at the 17th annual Wisconsin Film Festival. Watch trailers from this year's films, learn about the ins and outs of WFF from Film Festival staff, and bring along all of your questions about the Fest. This event is funded in part by Beyond the Page, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Madison Community Foundation.

*Call or check website for all other film screenings. Special programming events and will be occurring. Light refreshments for all films will be provided by the



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Cake and Cookie Decorating
 Saturday, Feb 28 from 2:00-3:30

In this hands-on class, you will learn the techniques to decorate cakes, cupcakes and cookies using various techniques. Handouts and instructions will be provided. All materials will be provided in class for practice.

This workshop is open to ages 12 and up. Registration required, opens Feb 2.

Herbal Institute: Lymphatic Health

Monday, Feb. 16 at 6:00 pm

Animation Lab

Saturday, Feb. 21 10:00-Noon

Monday, Feb. 23 3-8 pm

Drop in to play with Madison Public Library's stop-motion animation stations and make your own stop motion movie. Teens and Adults welcome. We will have 6 animation stations available for individual or group use. If there is a wait, each person will be limited to 1 hour of use per lab.

Job, Computer and Writing Assistance

Wednesdays 3:30-6:30

Free one-on-one coaching sessions for writing projects of any kind. Need computer or job search assistance? Get help with writing your resume or cover letter, searching and applying for jobs online, setting up an email account, improving your computer skills, using Facebook, Craigslist or eBay.

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Humanitarian Knitting

First and third Thursdays at 6:30pm

Knitting for charity. Assistance is available for those wishing to learn to knit or to improve skills. Yarn is provided.

Teen Book Club

Third Mondays at 3:30

Meet at the Pinney Library for lively book discussions and snacks provided by the Friends of Pinney Library. All books are chosen by teens. Stop at the library for your copy of the book. No registration required. The Jan. 19 meeting will take place at Java Cat, 3918 Monona Drive.

Toddler Time

Tuesdays at 9:30 and 10:30 through Mar 24.

Enjoy stories, songs and rhymes. One adult per child is recommended. Registration is on a first come first served basis. Pick up a nametag from Miss Lesley before storytime.

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays at 9:30 and 10:30. No Storytime on Wed, Apr 1.

(For children ages 3-5. Younger siblings welcome.)
 Join Miss Lesley for a happy blend of stories, fingerplays and songs that help preschool children develop print and phonologic awareness, vocabulary, letter knowledge and narrative skills. Groups welcome.

Book Baby

Tuesdays at 11:30am. No Book Baby on Mar 31
 For babies ages 0-15 months.

Enjoy stories, songs and activities. One adult per baby is required. Class length is 15 minutes with time after for play and conversation.

LEGO Club

First Mondays at 3:30

Join other LEGO fans and build your own unique creation! Children under 7 must have an adult helper. No registration required.

Chess Club

First and third Thursdays at 4:00

Learn how to play chess and play against other

children with varied levels of experience. For children in grades K-12. Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

Toddler Dance Party

Thursday, Feb 26 at 10am
Monday, Mar 23 at 10am
Monday, Apr 27 at 10am
Thursday, May 28 at 10am

Shake it all about to familiar and new tunes. Ages 2 & up. Registration begins two weeks in advance of each Dance Party.

Little Yoga

Mondays, February 2, 9 and 23 at 10:00am

Yoga enhances children's ability to concentrate and works out those wiggles. Try a yoga class at the library! This is a parent and child yoga class. Please bring a yoga mat or towel for you and your child. Ages 2 & up. Registration required.

Toddler Art Class

Thursdays in April at 9:30 and 10:30am

Enjoy the tactile wonders of paint, glitter, glue and more. Smocks or "messy clothes" recommended. Registration begins Mar. 26. Pre-K.

R.E.A.D. To a Dog

Monday, Feb 9 at 2pm
Monday, Mar 9 at 2pm
Monday, Apr 13 at 2pm

Bring a favorite book and read aloud to a furry friend. Time slots available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Instrument Petting Zoo

Saturday, Feb 21 from 2:00-4:00

Staff, parent volunteers, and members of the Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras will come to various library locations, with various orchestral instruments. Participants are welcome to try any and all of the instruments and receive remedial instruction on how to hold them and produce sound. Additionally, WYSO members will demonstrate many of the instruments.

A short concert of solo and chamber works will also be performed!

All wind instrument mouth pieces will be sterilized with Listerine after each use.

Rubber Stamp Carving

Tuesday, Mar 10 at 6pm

Learn the tools and the tricks to make rubber stamp carving a fun and successful activity. You'll leave this workshop with your own carved stamp to keep. All supplies provided. This workshop involves using sharp tools and is open to teens and adults. Registration required, begins Feb 24.

Traditional Polish Egg Decorating

Saturday, Mar 14 at 10am

Learn traditional Polish designs and techniques for decorating eggs. Nalenpianki (paper patterned), Djbanki z jajek (miniature pitchers), and coiled yam techniques will be used to make colorful eggs. This event is co-sponsored by the Friends of Pinney Library and Polish Heritage Club-Madison. Registration required and opens Feb 28.

Dinosaur Encounter w/Janet Riehecky

Saturday, March 28 from 10:30-11:30

Learn the latest theories on dinosaurs, see fossils and museum-quality replicas of real dinosaur bones, including a 57" Apatosaurus femur and an entire foot of a Tyrannosaurus Rex. For children in grades K and up.

Picasso Foil Art with Karen Corbeill

Monday, Mar 30 at 11am

Find out what amazing projects you can make with tinfoil, cardboard, and everyday craft materials with Karen Corbeill. Registration begins Mar. 16. A Bubbler program. Grades K-5.

Richard Singer as Mark Twain

Monday, Apr 6 at 7pm

Join us for a performance by Richard Springer as Mark Twain.

Self-Portrait Panting

Tuesday, Apr 7 at 6pm

We will look at some of the classic, famous self-portraits to get ideas and discuss styles of painting. Then, you will create a fun and personal self portrait of your own using acrylic paints. Make something cooler than an Instagram selfie - make the original selfie. This workshop is for teens and adults. Registration required, begins Mar 24.

Mad Hatter Tea Party

Saturday, Apr 18 at 11am

Wear a crazy hat, learn tea time etiquette while enjoying tea, juice, and cookies. Listen to a story and make a craft. For children in grades K-5. Registration required, begins April 4.

Madison Audubon Society

Saturday, May 9 at 11am

Learn about birds and birding with hands-on activities presented by the Madison Audubon Society. For children in K-5th grade.

Atwood Tool Library Donation Site

Pinney Library is a donation site for the Atwood Tool Library. Drop off clean, working, non-gas powered tool donations. To learn more about the Atwood Tool Library, visit their website at: sustainableatwood.org/tool-library

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